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**29 May 2022**  
**Seventh Sunday of Easter**  
**Morning Worship at 10:30 a.m.**

(\* : Congregation stands)

### APPROACH

**PREPARATION SONG** "Oculi Nostri" (Our Eyes are Turned) – Music: Taize

\* **CALL TO WORSHIP**

\* **HYMN** "Praise with Joy the World's Creator"

– Music: Henry Francis Lyte; Words: John Bell & Graham Maule

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

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

– Orthodox Chant

**ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

### THE WORD OF GOD

Lord, open our lips.

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

\* **HYMN** "If You Believe and I Believe"

– Music: Zimbabwean Folk song; Words: Arr John Bell

**SCRIPTURE READING**

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

**A light to our path.**

**Acts 16: 16 - 34 (N.T.)**

**John 17: 20 - 26 (N.T.)**

Lord, may Your Word live in us.

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

\* **HYMN** "Jesus Take Me as I Am"

– Composer: David Bryant

**FAMILY TALK**

**SERMON**

\* **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

## THE OFFERTORY

**CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**LORD'S PRAYER**

**ALL RESPOND** "Ubi Caritas" (Where charity and love are, God is there) – Taizé

**OFFERTORY**

**THE PEACE**

\* **HYMN** "And Can It Be" – Music: Thomas Campbell; Words: Charles Wesley

\* **COMMISSION and BLESSING**

## CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

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

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

- Covid-19 figures in Hong Kong continue to drop, and we again thank God for all the mercy shown. We pray for all front line workers that they will be able to recharge and recoup and enjoy some well-earned rest time.
- Researchers from the Hong Kong Polytechnic University have released their latest research programme that shows that one in ten people in the city suffered from an anxiety disorder triggered by the Covid-19 pandemic. Let it be our hope that our Government will acknowledge this research and make provisions for those who find themselves in this position.
- As the conflict in Ukraine continues, we pray for peace. We also pray that the loads of grain being held in loaded ships be released from the port of Mariupol to avoid the grain going to waste.
- We pray for families worldwide who have lost their loved ones to violence. As yet another mass shooting case in the United States, we must question the gun laws of that country and all other countries where people can purchase and carry firearms freely.
- The number of people forced to flee conflict, violence, human rights violations and persecution has crossed the colossal figure of 100 million for the first time on record. The figure was released by the United Nations Refugee Agency earlier in the week. May God protect all who have been forced to leave all that is familiar to them. And encourage all those in governance to find provisions for all.
- In Sylhet, Bangladesh, monsoon rains continue to cause havoc as water continues to build up and flood the homes and fields of the people. Many farmers have failed to save any of their crops due to the floods. Water is receding slowly, but the damage is done already.
- The US pharmaceutical giant Pfizer has said it would sell its patented drugs on a not-for-profit basis to the world's poorest countries as part of a new initiative

announced at the World Economic Forum in Davos. May other companies follow their example and offer this help to those in greatest need.

- Pray for the people of Sri Lanka as the continued financial crisis is affecting the most vulnerable in society.
- A concern group in Hong Kong has disclosed that almost 900 public flats across the city are sitting empty around 400 of them have been vacant for more than a year. These figures are very concerning when many in Hong Kong desperately need affordable housing.
- As we near the commemorative date of June 4, the Catholic Diocese of Hong Kong has announced that it will not hold masses to mark the June 4 anniversary this year. Even though there have not been public gatherings remembering this historic date, let us not forget to pray for those who never said goodbye to their children and long to know where they may be or what truly happened to them.

### **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, Tong Chong Sze and Ramon Bultron. We remember those providing care for loved ones at home and in care facilities.
- Cecilia will preach at Christian and Missionary Alliance Grace Flow Church this morning, sharing our peacemaking ministry and 'Doing Mission in the City'. Grace Flow church is a branch church of Cecilia's home church, where she served as an intern before joining KUC. Pray that God will prepare for the church's future engagement in missions.
- On 2 June, Cecilia and two peace ambassadors will share their testimonials at True Light Middle School of Hong Kong. Please pray that the hearts of the 120 students and teachers be ready to receive their message, and may our peace ambassadors be empowered through this experience.

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

We lift in prayer the churches and people of all faiths in Angola and Mozambique.

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

- the rich natural resources in these countries, which God intends for the good of all
- the positive developments experienced since years of civil war
- village committees that seek to protect livelihoods and food security of the poor
- how the Lutheran World Federation and partners have pursued land rights in Mozambique.

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

- better sanitation, health services, and protection of the environment in these lands
- a healing of the lingering scars and memories from colonization and civil wars
- protection of the land rights of the people

- governments that are transparent and further the good of all the people, rather than being captive to foreign and business interests.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Welcome!

Welcome to Worship – it is so good to be worshipping together here and with those joining us through Facebook live streaming.

### Weekly Programs in Church.

Sunday – KUC Movie Sunday – see notice below

Tuesday – Peacemaking Fellowship at 10 am

Friday – Bible Study – online at 10:30 am

### Friday Morning Bible Study – Online

Join us in Bible Study on Friday morning at 10:30 as we explore ‘Becoming Church’. If you are interested in joining the group, don't hesitate to contact Pastor Maggie.

### Become a Member of Kowloon Union Church

New members can be received by transfer, bond of union, a restatement of faith, or baptism and interested in talking about this further? Have a word with our ministers, Phyllis Wong or Maggie Mathieson.

### KUC Movie Sunday – Today

“The Wisdom of Trauma” will be screened by MOE Committee at 1:30 pm in the fellowship hall. The movie is 90 minutes & there will be 30 minutes sharing session afterwards. "Trauma is not what happens to you. Trauma is what happens inside you due to what happens to you."— Gabor Maté, the director of “The Wisdom of Trauma”.

	<b>TODAY 29 May</b>	<b>NEXT WEEK 5 June</b>
Liturgist:	Maggie Mathieson	Phyllis Wong
Preacher:	Peter Youngblood	Maggie Mathieson
Pianist:	Cheryl Hui	Eric Sin
Lector:	Paul Wong	Guy Syrett
Intercessory Prayers:	Hope Antone	Robert Lam
Family Talk:	Maggie Mathieson	Chan Beng Seng
Greeter:	Kevin Ng plus others	Paul Wong plus others
Offering Rota:	Aimé Girinama Susan Babasa	Cynthia Leung Harry Chan
Sunday School Leaders:	Jailyn Tomitis	Jailyn Tomitis
I.T. Team:	Chris Wong	Chris Wong

Last Sunday's offering: HK6405-