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**Third Sunday of Easter**  
**1 May 2022 at 10:30 a.m.**  
**Communion Sunday**  
(\*: Congregation stands)

### APPROACH

**PREPARATION SONG** “All Heaven Declares”

– Composers: N & T Richards

\* **CALL TO WORSHIP**

\* **HYMN** “Let Us Sing to the God of Salvation”

– Music: Norman Warren; Words: Richard Bowes

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**ALL RESPOND** “God is Forgiveness” – Composer: Taize

**ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

### THE WORD OF GOD

Lord, open our lips.

**And our mouths shall show forth Your praise.**

\* **HYMN** “Lord, You Have Come to the Seashore”

– Composer: Fr Cesareo Gabarain

**SCRIPTURE READING**

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

**A light to our path.**

Psalm 30 (O.T)

John 21: 1 – 25 (N.T)

Lord, may Your Word live in us.

**And bear much fruit for Your glory.**

**FAMILY TALK**

**SERMON** “Do You Love Me?”

\* **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

### THE OFFERTORY

**CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**ALL RESPOND** “O Lord Hear Our Prayer” – Composer: Taize

**OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

**THE HOLY COMMUNION**

**THE PEACE**

**HYMN** “You are Holy, You are Whole” – Composer: PG Harling

**INVITATION**

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**SANCTUS**

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**PRAYER FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**DISTRIBUTION**

**POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

\* **HYMN** “Go Tell Everyone.”

– Music: H Richards; Words: A Dale, H Richards

\* **COMMISSION and BLESSING**

**CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH**

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

**Please remember as you pray. . .**

- While we thank God for the current Covid-19 situation here in Hong Kong as numbers decrease daily, we must remember others dealing with this virus worldwide. We recognise the people of Shanghai and the authorities' actions in that city. May God protect and sustain all in such harsh conditions.
- Russian President Vladimir Putin has warned the rest of the world that if they try to intervene in the current conflict, they will face a "lightning-fast" response. Reports from both sides of the conflict claim vast losses of life, though absolute figures are not yet available. Russia has now proclaimed that it will withhold the sale of gas to neighbouring Poland and Bulgaria, claiming all must be paid in Roubles. The European Commission has accused Russia of blackmail against these countries.
- After not knowing how many people had been kidnapped in Nigeria's Kaduna train attack, photos of 62 people are released to the public, bringing relief and grief to family members. Currently, no ransom demands have been issued. To stamp out kidnapping, which has become an industry, the Nigerian senate has passed a bill imposing prison sentences on those who respond to the kidnappers' demands. However, the bill will still need to go through the lower house before the president signs it.
- The Anti- Semitism Worldwide report 2021 has released figures showing a dramatic rise in anti-Semitic incidents worldwide. The USA, Canada, The United Kingdom, Germany and Australia were named. Hate crimes against religious groups are rising across the globe. Let us pray for greater understanding and peace.

- The record-breaking temperatures hitting the continent of India are one of the leading causes of multiple fire outbreaks in both the rural and city areas. In addition, numbers of refuge collection points in and around the cities are ablaze, adding to the already polluted air.
- We continue to pray for the situation in Myanmar and for the well-being of Aung San Sui Kyi, who was sentenced to five years in jail. She is charged with corruption.
- The National Security Law has brought many changes to the territory, one which is concerning is that which affects conditions of bail. Bail is denied for those arrested under this new law; previously, a person would remain free until trial. Critics of this pre-trial detention say this is designed to break the will of those accused.
- 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 providing care for loved ones at home and in care facilities.

### **For the Ecumenical Prayer Cycle**

We lift in prayer the churches and people of all faiths in Afghanistan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Mongolia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan.

#### ***We give thanks for:***

- the magnificent expanse of mountains, grasslands and deserts in these Central Asian countries
- the rich natural resources
- the incredible ethnic diversity, cultural traditions, and practices that have been preserved for centuries amid the challenges of modernisation
- Christians who, although they are a tiny minority, have courage to witness to the gospel and find the strength to live according to God's word
- those who in spite of danger dedicate their lives to serving others.

#### **We pray for:**

- the people in these lands who suffer from poverty and repressive rule
- an end to clashes related to tribalism, traditionalism, and modernisation
- the land, air and water that have been damaged by human abuse
- good relations between Muslims and Christians
- an end to oppression and violence.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Welcome!**

Welcome to Worship – it is so good to be worshipping together here and with those joining us through Facebook live streaming. A special welcome today to our guest preacher Revd. Dr John Snelgrove.

## **Our Preacher Today – Revd. Dr John Snelgrove**

Revd. Dr John Snelgrove and his wife Sandra are among the founding pastors of the Vine Church; both are currently serving at Kong Fok Church, where John is currently the Lead Pastor of their English Ministry. John and Sandra came to Hong Kong in 1987, and prior to working full-time at the Vine in 2003, John was a General Manager of AXA Insurance. John and Sandra share a deep passion for the unity of the church. They have been instrumental in building bridges between churches and across language barriers whilst keeping a keen involvement with churches and ministries across the globe.

## **Weekly Programs in Church.**

Council and Trustee meeting at 1:30 pm in Upper Fellowship Hall

Tuesday Peacemaking Fellowship at 10 am.

Tuesday evening, Taize Prayer at 7:30 pm

## **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, don't hesitate to get in touch with Pastor Maggie.

## **We Seek Your Prayers**

Please pray for our church community as we prepare for our Annual General Meeting (AGM) this month. 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 get in touch with 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**

	<b>TODAY</b>	<b>NEXT WEEK 8 May</b>
Liturgist:	Maggie Mathieson	Maggie Mathieson
Preacher:	John Snelgrove	Phyllis Wong
Pianist:	Jessica Tso	Eric Sin
Lector:	Holly Chui	Kurt Law
Intercessory Prayers:	Ramon Bultron	Aimé Girimana
Family Talk:	Mayson Fung	Maggie Mathieson
Greeter:	Paul Wong plus others	Edwina Antonio plus others
Offering Rota:	Cynthia Leung Aimé Girimana	Doris Lee Hope Antone
Sunday School Leaders:	Jailyn Tomitis	Jailyn Tomitis
I.T. Team:	Tony Chan	Carl Catedral

Last Sunday's offering: HK\$-3,544.60  
Promissory offering last week: HK\$-25,500.00

