

KEC ORDER OF SERVICE/SERMON OUTLINE 12th Sept 2021 (KEC SERVICE Online)

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

We will not be showing any new Kids' Church Videos for the moment. Please do join one of our Sunday School groups instead! Contact Abang Trang for more info.

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 – Romans 3:23-30

2. WORSHIP in SONG (with Emmy Baru)

SONG 1: Glorious Christ

SONG 2: Anastasis (O Praise the Name)

3. Heidelberg Catechism Q21: What is true faith?

Answer: True faith is a sure knowledge

whereby I accept as true

all that God has revealed to us in his Word.

At the same time it is a firm confidence

that not only to others, but also to me,

God has granted forgiveness of sins,

everlasting righteousness, and salvation,

out of mere grace,

only for the sake of Christ's merits.

This faith the Holy Spirit works in my heart

by the gospel.

⁸ For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith – and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God – ⁹ not by works, so that no one can boast.

– Ephesians 2:8-9

4. Prayers

- World
- Nation
- Church

5. Bible reading: Genesis 22:1-19

22 Some time later God tested Abraham. He said to him, ‘Abraham!’

‘Here I am,’ he replied.

² Then God said, ‘Take your son, your only son, whom you love – Isaac – and go to the region of Moriah. Sacrifice him there as a burnt offering on a mountain that I will show you.’

³ Early the next morning Abraham got up and loaded his donkey. He took with him two of his servants and his son Isaac. When he had cut enough wood for the burnt offering, he set out for the place God had told him about. ⁴ On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place in the distance. ⁵ He said to his servants, ‘Stay here with the donkey while I and the boy go over there. We will worship and then we will come back to you.’

⁶ Abraham took the wood for the burnt offering and placed it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. As the two of them went on together, ⁷ Isaac spoke up and said to his father Abraham, ‘Father?’

‘Yes, my son?’ Abraham replied.

‘The fire and wood are here,’ Isaac said, ‘but where is the lamb for the burnt offering?’

⁸ Abraham answered, ‘God himself will provide the lamb for the burnt offering, my son.’ And the two of them went on together.

⁹ When they reached the place God had told him about, Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood on it. He bound his son Isaac and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. ¹⁰ Then he reached out his hand and took the knife to slay his son. ¹¹ But the angel of the LORD called out to him from heaven, ‘Abraham! Abraham!’

‘Here I am,’ he replied.

¹² ‘Do not lay a hand on the boy,’ he said. ‘Do not do anything to him. Now I know that you fear God, because you have not withheld from me your son, your only son.’

¹³ Abraham looked up and there in a thicket he saw a ram caught by its horns. He went over and took the ram and sacrificed it as a burnt offering instead of his son. ¹⁴ So Abraham called that place The LORD Will Provide. And to this day it is said, ‘On the mountain of the LORD it will be provided.’

¹⁵ The angel of the LORD called to Abraham from heaven a second time ¹⁶ and said, ‘I swear by myself, declares the LORD, that because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, ¹⁷ I will surely bless you and make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as the sand on the seashore. Your descendants will take possession of the cities of their enemies, ¹⁸ and through your offspring all nations on earth will be blessed, because you have obeyed me.’

¹⁹ Then Abraham returned to his servants, and they set off together for Beersheba. And Abraham stayed in Beersheba.

SERMON OUTLINE: The testing of faith (Genesis 22:1-19)

Extreme weather

Preparation is important!

What Genesis 22 is here for

Unsettling

When not placed within its context, the elements of this story can become toxic

Teaching blind faith?

The context for biblical faith: v1

“After these things God tested Abraham...” (ESV)

What things?

Recap of Genesis 12-21

Has Abraham learnt his lesson?

Why God tests – some OT references (Exodus 16:4, Deut. 8:2-3; Exodus 20:20)

1. The struggle of faith

Good weather!

The shock

Unique

“Please...”

Same phrasing as Gen 12

Let go of your past/future

Sometimes God will act in ways we find completely incomprehensible

When God's ways don't seem to match up with his Word

2. The show of faith

A deliberate picture of obedience

Not a superhero

Verses 9-10 – not spared the details

An act of profound faith (James 2:21-22)

Abraham has no alternative plan

The kind of faith Jesus calls us to

How can we have such faith?

v.5 "...and then we will come back to you"

v.8 declaring his faith in the life-giving power of God

*Hebrews 11:17-19

The big picture

God provides

Christianity: not a look-see look-see kind of faith!

The mark of true faith is not how well we're doing, but what we do when we're not doing well

3. The substance of faith

What is to be remembered

Genesis 22: Not just a pattern to emulate, but a prophetic picture of what is to come

Moriah (cf. 2 Chron. 3:1)

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- ▶ "Behold the Lamb"
 - ▶ "This is my beloved Son!"
 - ▶ "He who did not spare his own Son"
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God has provided for all that we need

On the mount of crucifixion
Fountains opened deep and wide
Through the floodgates of God's mercy
Flowed a vast and gracious tide

Response: Once Again

ANOUNCEMENTS

- **Connect cards**
- **Giving**
- **Equip Doctrine 1 classes** have been rescheduled to Sunday afternoon for the next two weeks (19th and 26th September), 2-4pm.
- **The "Women of the Word" book group** will run from **Sept 26 to Oct 31 on Zoom at 10.30am after Sunday service**, led by Sharon Ling. **Register at bemkec.my/word** to discuss and learn how and why to read our Bibles better. Places are limited as we only have 10 copies of the book available for purchase from the church office at RM35.
- **HFG Leaders Briefing** on Zoom, after service today.
- **Tadika Rajawali** is now open for 2022 admissions. Those born in the years 2016, 2017, or 2018 are welcome to join.
- **Prayer Meeting** is on break this week

BENEDICTION

Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain,
to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength
and honour and glory and praise!’

‘To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb
be praise and honour and glory and power,
for ever and ever!’

- from Revelation 5:12-13