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Second Sunday of Easter
24 April 2022
Morning Worship at 10:30 a.m.

(* : Congregation stands)

APPROACH

PREPARATION SONG "Bless The Lord" – Taize Community

* **CALL TO WORSHIP**

* **HYMN** "Glory And Praise To Our God" – Composed by Dan Schutte

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ALL RESPOND "Kyrie Eleison" (*Lord, have mercy*) – Taize Community

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

THE WORD OF GOD

Lord, open our lips.

And our mouths shall show forth Your praise.

* **HYMN** "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing "

– Music: Nettleton, Words: Robert Robinson

SCRIPTURE READING

Your Word, O Lord, is a lamp to our feet.

A light to our path.

Psalm 118:14-29 (O.T)

John 20:19-31 (N.T)

Lord, may Your Word live in us.

And bear much fruit for Your glory.

FAMILY TALK

SERMON "Beyond a Doubt"

* **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

THE OFFERTORY

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

MISSION MOMENT

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LORD'S PRAYER

ALL RESPOND "Ubi Caritas" – Taize Community

OFFERTORY

THE PEACE

* **HYMN** “Because He Lives” – By Gloria Gaither / William J. Gaither

* **COMMISSION and BLESSING**

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

God does nothing except in response to believing prayer. – John Wesley

Please remember as you pray. . .

- Let us give thanks to God that we are once again worshipping in our beautiful sanctuary with our beautiful people.
- We continue to give thanks that the local numbers of Covid cases are dropping.
- The Russia – Ukraine war continues almost 60 days into the conflict. However, a preliminary agreement has been reached for a humanitarian corridor to evacuate civilians from Mariupol. This is a very welcome move but brings with it little confidence as these have failed in the past.
- President David Malpass of the World Bank has warned that we face a ‘Crisis within a crisis’. In the wake of the Russian invasion of Ukraine, food prices are rising. But, as in most of these cases, the poorest people in the world will suffer the most. Malpass reminded the world that the global food stockpiles are enough to feed the world, but there is no process to get the food to those most in need.
- In an attempt to recognise the wrongs it ignored and covered up for decades, the Catholic Diocese in New Jersey, USA, has agreed to pay \$87.5m dollars to approximately 300 victims of clergy sex abuse. This settlement is the first and one of the largest settlements involving the Roman Catholic Church in the USA. We pray that this recognition may bring some justice and comfort to those who have been to the victims.
- After a two-year absence due to Covid19, the mayor of Rio de Janeiro has officially opened the world’s most famous carnival celebrations. Of course, party numbers will be smaller than before, but the festivities will go on!
- Clashes between Israeli police and Palestinians at the al-Aqsa Mosque compound in Jerusalem have left more than 150 injured; among those injured are 3 Israeli officers. The conflicts took place on the historic Temple Mount, a place of great importance for both Muslims and Jews.
- The financial crisis in Sri Lanka has reached a breaking point as the country requests urgent financial support from the International Monetary Fund (IMF). Protests have erupted in the island nation as it battles the effects of Covid19, mismanagement of finances at the government level and rising fuel prices.

- To mark the New Year celebration in Myanmar, the government will release 1600 detainees from Insein Prison. This is an annual gesture of goodwill by the government for the New Year. However, we can not compare the number of people released this year with previous years. No political prisoners were among those released.
- We pray for the continued safety of our children as they return to school this week after another long period of disruption to their education. We remember families, too, who will face the added expense of supplying RAT kits for the mandatory testing every day. We also remember those called to teach, as they once again have replanned and rescheduled the curriculum to accommodate the needs of the children. Remembering too those students taking their DSE exams.
- Pray for the continued support of NGOs in Hong Kong who are working tirelessly to obtain food supplies and other necessities for those in deepest need. Our Peacemaking Team is among those working to bring some joy to those in need.

For the Congregation

- We pray for Asha Melwani the mother of Alex, Mrs. Samuel, Jenny Alegre, Hend, Jeanette Lee, Rachel Perry, Ng Kam Lee, Raymond Lau, Chung Yoke Chin, Chui, and Tong Chong Sze. We remember those who are providing care for loved ones at home and in care facilities.
- As we ease back into being together as a community help us to adjust and be ever open to think on those around us. Help us to look to our neighbours and offer a hand, a smile, a listening ear.

For the Ecumenical Prayer Cycle

We lift in prayer the churches and people of all faiths in Armenia, Azerbaijan and Georgia.

We give thanks for:

- the long history of Christianity in these lands
- Christians and Muslims who have witnessed to their faith during long years of repression and persecution
- positive developments these countries have undergone since the end of the Soviet era
- those who pursue peace and reconciliation in the face of old suspicions and animosities.

We pray for:

- greater respect for the human rights of all the peoples living in these countries
- just changes for those living in situations of poverty and discrimination
- the healing of past wrongs and distorted memories of what has occurred
- a prophetic witness of the churches in relation to new challenges
- the Georgian Orthodox Church, that it may rediscover a rich relationship with the family of churches worldwide.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome!

Welcome to Worship – it is so good to be once more worshipping together here in this place and also with those joining us through Facebook live streaming. We can still shout our Alleluias and rejoice as we are back in the house of God!

Weekly Programs in Church.

Tuesday Peacemaking Fellowship will resume. Meeting here in KUC at 10am.

Flowers in Church

If you would like to arrange the flowers in Church – please sign up on the Flower Chart on the Notice board.

Friday Morning Bible Study – Online

Bible Study will resume online Friday 6 May. If you are interested in joining the group please contact Pastor Maggie.

Donation/Offering to the Church

If you wish to make a donation/offering to the church and support our ministries, you may send us a cheque payable to “Kowloon Union Church” and send it to 4 Jordan Road, KLN, or by direct deposit to our church account: HSBC Account 018-1-080268. Please mail/email the bank receipt to us for our records.

We Seek Your Prayers

Please pray for our church community as we prepare for our Annual General Meeting (AGM) in May. Apart from the reports and plans for the next year, the AGM will be a time for KUC members to elect new members to serve on both the Council and the Trustees. As several members have completed their terms, others have stepped down, and others have left Hong Kong, we have several vacancies to fill. We seek your prayers that God will prepare the right people to take up various leadership roles in the church. Please contact Pastor Maggie, Pastor Phyllis, or a Council member, if you are considering such a position, or wish to recommend someone from among our members, to serve through one of these governing bodies of the Church.

Date for your diaries – KUC Annual General Meeting, 15 May 2022

	TODAY	NEXT WEEK 1 May
Liturgist:	Phyllis Wong	Maggie Mathieson
Preacher:	Judy Chan	John Snelgrove
Pianist:	Cheryl Hui	Jessica Tso
Lector:	Rey Asis	Holly Chui
Intercessory Prayers:	Peter Youngblood	Ramon Bultron
Family Talk:	Lydia Catedral	Mayson Fung
Greeter:	Care and Fellowship Team	Paul Wong plus others
Offering Rota:	Care and Fellowship Team	Cynthia Leung Aimé Girimana
Sunday School Leaders:	Jailyn Tomitis	Jailyn Tomitis
I.T. Team:	Chris Wong	Tony Chan