

KEC ORDER OF SERVICE/SERMON OUTLINE 1st May 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
-

1. CALL TO WORSHIP – Isaiah 25:6-26:4

2. Worship in SONG (with Jeremy Ng):

SONG 1: Jesus, we celebrate your victory / Celebrate, Jesus Celebrate

SONG 2: King of Kings

SONG 3: Anastasis (O Praise the Name)

SONG 4: Where, O Grave, is your victory?

3. Time of Reflection and Confession

Merciful God,

we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed.

We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength;
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.

In your mercy,

forgive what we have been,
help us amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be,

so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

⁴ But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, ⁵ made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved.

- Ephesians 2:4-5

4. Reflection Song: No Greater Hope

5. The Lord's Supper

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.

6. Prayers

7. Bible reading: 1 Corinthians 15:50-58

⁵⁰ I declare to you, brothers and sisters, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. ⁵¹ Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed— ⁵² in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. ⁵³ For the perishable must clothe itself with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality. ⁵⁴ When the perishable has been clothed with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality, then the saying that is written will come true: “Death has been swallowed up in victory.”^[a]

⁵⁵ “Where, O death, is your victory?

Where, O death, is your sting?”^[b]

⁵⁶ The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. ⁵⁷ But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

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.

- a. [1 Corinthians 15:54](#) [Isaiah 25:8](#)
- b. [1 Corinthians 15:55](#) [Hosea 13:14](#)

Resurrection implications: Don't labour in vain (1 Cor 15:50-58)

How can we give ourselves fully to the work of the Lord when we feel so double-minded?

The doctrine of the resurrection: a masterclass

15:1-11	The fact of the resurrection
15:12-34	The significance of the resurrection
15:35-49	The nature of our resurrection
15:50-58	How resurrection shapes our here and now...

What is "the work of the Lord" (v.58)?

Anything and everything you do for God?

Why this interpretation is attractive

All work *for* the Lord matters!

But...need to distinguish "work of the Lord" here from that broader work *for* the Lord

Context: 1 Corinthians 16:10, 15-16; 1 Corinthians 15 as a whole

The work every Christian gives themselves to

Back to the original question – 2 focal points

Focal point #1: Our certain transformation (v.50-53)

Our situation: there's a dress code, and....

Perishable

Mortal

The state every human being is in

Transformed

"in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye"! (v.52)

Certainty – “will”

How does this help us give ourselves fully to the work of the Lord?
Consider one of our favourite pastimes...

Worth it!

Focal point #2: Our certain victory (v.54-57)

Weddings & Funerals

Ancient Egyptians & Christian believers

How is it we can tell death He himself will die? Verse 56!

The victory song/taunt

All a gift

Why we can give ourselves fully

“Therefore...” (v.58) – God’s will for our lives: **Labour steadfastly**

What Paul presupposes

The everlasting rope

We don’t have to live for the here and now, but give ourselves fully to the work of the Lord

RESPONSE: Resurrecting

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A message from the family of Nicholas Patrick:

The family of Nicholas Patrick would like to thank all of you for your prayers and support during this difficult time. We are very grateful for all the donations given and all proceeds will be given to the Precious Students Ministry in Myanmar.

- **Connect cards**
- **Giving**
- From today, May 1st until May 8th, **elder nominations** will be open. Nomination Forms are to be passed to the Church Secretary, Edward Suka.
 - Candidates, proposers and seconders must be full members of BEM KEC.
 - Candidates must be biblically qualified (See especially 1 Timothy 3:1-7, Titus 1:5-9).The election of elders will take place on May 15th.
- **Pastoring Children affected by the pandemic, this Saturday, May 7th, 3-5.30pm, on Zoom.** The pandemic has had profound impact on little ones in homes and church. How can we as parents or children ministry workers seek to care and minister to them? Speaker: Rubina Henry (Former Sunday School Superintendent at St. Mary's Cathedral, currently pursuing a Masters in Psychology in the UK). Register at: <https://new.equip.org.my/sunday-school-register> Cost: RM20.
- **Baptisms:** We will be conducting baptisms in church on **Sunday, May 22nd**. The spaces are all taken up! Baptism classes will be conducted for baptism candidates every Sunday, 10.30am, after service for about an hour every Sunday from May 1st to May 15th, in the church office wing.
- **Advance Notice:** Our mission partner, Ps Wong Kuong Sii, will be preaching on Sunday, May 15th.
- Our **Prayer Meeting** is on this week, on **Wednesday, May 4th, 8-9ish pm**. We are currently aiming to have some form of in-person Prayer Meeting from July.

Home Fellowship Groups 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/	English Youth Ministry 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 Our Sunday School is currently still online (either live on Zoom/lessons Whatsapp'd to parents – depending on age group), but will be looking to resume in person in July. Please contact our deacon Abang Trang if you wish to know more.
--	--	--

UPDATES on SOPs

From next week onwards, there will be **NO online pre-registration required.**

Masks are still required when indoors, or in crowded outdoor spaces. 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.

As before, the creche is open to be used. We are also hopeful that Sunday School will resume in-person teaching by July, and are working towards that.

BENEDICTION

⁹Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.

- Galatians 6:9