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Fifth Sunday of Lent

3 April 2022

Morning Worship at 10:30 a.m.

PREPARATION HYMN “As the Deer” – Composer: Martin J Nystrom

CALL TO WORSHIP

OPENING PRAYER

CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

HYMN “Be the Centre” – Composer: Michael Frye

SCRIPTURE READING

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

A light to our path.

Psalm 126 (OT)

Isaiah 43: 16 - 21(OT)

John 12: 1 - 11 (NT)

Lord, may Your Word live in us.

And bear much fruit for Your glory.

SERMON “Miracles”

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

RESPONSE “O Lord Hear Our Prayer” – Composer: Taize

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE PEACE

MUSIC MEDITATION “Remembrance” – Composer: Matt Maher

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

SANCTUS

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PRAYER FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT

THE LORD’S PRAYER

DISTRIBUTION

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

HYMN “I Know Who Holds the Future” – Composer: Alfred B Smith

COMMISSION and BLESSING

RECESSIONAL “Sitting At the Feet of Jesus” – Composer: J Lincoln Hall

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CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

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

Please remember as you pray. . .

- The Covid-19 pandemic, this fifth wave has touched and affected many people. We thank God that we now see the numbers dropping and pray this trend will continue. We pray for all battling the virus that for those who are infected there will be recovery and those providing care and attention will be energized and strong.
- We are now entering week 6 of Russia’s war in Ukraine. Both sides prove the absolute horror and brutality of war, both sides are accused of atrocities. We continue to pray for all involved in this conflict that promises of ending the conflict may be followed through and kept.
- Over four million Ukrainians have left their homeland and are now relocated to neighbouring countries, with many are still making the arduous journey to a place of safety and security.
- Russian forces are recruiting mercenaries in Syria to engage in the war against Ukraine. Desperate Syrians are signing up to fight in the Russia-Ukraine conflict to be able to eat and provide for their families in Syria.
- In Ghazipur, Delhi a landfill site has been on fire for nearly a week, flooding the area with toxic fumes and endangering those living in the vicinity. The landfill site exceeded its capacity in 2002 but the landfill is still used and towers over the surrounding neighbourhood. This practice is very common in India where there are few environmentally-friendly facilities.
- The people of Sri Lanka will face 13-hour daily power cuts as the island nation sinks deeper into the current economic crisis. The island is powered mainly through Hydroelectric power and is struggling to provide the power needed due to a lack of rain. This has added to the many issues the country is facing.
- Too often we are seeing violence being used as a means to control and revolt. From the streets of the world to football matches and in the media. We pray for our world community that we may be educated to talk and have more understanding in our day-to-day encounters.

- We pray for Hong Kong and her future as the United Kingdom of Great Britain has announced that two of its Supreme Court judges will no longer be sitting on Hong Kong's top court. The two judges said the threat to civil liberties has made their role in the Court of Final Appeal untenable. The judges have resigned from their posts on the whole due to the implementation of the National Security Law.
- We wish our Muslim brothers and sisters a peaceful and rich Ramadan.

For the Congregation

- We pray for Asha Melwani the mother of Alex, and Mrs. Samuel, Jenny Alegre, Hend, Jeanette Lee, Rachel Perry, Ng Kam Lee, Raymond Lau, Chung Yoke Chin, Kathy Chan, Louis Lo, Tong Chong Sze, Wong Sai Fung and Glicerio Bandon Jr. We remember those who are providing care for loved ones at home and in care facilities. We continue to pray for the Nam family at this very precious time with their critically ill Mother.
- Pray for the Leung family for comfort in this time of loss.
- Pray for the family of our dear brother Naveen Kumar. Naveen was a member of our Peacemaking fellowship and our community here in KUC. Naveen died very suddenly and unexpectedly on Thursday morning. May he now rest in the eternal peace of God.

For the Ecumenical Prayer Cycle

We lift in prayer the churches and people of all faiths in The Balkans-Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Kosovo, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Serbia, and Slovenia.

We give thanks for:

- the rich legacies that this area has long embodied
- those who kept both the people and their faith alive during years of repression
- those pursuing peace and reconciliation between the different ethnic and religious groups
- the resurgence of the ecumenical witness of churches in recent years.

We pray for:

- a continual healing of historic memories and pains that have been mutually inflicted
- those who continue to experience marginalization and injustice, especially the Roma
- religion to be a means of healing rather than of further separation and exploitation
- the nurturing and sustaining of pluralistic societies in the Balkans.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome!

Welcome to all who join our Sunday Worship online 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 2022 due to the Government's expanded Covid-19 restrictions. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Friday Morning Bible Study.

If you are interested to join please contact Pastor Maggie

Season of Lent

Lenten Season is an important time of the year for Christians to reflect on our faith and our life with God in our daily life. We pray that together we undertake the spiritual journey and discover a deeper meaning of life in Christ, our redeemer, who lived, died, and was resurrected to save the world and all humanity. Lenten Devotionals on the theme of "Grace Through the Darkness" will be shared through KUC's Facebook – three devotions per week – Monday/Wednesday/Friday - during the Lenten season.

Lectio Divina

Our monthly practice of Lectio Divina will be held on Wednesday, 13 April from 8:00 pm to 9:00 pm. We'll be meeting online via Zoom. Anyone is welcome to join! Visit kuc.hk/lectio for more information and to register.

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
Liturgist:	Maggie Mathieson
Preacher:	Tony Chan
Lector:	Tory Caplan
Intercessory Prayers:	Robert Lam
I.T. Team:	Bervinder Kaur