

KEC ORDER OF SERVICE/SERMON OUTLINE 29th May 2022 (KEC Hybrid Service)

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https://www.facebook.com/bemkec/live_videos/ or <https://youtube.com/bemkec/live>

Welcome to church! Here at BEM KEC, these are our core convictions:

- To be centred on the gospel
 - To be driven by God's Word
 - To be focused on growing disciples
 - To be a community of truth and love
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1. CALL TO WORSHIP – Psalm 23

2. Worship in SONG (with Jeremy Ng):

SONG 1: Blessed be your name

SONG 2: Jesus Strong and Kind

SONG 3: The Servant King

SONG 4: No greater hope

3. Prayers

4. Bible reading: Ezekiel 34:1-6; 1 Peter 5:1-7

34 The word of the LORD came to me: ²“Son of man, prophesy against the shepherds of Israel; prophesy and say to them: ‘This is what the Sovereign LORD says: Woe to you shepherds of Israel who only take care of yourselves! Should not shepherds take care of the flock? ³You eat the curds, clothe yourselves with the wool and slaughter the choice animals, but you do not take care of the flock. ⁴You have not strengthened the weak or healed the sick or bound up the injured. You have not brought back the strays or searched for the lost. You have ruled them harshly and brutally. ⁵So they were scattered because there was no shepherd, and when they were scattered they became food for all the wild animals. ⁶My sheep wandered over all the mountains and on every high hill. They were scattered over the whole earth, and no one searched or looked for them.

5 To the elders among you, I appeal as a fellow elder and a witness of Christ's sufferings who also will share in the glory to be revealed: ²Be shepherds of God's flock that is under your care, watching over them—not because you must, but because you are willing, as God wants you to be; not pursuing dishonest gain, but eager to serve; ³not lording it over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock. ⁴And when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory that will never fade away.

⁵In the same way, you who are younger, submit yourselves to your elders. All of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, because,

“God opposes the proud

but shows favor to the humble.”^[a]

⁶ Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. ⁷ Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.

SERMON OUTLINE: The shepherd(s) and his sheep (1 Peter 5:1-7)

What makes a good leader?

What we saw last week... (1 Peter 2:24-25)

How does Jesus act as Overseer of our souls today?

The context (eg. 1:6, 2:19, 3:16, 4:4)

The amazing answer

If the church is to grow and persevere under pressure...

Hence, a passage for everyone

1. The task of God's leaders

Elders

What they are primarily to do (v.2)

Recalls who God himself is

The danger of overly romanticising shepherding

The reality

Redemptive work

A tall task – feel the weight! But remember too Peter’s life story...

Shepherd by grace “*God’s flock*”

2. The ways of God’s shepherds

- i. Not because you must, but because you are willing

- ii. Not pursuing dishonest gain, but eager to serve

- iii. Not lording it over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock

Congregational application

- Pray!
- Encourage!
- Calibrate your expectations!

And...

3. The disposition of the shepherded

The main theme of v.5-7: _____

The “younger”

Should submit

How does that work?

Why can we do so? v.7

4. The promise of the Chief Shepherd

What’s the point?

So...what makes a good leader?

Response Song: The Wonderful Cross

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Connect cards**
- **Giving**
- The following 8 persons have been **elected to be the elders of BEM KEC** for the next 3 years:
 - Dr Vincent Chen Boon Hean (Mandarin)
 - Dr Tay Keng Kiong (Mandarin)
 - Dr Ng Hoong Phak
 - Pr Brian King Sie Ann
 - Dennis Wong Sie Sing
 - Dr Kenny Wong See Yin
 - Edward anak Suka
 - Benjamin Bian Baru

Should any registered member of BEM KEC wish to raise a valid reason and object to any individual who has been elected, they may do so in writing to the Church Secretary, within 14 days from the date of election.

- **Deacons' nominations** will be open from **next Sunday, June 5th until the following Sunday, June 12th**. The qualifications of a deacon are spelt out in 1 Timothy 3:8-13. You may also wish to listen again to a sermon on "Deacons", preached on 12th May 2019, available at our church sermon repository – <https://sermons.bemkec.my>.
- The next **Teh C Talk** will be held on **Saturday evening, June 18th**, entitled "*Is Christinanity Anti-Family?*" Venue: ROTM Café (Canaan Square)
One of the hallmark of Asian culture is our emphasis on family and community: respecting one's elders, upholding traditional principles, following customs, and maintaining good public image. Christianity is often accused as a religion that selfishly prioritizes individual faith over community values. Does Jesus command his followers to obey him at the sacrifice of our family? Is God a selfish master that calls people to give up everything to follow Him?
Do start prayerfully considering whom you can invite! Registration details to follow.
- **Advance Notice: Missions Weekend (June 25th-26th) with Dr. Chris Abner.**
- Starting next week until the end of August, we will be spending time in the book of **Ecclesiastes!** Why not have a quick read through the book over the next few days?
- Our **Prayer Meeting** is **on break for Gawai** this week.

<p>Home Fellowship Groups Most groups have started meeting! (Usually Thursday/Friday evenings). If you would like to register your interest in joining a Home Fellowship Group, please do so at https://bemkec.my/home-fellowship-groups/</p>	<p>English Youth Ministry Our youth group meets every Saturday evening at church (Conference Room 1), 8-9.30pm. If you're interested to come, do let us know at https://bemkec.my/english-youth-ministry/</p>	<p>Sunday School Our Sunday School is currently still online (either live on Zoom/lessons Whatsapp'd to parents – depending on age group), but will resume in-person in July 3rd.</p>
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The latest SOPs

There will **NO longer be any online pre-registration required.**

Masks are still required when indoors, or in crowded outdoor spaces. For the moment, we will also maintain the current spacing for our seating arrangements, and revise further down the line.

MySejahtera check-ins are no longer required. However, please note that when required, the ushers may still need to check your risk status on the app. Those with “High Risk” status or under a Home Surveillance Order can follow the service via livestreaming instead.

BENEDICTION

¹⁷ Have confidence in your leaders and submit to their authority, because they keep watch over you as those who must give an account. Do this so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be of no benefit to you.

- Hebrews 13:17