

KEC ORDER OF SERVICE/SERMON OUTLINE 2nd May 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 – Psalm 24

2. WORSHIP in SONG (with Alison Nicholas)

SONG 1: Before the throne of God above

SONG 2: Come thou fount of every blessing

3. Time of Reflection and Confession

Have mercy on us, O God,
According to your steadfast love.
Wash us thoroughly from our iniquity,
And cleanse us from our sin.
For we know our transgressions,
And our sin is ever before us.
Against you, you only, have we sinned,
And done what is evil in your sight.
Create in us a clean heart, O God,
And renew a right spirit within us.
Cast us not away from your presence
But restore to us the joy of your salvation,
That we may offer our lives as a sacrifice of praise to you. Amen.

⁶ For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness,"^[a] made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of God's glory displayed in the face of Christ.

– 2 Corinthians 4:6

4. Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit

and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy universal church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

5. Prayers

- World
- Nation
- Church

6. Bible reading: Proverbs 4:20-27; Jeremiah 17:5-10; Hebrews 3:12-15

PROVERBS 4:20-27

- ²⁰ My son, pay attention to what I say;
turn your ear to my words.
- ²¹ Do not let them out of your sight,
keep them within your heart;
- ²² for they are life to those who find them
and health to one's whole body.
- ²³ Above all else, guard your heart,
for everything you do flows from it.
- ²⁴ Keep your mouth free of perversity;
keep corrupt talk far from your lips.
- ²⁵ Let your eyes look straight ahead;
fix your gaze directly before you.
- ²⁶ Give careful thought to the^[a] paths for your feet
and be steadfast in all your ways.
- ²⁷ Do not turn to the right or the left;
keep your foot from evil.

JEREMIAH 17:5-10

⁵This is what the LORD says:

“Cursed is the one who trusts in man,
who draws strength from mere flesh
and whose heart turns away from the LORD.
⁶ That person will be like a bush in the wastelands;
they will not see prosperity when it comes.
They will dwell in the parched places of the desert,
in a salt land where no one lives.
⁷ “But blessed is the one who trusts in the LORD,
whose confidence is in him.
⁸ They will be like a tree planted by the water
that sends out its roots by the stream.
It does not fear when heat comes;
its leaves are always green.
It has no worries in a year of drought
and never fails to bear fruit.”
⁹ The heart is deceitful above all things
and beyond cure.
Who can understand it?
¹⁰ “I the LORD search the heart
and examine the mind,
to reward each person according to their conduct,
according to what their deeds deserve.”

HEBREWS 3:12-15

¹² See to it, brothers and sisters, that none of you has a sinful, unbelieving heart that turns away from the living God. ¹³ But encourage one another daily, as long as it is called “Today,” so that none of you may be hardened by sin’s deceitfulness. ¹⁴ We have come to share in Christ, if indeed we hold our original conviction firmly to the very end. ¹⁵ As has just been said:

“Today, if you hear his voice,
do not harden your hearts
as you did in the rebellion.”

SERMON OUTLINE: HEART

²³ Above all else, guard your heart,
for everything you do flows from it. (NIV2011)

What do you naturally guard?

The million-dollar question

A flexible, varied word

Confusion / Lack of fluency

1. What is the heart?

The source & control centre of life (Prov. 4:23b; Eccl. 10:2)

The totality of your inner being (Psalm 27:8)

Multi-faceted

- The heart thinks and judges (Matt. 15:19, 9:4; Psalm 139:23; Proverbs 6:32)
- The heart feels and desires (Matt. 6:21, Phil. 1:7, 2 Cor. 2:4)
- The heart chooses and acts (Psalm 112:7, Ezra 7:10)

God knows our hearts inside out (Psalm 44:21, 1 Thess. 2:4)

2. How do our hearts go wrong?

Poisoned with sin (Gen. 6:5; Eccl. 9:3; Mark 7:21-23; Jeremiah 17:9)

Hearts like distorted mirrors

- How the thinking heart goes wrong: rationalizing our actions (Jer. 7:1-15, Ephesians 4:18; Romans 1:21, 28)
- How the desiring heart goes wrong: twisting our loves (2 Timothy 3:1-5)
- How our willing heart goes wrong: turning into stone (2 Chron. 12:14; Exodus 7:13; Zech. 7:12; 2 Peter 2:19)

Only pure hearts will do! (Ps. 23:3-4)

But thankfully, God promises new hearts (Deut. 30:6; Jeremiah 24:7)

3. How does Jesus reshape our hearts?

God's light shines in our hearts so we can see Jesus (2 Cor. 4:6)

We come to know *God's heart for us* (Heb. 4:12-16; Rom. 5:8)

4. How can we guard our hearts?

- Study our hearts
- Let the Word of God dwell in you richly (Prov. 4:20-22)
- Encourage each other not to harden our hearts to Christ (Heb. 3:12-15)
 - Bring it under the sunshine of the gospel

Response: My heart is filled with thankfulness

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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- Connect cards
- Giving
- Pastoral letter (30th April 2021), also available on our website
- Missions Weekend: 18-20th June (Advance Notice)
- KEC Church Administrator vacancy:
Any interested parties are encouraged to apply and submit their CV as soon as possible, addressed to the Church Secretary (email: kecsibkh@gmail.com or brian.bemkec@gmail.com or edwards@cmsb.my). Preferred qualifications is diploma/degree in business admin/management/HR, but other fields/level are also acceptable. Please see the advertisement for the position in full at <https://bemkec.my>
- *Christianity Explored* – starting 8pm every Thursday for 8 weeks (inclusive of Gawai break) via Zoom. Register at <https://bemkec.my/christianity-explored/>
- Prayer Meeting – on Zoom until further notice.

BENEDICTION

¹² May the Lord make your love increase and overflow for each other and for everyone else, just as ours does for you. ¹³ May he strengthen your hearts so that you will be blameless and holy in the presence of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus comes with all his holy ones.

- 1 Thessalonians 3:12-13