

KEC ORDER OF SERVICE/SERMON OUTLINE 10th January 2021 (KEC SERVICE - Hybrid)

Please take note that this Sunday's service begins at **8.30am**, not 9am.

KIDS VIDEO will be made available by 8am. This week, we'll discover what the Bible says awaits everyone who puts their trust in Jesus. It's more incredible than you could ever imagine!

Direct link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uZqv07BJbW8>

You can access the livestream at https://www.facebook.com/bemkec/live_videos/

Or on Youtube here: <https://youtube.com/bemkec/live>

8.30am – Livestream starts

Livestream link should be available by 8.25am latest.

1. CALL TO WORSHIP – Psalm 133

2. WORSHIP in SONG (with Bobby Langat):

SONG 1: To God be the glory

SONG 2: Hallelujah to the Lamb

3. Prayers

- World
- Nation
- Church

4. Bible reading: 1 Corinthians 1:10-17

¹⁰ I appeal to you, brothers and sisters,^[a] in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree with one another in what you say and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly united in mind and thought. ¹¹ My brothers and sisters, some from Chloe's household have informed me that there are quarrels among you. ¹² What I mean is this: One of you says, "I follow Paul"; another, "I follow Apollos"; another, "I follow Cephas^[b]"; still another, "I follow Christ."

¹³ Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Were you baptized in the name of Paul? ¹⁴ I thank God that I did not baptize any of you except Crispus and Gaius, ¹⁵ so no one can say that you were baptized in my name. ¹⁶ (Yes, I also baptized the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I don't remember if I baptized anyone else.) ¹⁷ For Christ did not send me to baptize, but to preach the gospel—not with wisdom and eloquence, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power.

United we stand (1 Cor. 1:10-17)

City of Unity

God's plan

The world

The church: the pilot scheme for this City of Unity

The threat of ungodly disunity (eg. James 4:1-2, Phil. 4:2; Acts 6:1)

How can we this city of unity? How can we embody this God-given identity?

1. Reject ungodly divisions

What's happening (v.11)

God is grieved

What sort of divisions we're talking about

Elevation of personalities (v.12)

Paul

Apollos

Cephas/Peter

Taking sides

“We follow Christ” (?)

Symptom, not cause

Following the world

Implication

What worldly attitude could we be in danger of taking on?

- The celebrity syndrome

- The politicisation of everything

Straight line issues (“straight line between biblical text and its policy application) vs jagged-line issues (“multiple steps from biblical or theological principle to a political position”)

When ungodly divisions reign

- Dishonours the name of Christ
- Delights the enemies of Christ
- Discourages the servants of Christ

2. Retain a cross-shaped allegiance

The name we carry

Who is Christ? (v.13)

Baptism: God’s way of saying, “You’re in Jesus’ family now”

God's family is not monochrome

Not uniform, but united

Categorisation – to describe vs to demonise

V.10 – “speak with one voice”

Form and content / message and messenger

The church without the cross shaping its family dynamics is just an empty sign

Response song: Let us be one voice

ANOUNCEMENTS

- Connect cards
- E100 Bible Reading Plan
- Life Explored with Paul Ling, continues **this Tuesday**, Jan 12th, 7.30pm at Travillion Commercial Centre. Sign up at <https://bemkec.my/lifeexplored>
- Impact AUS Conference Online: Sat, 2-5pm, 23 January 2021
- Personal evangelism webinars with Tim Nicholls (Fridays Jan 22, 29, Feb 5, 8-10pm).
Evangelism & the Heart / Know & Tell the Gospel Story / Conversational Evangelism (registration available soon on <https://bemkec.my/>)
- Sunday School – Combined meeting for teachers and children (10.30am **today**);
classes on online platforms will start Jan 17.
- Giving
- Prayer Meeting – on Zoom until further notice

BENEDICTION

⁵ May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you the same attitude of mind toward each other that Christ Jesus had, ⁶ so that with one mind and one voice you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

- Romans 15:5-6