

KEC ORDER OF SERVICE/SERMON OUTLINE 26th APRIL (KEC SERVICE ONLINE)

Before the livestream starts at 9am:

KIDS VIDEO will be made available by 8.30am. This morning, please join Colin Buchanan as we think about the God who is in control, who is at the same time the God whom we can pray to!

Direct link: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iqrPAUW_iyw

9am – Livestream starts

Livestream link should be available by 8.57am latest.

1. WELCOME / REFLECTION

We begin, after greeting one another online in the comment section, with a short time of reflection, as we confess our sin, and come in faith to our God.

2. CALL TO WORSHIP – Psalm 80; 1 Peter 1:1-9

Pastor: Hear us, O Shepherd of Israel!

Congregation: You who lead your people gently and kindly, who sits enthroned between the cherubim, send your light and your salvation.

Pastor: Hear us and restore us, O Lord God Almighty

Congregation: Make your face shine upon us.

Pastor: You are the Gardener who plants us. You brought a vine out of Egypt, cleared the ground, and planted it deep in the land and made it take root.

Congregation: Nourish us now with your love and grace. Help us to stay connected to Jesus, to abide in the True Vine, and to bear fruit.

Pastor: Hear us and restore us, O Lord God Almighty

Congregation: Make your face shine upon us.

[READ 1 Peter 1:1-9 together]

3. WORSHIP in SONG (with elder Bobby Langat)

SONG 1: Yet not I but through Christ in me

SONG 2: Still

4. PRAYERS of INTERCESSION

5. SERMON (with Bible reading): Psalms 124-126

Psalm 124

A song of ascents. Of David.

- ¹ If the LORD had not been on our side—
let Israel say—
² if the LORD had not been on our side
when people attacked us,
³ they would have swallowed us alive
when their anger flared against us;
⁴ the flood would have engulfed us,
the torrent would have swept over us,
⁵ the raging waters
would have swept us away.
- ⁶ Praise be to the LORD,
who has not let us be torn by their teeth.
- ⁷ We have escaped like a bird
from the fowler's snare;
the snare has been broken,
and we have escaped.
- ⁸ Our help is in the name of the LORD,
the Maker of heaven and earth.

Psalm 125

A song of ascents.

- ¹ Those who trust in the LORD are like Mount Zion,
which cannot be shaken but endures forever.
- ² As the mountains surround Jerusalem,
so the LORD surrounds his people
both now and forevermore.
- ³ The scepter of the wicked will not remain
over the land allotted to the righteous,
for then the righteous might use
their hands to do evil.
- ⁴ LORD, do good to those who are good,
to those who are upright in heart.

⁵ But those who turn to crooked ways
the LORD will banish with the evildoers.

Peace be on Israel.

Psalm 126

A song of ascents.

¹ When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion,
we were like those who dreamed.

² Our mouths were filled with laughter,
our tongues with songs of joy.

Then it was said among the nations,

“The LORD has done great things for them.”

³ The LORD has done great things for us,
and we are filled with joy.

⁴ Restore our fortunes, LORD,
like streams in the Negev.

⁵ Those who sow with tears
will reap with songs of joy.

⁶ Those who go out weeping,
carrying seed to sow,
will return with songs of joy,
carrying sheaves with them.

Sermon outline: As we journey on (Psalms 124-126)

As we journey on, what should be on our playlist?

SONG #1: Our help is from the LORD (Psalm 124)

A song for hopeless times

4 different images (v.3-7):

- being swallowed alive
- drowning
- torn apart
- trapped

The dominant image: the floodwaters

- Chaos and devastation (eg. Ps. 46:2-3, 69:14-15; Dan. 7:2-3)
- Judgement (eg. Noah in Gen 6-9, Exodus 14:21-31; Isaiah 57:20)

When the waves come, we ask “What if?”

Not theoretical what-ifs, but the what-ifs of regret

David: the “what if” of thanksgiving (v.-2)

The difference-maker (v.6-8)

The one who calms the raging seas (eg. Ps. 89:9)

Jesus

stills the seas

goes through the waters (Mark 10:38)

Our help is from the Lord alone

Will he?

SONG #2: Our home is with the LORD (Psalm 125)

We're not home yet! (v.3)

Exiles and sojourners, passing through

We will be home! (v.3)

Until then....two things to remember

i. Though we're not home yet, we have the security of home

A bird and a mountain

We are strong when we are weak

ii. We shouldn't make this world our home

The pressure to conform

Our biggest danger

Our prayer

SONG #3: Our hope is in the LORD (Psalm 126)

Recalling the feeling (v.1-2)

Going public (v.2-3)

From the party to the desert

The picture of transformation

Restore our fortunes! Do it again!

“Those who sow in tears will reap with songs of joy” (v.5)

a) sowing the word of the gospel

b) sowing the seed of good works (cf. Titus 2:10, 13-14)

Tears...

...hope...

...joy

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

⁵⁸ Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.

- 1 Corinthians 15:58