

KEC ORDER OF SERVICE/SERMON OUTLINE 7th August 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 – Ephesians 1:3-10

2. Worship in SONG (with Silas Michael):

SONG 1: God is good

SONG 2: I will boast

SONG 3: Living Hope

SONG 4: Mighty to Save / Majesty

3. Time of Reflection and Confession

God of salvation, in Christ you have done great things—
our hearts are filled with joy.

By your power you lifted us out of the wasteland of sin
and brought us with joy and laughter into your kingdom.

Salvation is your gift to us.

But we confess that often we try to replace your gift with our own efforts.

We try to complete what is already perfect;

we try to add to what is already full;

we try to earn what we already have.

Forgive us for our foolishness.

Help us to focus on your grace.

Help us to live grateful lives in return.

For Jesus' sake alone, Amen.

⁹This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. ¹⁰This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.

- 1 John 4:9-10

4. Reflection Song: The Potter's Hand

5. The Lord's Supper *(children ages 3-12 to leave for Sunday School after Communion)*

²³ For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, ²⁴ and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me." ²⁵ In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me." ²⁶ For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

- 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

6. Prayers

7. Bible reading: Ecclesiastes 9:1-12

9 So I reflected on all this and concluded that the righteous and the wise and what they do are in God's hands, but no one knows whether love or hate awaits them. ² All share a common destiny—the righteous and the wicked, the good and the bad,^[a] the clean and the unclean, those who offer sacrifices and those who do not.

As it is with the good,

so with the sinful;

as it is with those who take oaths,

so with those who are afraid to take them.

³ This is the evil in everything that happens under the sun: The same destiny overtakes all. The hearts of people, moreover, are full of evil and there is madness in their hearts while they live, and afterward they join the dead. ⁴ Anyone who is among the living has hope^[b]—even a live dog is better off than a dead lion!

⁵ For the living know that they will die,

but the dead know nothing;

they have no further reward,

and even their name is forgotten.

⁶ Their love, their hate

and their jealousy have long since vanished;

never again will they have a part

in anything that happens under the sun.

⁷ Go, eat your food with gladness, and drink your wine with a joyful heart, for God has

already approved what you do. ⁸ Always be clothed in white, and always anoint your head

with oil. ⁹ Enjoy life with your wife, whom you love, all the days of this meaningless life that

God has given you under the sun—all your meaningless days. For this is your lot in life and

in your toilsome labour under the sun. ¹⁰ Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with all your

might, for in the realm of the dead, where you are going, there is neither working nor

planning nor knowledge nor wisdom.

¹¹ I have seen something else under the sun:

The race is not to the swift

or the battle to the strong,

nor does food come to the wise

or wealth to the brilliant
or favour to the learned;
but time and chance happen to them all.
¹² Moreover, no one knows when their hour will come:
As fish are caught in a cruel net,
or birds are taken in a snare,
so people are trapped by evil times
that fall unexpectedly upon them.

SERMON OUTLINE: Living wisely in the hands of God (Eccl. 9:1-12)

Have you tried to do it all? And felt like you still needed to do more?

Where does that impulse to do more come from?

- We forget we're human
- We believe the Devil's lie
- We feel like we don't measure up

Today's passage: a great summary of the main point of the entire book

How can we pursue a path different to that of "hurry sickness"? How can we be wise, and even find joy, in this *hebel* world?

1. Don't take life into your own hands

...because we can't!

a) Life is unpredictable (v.1, 11-12)

We might know we are in God's hands, but we don't know exactly what is in His hand

No one knows when their hour will come

b) Death is inevitable (v.2-3)

Death = the most inclusive employer

A great evil

Conclusion: Our lives are not in our hands!

But how often do we try to live as if...

>> Don't go down that route! As long as you're alive, you can change course (v.4-6)

2. Put your life into God's hands

Which according to Ecclesiastes means...**v.7-10**

Genesis 3 is the reality that encompasses our entire lives

BUT Genesis 2 is still true!

a) Find joy in His good gifts of creation

Joy

The Devil's lie: God is a killjoy (but James 1:17, 1 Tim. 4:3-5)

b) Find joy in God's good gift of grace

How God relates to us

Pointers to our future home

*Memento mori,
Vita donum est*

Response Song: Majesty (Here I am)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Connect cards**
- **Giving**
- If you would like to catch up on the recent **Klang Valley Bible Conference** talks, they are available at <https://kvbctrust.org/kvbc-2022/>
- **Admissions for Tadika Rajawali** is open for the year 2023/24. We welcome all children aged 4, 5 and 6 to join us! Contact the Tadika Rajawali Office. (082-550251)
- **Tadika Rajawali** is looking for an **admin clerk**. At minimum, an SPM qualification is required, as well as proficiency in Microsoft Office and knowledge of English, Bahasa Malaysia, and Mandarin. You may obtain the full job description and criteria from either our church administrator Julie Kong, or from the Tadika Rajawali office.
- Our church library is **open after service this morning**.
- There are still **opportunities to serve** on the church librarian roster, as ushers, and so on! Head over to <https://bemkec.my/serving/> to find out more.
- Our **Wednesday Night Prayer Meeting** will take place from 8-9.15pm, on **Zoom** this week.
- **There are refreshments available after Sunday service today!** We will be serving simple refreshments again in the courtyard after service. Do stay back for fellowship, and discuss coffee questions over actual coffee!
- The **Mandarin service** starts meeting at their new time of **4.30-6pm** as of **today**.

Home Fellowship Groups	English Youth Ministry
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/	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/
Sunday School	
Sunday school lessons will be held in the classrooms located in the Apartment Block as follows: 1.1 Group 1 (Children ages 3-4): Conference Room 1, 1 st Floor. 1.2 Group 2 (Children ages 5-6): Room K1, Ground Floor. 1.3 Group 3 (Children ages 7-9 i.e. Primary 1 to 3): Room 2B, Ground Floor. 1.4 Group 4 (Children ages 10-12 i.e. Primary 4 to 6): Conference Room 2, 1 st Floor. If your child is below 3 years old, please do not send them to Sunday School but utilise the creche instead.	
Sunday School S.O.Ps	
If you would like to see the current Sunday School S.O.Ps in full, please refer to our Sunday School notice board.	

BENEDICTION

³³ Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God!

How unsearchable his judgments,
and his paths beyond tracing out! ...

³⁶ For from him and through him and for him are all things.

To him be the glory forever! Amen.

- Romans 11:33, 36

COFFEE QUESTIONS

- Have you ever tried to do it all? Did you still feel like you needed to do more? Have you ever suffered from a case of “hurry sickness”? Why did you think that was the case?
- If we cannot control our own lives, how might that impact our aspirations and dreams?
- “Sometimes, we live as if the one inevitable thing is not certain, and the things that are uncertain are certain.” Reflect and share to what extent that might be true in your lives.
- How might today’s message change your approach and attitude towards God’s gifts of creation? How might it change your approach and attitude towards the Giver himself?