

## **KEC ORDER OF SERVICE/SERMON OUTLINE 19<sup>th</sup> June 2022 (KEC Hybrid Service)**

The livestream can be accessed at

[https://www.facebook.com/bemkec/live\\_videos/](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 – Hebrews 1:6-12**

#### **2. Worship in SONG (with Emmy Baru):**

SONG 1: Everlasting God (Strength will rise)

SONG 2: God Omniscient, God All-knowing

SONG 3: King Forevermore (God the Uncreated One)

SONG 4: The Potter's Hand

### **3. Prayers**

#### **4. Deacons' elections (For registered members of BEM KEC only)**

If you are a visitor with us today, we humbly ask for your patience at this juncture as this is conducted.

### **5. Bible reading: Ecclesiastes 3:1-22**

- 3 There is a time for everything,  
and a season for every activity under the heavens:
- 2 a time to be born and a time to die,  
a time to plant and a time to uproot,
- 3 a time to kill and a time to heal,  
a time to tear down and a time to build,
- 4 a time to weep and a time to laugh,  
a time to mourn and a time to dance,
- 5 a time to scatter stones and a time to gather them,  
a time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing,
- 6 a time to search and a time to give up,  
a time to keep and a time to throw away,
- 7 a time to tear and a time to mend,  
a time to be silent and a time to speak,
- 8 a time to love and a time to hate,  
a time for war and a time for peace.

<sup>9</sup> What do workers gain from their toil? <sup>10</sup> I have seen the burden God has laid on the human race. <sup>11</sup> He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the human heart; yet<sup>[a]</sup> no one can fathom what God has done from beginning to end. <sup>12</sup> I know that there is nothing better for people than to be happy and to do good while they live. <sup>13</sup> That each of them may eat and drink, and find satisfaction in all their toil—this is the gift of God. <sup>14</sup> I know that everything God does will endure forever; nothing can be added to it and nothing taken from it. God does it so that people will fear him.

<sup>15</sup> Whatever is has already been,  
and what will be has been before;  
and God will call the past to account.<sup>[b]</sup>

<sup>16</sup> And I saw something else under the sun:

In the place of judgment—wickedness was there,  
in the place of justice—wickedness was there.

<sup>17</sup> I said to myself,

“God will bring into judgment  
both the righteous and the wicked,  
for there will be a time for every activity,  
a time to judge every deed.”

<sup>18</sup> I also said to myself, “As for humans, God tests them so that they may see that they are like the animals. <sup>19</sup> Surely the fate of human beings is like that of the animals; the same fate awaits them both: As one dies, so dies the other. All have the same breath<sup>[c]</sup>; humans have no advantage over animals. Everything is meaningless. <sup>20</sup> All go to the same place; all come from dust, and to dust all return. <sup>21</sup> Who knows if the human spirit rises upward and if the spirit of the animal goes down into the earth?”

<sup>22</sup> So I saw that there is nothing better for a person than to enjoy their work, because that is their lot. For who can bring them to see what will happen after them?

## **SERMON OUTLINE: All in good time (Ecclesiastes 3)**

The very last time

Desperate to...

Can we?

Recap: *hebel* – like a breath // like the wind

In this time-bound, *hebel* world, this is how you should live

### **1. Discern the delights and disquiets of life (v.1-8)**

Life now

Life as a whole

So what is life like?

Beginning and endings

The entire relational spectrum

Judgment calls

Remedial actions

Life is made up of many seasons

Two kinds of seasons we need to discern

These seasons don't all necessarily come at the same time for everyone

Know what to do at the appropriate time

## **2. Embrace the eternal God as we live outside Eden (v.9-22)**

Unsettled

The One who holds time in his hands

...who ordered everything, in love

We want to know and understand all his workings

Eternity in our hearts

We can't see it all

He has made everything beautiful/fitting in his time

Embrace this eternal God!

- Enjoy the gifts
  
- Fear God
  
- Come to the Son

But all in good time

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Connect cards**
- **Giving**
- Thank you for praying for our Teh C Talk: "Is Christianity Anti-Family?" last night! We anticipate the next Teh C Talk to take place some time in August.
- **Missions Weekend** will be taking place next weekend **June 25<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> with Dr. Chris Abner.**
  - On **Wednesday evening, June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 8pm**, we will have a prayer meeting to pray for our mission partners. This will take place on Zoom.
  - On **Saturday evening, June 25<sup>th</sup>, 8pm**, in our church hall, Dr. Chris Abner will deliver a talk entitled "Foundations for Churches on Mission". This talk will focus on the foundation for missions laid out in scripture. We will focus on the role of the local church in missions. Is it only "give, go, pray"? All are encouraged to come!
  - On **Sunday morning, June 26<sup>th</sup>**, Dr. Chris Abner will preach a sermon entitled "ALLs of the Great Commission" (Matt. 28:18-20)
- **Ministry Reports** by the deacons for the immediate previous term are to be submitted to our church administrator, Julie Kong, by **Sunday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022.**
- Are you looking for **an opportunity to serve**? Why not check out <https://bemkec.my/serving> to discover some ways you can do so!
- The results of the **Deacons' Election** will be announced at the end of today's service.

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| <b>Home Fellowship Groups</b><br>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 <a href="https://bemkec.my/home-fellowship-groups/">https://bemkec.my/home-fellowship-groups/</a> | <b>English Youth Ministry</b><br>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 <a href="https://bemkec.my/english-youth-ministry/">https://bemkec.my/english-youth-ministry/</a> | <b>Sunday School</b><br>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 3 <sup>rd</sup> . |
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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.** (Please take note that exceptions exist for those who are preaching). 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

<sup>16</sup> Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times and in every way. The Lord be with all of you.

- 2 Thessalonians 3:16

## COFFEE QUESTIONS

- How might Ecclesiastes 3 help us to make sense/change our perspective on time?
- What season in your life have you found difficult to accept? Alternatively, when have you struggled to discern the appropriate action for a particular season? Perhaps you could also ask for prayer or pray for someone in such a situation right now as you chat about this.
- Have a look at these following verses
  - Psalm 62:8
  - Proverbs 17:17
  - 2 Corinthians 9:8
  - 1 Thess. 5:16-18

Which of the above, do you think, might be in danger of being neglected recently?