

EASTER ORDER OF SERVICE/SERMON OUTLINE 17th April 2022 (KEC Hybrid Service)

The livestream can be accessed at

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

Service Leader: Alleluia, Christ is risen!

Congregation: Alleluia, Christ is risen indeed!

SL: Do not be afraid

C: Jesus is the First and the Last...

SL: and the Living One.

C: He was dead, and behold!

SL: He is alive forever and ever!

All: Because he lives, we also will live. Christ is risen from the dead!

2. Worship in SONG (with Joshua Baru):

SONG 1: Jesus is Alive

SONG 2: For all you've done

SONG 3: King of Kings

SONG 4: Behold our God

3. Prayers

4. Bible reading: 1 Corinthians 15:12-34

¹² But if it is preached that Christ has been raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? ¹³ If there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. ¹⁴ And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith. ¹⁵ More than that, we are then found to be false witnesses about God, for we have testified about God that he raised Christ from the dead. But he did not raise him if in fact the dead are not raised. ¹⁶ For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised either. ¹⁷ And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins. ¹⁸ Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ are lost. ¹⁹ If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

²⁰ But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. ²¹ For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. ²² For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive. ²³ But each in

turn: Christ, the firstfruits; then, when he comes, those who belong to him. ²⁴ Then the end will come, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father after he has destroyed all dominion, authority and power. ²⁵ For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. ²⁶ The last enemy to be destroyed is death. ²⁷ For he “has put everything under his feet.”^[a] Now when it says that “everything” has been put under him, it is clear that this does not include God himself, who put everything under Christ. ²⁸ When he has done this, then the Son himself will be made subject to him who put everything under him, so that God may be all in all.

²⁹ Now if there is no resurrection, what will those do who are baptized for the dead? If the dead are not raised at all, why are people baptized for them? ³⁰ And as for us, why do we endanger ourselves every hour? ³¹ I face death every day—yes, just as surely as I boast about you in Christ Jesus our Lord. ³² If I fought wild beasts in Ephesus with no more than human hopes, what have I gained? If the dead are not raised, “Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die.”^[b]

³³ Do not be misled: “Bad company corrupts good character.”^[c] ³⁴ Come back to your senses as you ought, and stop sinning; for there are some who are ignorant of God—I say this to your shame.

Resurrection implications: Alive with Christ (1 Cor 15:12-34)

Death is the enemy

Death is a reality

So how can we face death?

Do you really, really believe...?

The Corinthian church

1. If Christ is not risen, we cannot face death (v.12-19)

- i. Our witness is found to be false

ii. Our faith is found to be futile

iii. Our hope is found to be fake

No trivial matter. It makes a huge difference whether it is true or not!

The good news

2. If Christ has risen, we can face death! (v.20-28)

- Because Christ's resurrection secures ours (v.20-22)

firstfruits

- Because Christ's resurrection restores his rule (v.23-28)

The first Adam

The second Adam

The fulfilment of Psalm 8

3. Because Christ is risen, we live differently (v.29-34)

- We can live as if hope is certain
- We can live for what's most important

Song of reflection (solo): No greater hope
Response Song: Where O grave is your victory?

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Connect cards**
- **Giving**
- **Preaching next week: Benjamin Baru (1 Corinthians 15:35-49)**
- **Meet a Church Planter!:** What does a church planter do? Why plant churches? How can you come alongside a church planter and support him?
 Join us on **Saturday, April 30th, 7.30pm** at the **KEC Seminar Room**, to hear how God led Paul Ling to the path of church planting. Come and hear more about Paul and his team’s ministry, passion and vision to plant a gospel-centred church in Kuching. You will also meet representatives from Gospel City Network. Sign up now at: <https://tinyurl.com/MACP2022>. Limited spots available.
- **Advance Notice:** On May 1st- May 8th, **elder nominations** will be open. The **election of elders** for the next 3 years will take place on **Sunday, May 15th**.
- **Pastoring Children affected by the pandemic, Saturday, May 7th, 3-5.30pm, on Zoom.** The pandemic has had profound impact on little ones in homes and church. How can we as parents or children ministry workers seek to care and minister to them? Speaker: Rubina Henry (Former Sunday School Superintendent at St. Mary’s Cathedral, currently pursuing a Masters in Psychology in the UK). Register at: <https://new.equip.org.my/sunday-school-register> Cost: RM20.
- **Baptisms:** We will be conducting baptisms in church on **Sunday, May 22nd**. If you wish to be baptised, please let our administrator Julie Kong know. There will be a cap on the number of baptisms we will conduct at this service. Baptism classes will be conducted on the Sundays leading up to May 22nd, after service.
- Our **Prayer Meeting** is on this week, on **Wednesday, April 13th, 8-9ish pm**. We are currently aiming to have some form of in-person Prayer Meeting from July.

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| <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 to parents – depending on age group). Please contact our deacon Abang Trang if you wish to know more.</p> |
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UPDATES on SOPs

From this Sunday onwards, there is no maximum limit on the number of people who can come to attend church in person.

However, the requirements to have social distancing and to wear masks remain. In addition, the requirement to check in via MySejahtera or by some other form of recording, also remains.

For the moment, we will retain online pre-registration at <https://bemkec.my/booking/>. If you forget to pre-register, you can still show up, but please do register if you remember to give us a better idea of numbers coming beforehand. Online registrations close at 3pm every Saturday afternoon.

Children below 12 are allowed in the service as long as parents/guardians are fully vaccinated. The creche is also open to be used. Sunday School is currently still online. However, we are working on a timeline and hoping for to re-open in person in the second half of this year.

If you are unwell or exhibiting symptoms such as fever, cough, or sore throat, you may continue following us online via the livestreaming of our service.

BENEDICTION

²⁰ Now may the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, ²¹ equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

- Hebrews 13:20-21