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Epiphany 8 – Transfiguration Sunday
27 February 2022
Morning Worship at 10:30 a.m.

PREPARATION HYMN "Santo, Santo Santo" -

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

HYMN "Gather Us In"

- Composer: Marty Haugen

SCRIPTURE READING

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

A light to our path.

Exodus 34: 29 - 35 (O.T)

Luke 9: 28 - 36 (N.T)

Lord, may Your Word live in us.

And bear much fruit for Your glory.

SERMON

MUSIC "Take This Moment"

- Composer: John L Bell

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

RESPONSE "Ubi Caritas"(Where there is charity and love, God is to be found.) - Taize

THE PEACE

HYMN "Shine Jesus Shine"

- Composer: Graham Kendrick

*** COMMISSION and BLESSING**

RECESSIONAL "Holy Ground"

- Composer: Geron Davis

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

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

Please remember as you pray. . .

- Martial Law has been declared in Ukraine as Russia invades the country and fighting begins, many major cities have been targeted. Ukraine recalls her citizens to return to the country and recruitment of eligible males is already in operation. May God open up hearts and minds to stop the fighting and pursue more dialogue to bring about peace.
- Bizarre weather is being endured throughout the world. Flash floods and landslides in the city of Petropolis, Brazil have claimed 186 lives with figures still rising. Wildfires are raging in the North of Argentina, officials have declared that the fires have devastated at least 9 % of the territory. As communities try to recover from these disasters, may the Lord sustain those left behind and bring peace to those who have lost loved ones.
- Drought in Southwest Angola has forced thousands of people to flee to neighbouring Namibia, facing dangers from both nature and human sources. Many lost their lives on the journey. The millions remaining in the area risk severe hunger and death. As the numbers of refugees grow the Namibian government is threatening to repatriate those in the country.
- Covid -19, Omnicron variant continues to grow in strength in our city. Citywide people are affected young and old, chronically ill and healthy, vaccinated and unvaccinated, daily people are dying and needing hospitalization. May those infected, passing through this time of challenge be strengthened by our prayers and held in God's hands. We pray for all frontline staff and workers who are daily exposed to the virus.
- We pray for those overseas domestic workers who have been fired because they have tested positive for the Omicron variant and are forced to sleep in the parks and other public places in Hong Kong. May the government make more provisions for these such cases and may God further bless all NGOs seeking solutions for those in such distress.
- Let us give thanks to God for all who have responded positively to those in crisis at this time, those who have given in time, money, and in-kind, your contributions have made huge differences for many people – thank you.

For the Congregation

- We pray for Som, the mother of Sameth in Cambodia, Asha Melwani the mother of Alex, Mrs. Samuel and Mrs. Chang, Jenny Alegre, Hend, Jeanette Lee, Rachel Perry, Ng Kam Lee, Raymond Lau, Chung Yoke Chin, Ramon Bultron, Bhim Maya Pun, Kathy Chan, Louis Lo, Tong Chong Sze, Hanna Isomura and Wong Sau Yin. We remember those providing care for loved ones at home and in care facilities. Our hearts go out to those stranded overseas due to the extended travel ban on flights to Hong Kong under COVID-19 restrictions.

For the Ecumenical Prayer Cycle

We lift in prayer the churches and people of all faiths in Belgium, Luxembourg, Netherlands.

Give thanks for:

- the important roles political leaders here have played in European integration.
- how people here have led in creative solutions to environmental, economic, and cultural challenges.
- how churches here have overcome barriers and reached out to assure a good life for all.
- the ecumenical contributions that have come from this area, and their continuing support.

Pray for:

- overcoming cultural, linguistic, and political barriers and suspicions that remain divisive.
- the haunting legacies of colonization and quests for economic gain.
- immigrants who are alienated or marginalized in these societies.
- greater tolerance and solidarity with all in these societies and around the world.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome!

Welcome to all who join our Sunday Worship through Facebook live streaming today. It is good to have you together with us in this time of worship.

Weekly Programs in Church.

All face-to-face activities are suspended in Church until 20 April due to the Government's expanded Covid-19 restrictions. Thank you for your understanding.

Ash Wednesday – 2 March @ 8 pm

Join us online through Facebook Livestreaming

Online Bible Study

We will meet at 10:30 am on Friday mornings

Join with us as we journey towards Calvary with Jesus in a study titled 'Walking with Jesus'. If you would like to join, don't hesitate to 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.

Appeal for the Survivors of Typhoon Odette (Rai)

Please feel free to send your donation to the Church, and we will be happy to pass it on to MFMW.

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We Seek Your Prayers

Please pray for our church community as we prepare for our Annual General Meeting (AGM) on 15 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 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.

News From Posco Pratirodh Sangram Samiti (Anti-Jindal & Anti-POSCO Movement), one of our Small Grant Recipients in Odisha, India

Villagers on their way to meet a court-appointed committee on 19 February in the Indian state of Odisha were attacked by thugs believed to be supported by Jindal, an Indian company that wants their land to build an integrated steel plant project.

Five people, including two women and a child, were injured in the attack. Since 2005 when the Korean company POSCO sought to build a similar steel project before withdrawing 12 years later, these poor farmers have been struggling against these large companies, the government, and the police to protect their land and livelihood. We pray for justice and an end to violence against these villagers in this David and Goliath conflict. May these farmers be the decision-makers of development that affects their lives instead of the victims.

	TODAY
Liturgist:	Maggie Mathieson
Preacher:	Peter Youngblood
Pianist:	Han In Kyu
Lector:	Abby Pang
Intercessory Prayers:	Cecilia Yeung
I.T. Team:	Bervinder Kaur