

KEC GOOD FRIDAY ORDER OF SERVICE/SERMON OUTLINE (10th April 2020)

Before livestream starts:

8.20am thereabouts

Log onto our Facebook page (<http://www.facebook.com/bemkec>), and look for the Kids Church post! There is an 11 minute video for kids, “**The King is Arrested**”, looking at Luke 22:47-54.

Direct link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J9x7wCFb30U>

8.30am thereabouts

Please join Daniel Langat, one of our songleaders at BEM KEC, as he leads us in a number of songs of worship as we look upon our Saviour-King, Jesus Christ, who “suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God.” (1 Peter 3:18a)

Link: https://youtu.be/3Lor1TLK_fc

SONGS:

- To God be the Glory
- Man of Sorrows
- The Power of the Cross (O to see the dawn)
- Amazing Love (You are my King)

9am – Livestream starts

Livestream link should be available by 8.57am latest.

WELCOME / CALL TO WORSHIP – John 3:16, 1:29

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world!

BIBLE READING 1: Mark 14:32-38, 15:16-24

³²They went to a place called Gethsemane, and Jesus said to his disciples, “Sit here while I pray.” ³³He took Peter, James and John along with him, and he began to be deeply distressed and troubled. ³⁴“My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death,” he said to them. “Stay here and keep watch.”

³⁵ Going a little farther, he fell to the ground and prayed that if possible the hour might pass from him. ³⁶ “*Abba*,^[a] Father,” he said, “everything is possible for you. Take this cup from me. Yet not what I will, but what you will.”

³⁷ Then he returned to his disciples and found them sleeping. “Simon,” he said to Peter, “are you asleep? Couldn’t you keep watch for one hour? ³⁸ Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak.”

[In Mark 14:38-15:15, Jesus is arrested and brought before Pilate, the Roman prefect, who has him flogged and consents to him being crucified. We pick up the reading in Mark 15:16]

...¹⁶ The soldiers led Jesus away into the palace (that is, the Praetorium) and called together the whole company of soldiers. ¹⁷ They put a purple robe on him, then twisted together a crown of thorns and set it on him. ¹⁸ And they began to call out to him, “Hail, king of the Jews!” ¹⁹ Again and again they struck him on the head with a staff and spit on him. Falling on their knees, they paid homage to him. ²⁰ And when they had mocked him, they took off the purple robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him out to crucify him.

²¹ A certain man from Cyrene, Simon, the father of Alexander and Rufus, was passing by on his way in from the country, and they forced him to carry the cross. ²² They brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha (which means “the place of the skull”). ²³ Then they offered him wine mixed with myrrh, but he did not take it. ²⁴ And they crucified him. Dividing up his clothes, they cast lots to see what each would get.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Most merciful God,
We humbly admit that we need your help.
We confess that we have wandered from your way:
We have done wrong and failed to do what is right.
You alone can save us.
Have mercy on us:
wipe out our sins and teach us to forgive others.
Bring forth in us the fruit of your Spirit
that we may live as disciples of Christ.
This we ask in the name of Jesus our Saviour.
Amen.

For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.

- Mark 10:45

BIBLE READING 2: Mark 15:25-39

²⁵ It was nine in the morning when they crucified him. ²⁶ The written notice of the charge against him read: THE KING OF THE JEWS.

²⁷ They crucified two rebels with him, one on his right and one on his left. ^[28] ^[a] ²⁹ Those who passed by hurled insults at him, shaking their heads and saying, “So! You who are going to destroy the temple and build it in three days, ³⁰ come down from the cross and save yourself!” ³¹ In the same way the chief priests and the teachers of the law mocked him among themselves. “He saved others,” they said, “but he can’t save himself! ³² Let this Messiah, this king of Israel, come down now from the cross, that we may see and believe.” Those crucified with him also heaped insults on him.

³³ At noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. ³⁴ And at three in the afternoon Jesus cried out in a loud voice, “*Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?*” (which means “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”). ^[b]

³⁵ When some of those standing near heard this, they said, “Listen, he’s calling Elijah.”

³⁶ Someone ran, filled a sponge with wine vinegar, put it on a staff, and offered it to Jesus to drink. “Now leave him alone. Let’s see if Elijah comes to take him down,” he said.

³⁷ With a loud cry, Jesus breathed his last.

³⁸ The curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. ³⁹ And when the centurion, who stood there in front of Jesus, saw how he died, ^[c] he said, “Surely this man was the Son of God!”

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

BIBLE READING: Psalm 22

For the director of music. To the tune of “The Doe of the Morning.” A psalm of David.

¹ My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

Why are you so far from saving me,
so far from my cries of anguish?

² My God, I cry out by day, but you do not answer,
by night, but I find no rest. ^[b]

³ Yet you are enthroned as the Holy One;
you are the one Israel praises. ^[c]

⁴ In you our ancestors put their trust;
they trusted and you delivered them.

⁵ To you they cried out and were saved;
in you they trusted and were not put to shame.

⁶ But I am a worm and not a man,
scorned by everyone, despised by the people.

⁷ All who see me mock me;
they hurl insults, shaking their heads.

⁸ “He trusts in the LORD,” they say,
“let the LORD rescue him.
Let him deliver him,
since he delights in him.”

⁹ Yet you brought me out of the womb;
you made me trust in you, even at my mother’s breast.

¹⁰ From birth I was cast on you;
from my mother’s womb you have been my God.

¹¹ Do not be far from me,
for trouble is near
and there is no one to help.

¹² Many bulls surround me;
strong bulls of Bashan encircle me.

¹³ Roaring lions that tear their prey
open their mouths wide against me.

¹⁴ I am poured out like water,
and all my bones are out of joint.
My heart has turned to wax;
it has melted within me.

¹⁵ My mouth^[d] is dried up like a potsherd,
and my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth;
you lay me in the dust of death.

¹⁶ Dogs surround me,
a pack of villains encircles me;
they pierce^[e] my hands and my feet.

¹⁷ All my bones are on display;
people stare and gloat over me.

¹⁸ They divide my clothes among them
and cast lots for my garment.

¹⁹ But you, LORD, do not be far from me.
You are my strength; come quickly to help me.

²⁰ Deliver me from the sword,

my precious life from the power of the dogs.

²¹ Rescue me from the mouth of the lions;
save me from the horns of the wild oxen.

²² I will declare your name to my people;
in the assembly I will praise you.

²³ You who fear the LORD, praise him!
All you descendants of Jacob, honor him!
Revere him, all you descendants of Israel!

²⁴ For he has not despised or scorned
the suffering of the afflicted one;
he has not hidden his face from him
but has listened to his cry for help.

²⁵ From you comes the theme of my praise in the great assembly;
before those who fear you [□] I will fulfill my vows.

²⁶ The poor will eat and be satisfied;
those who seek the LORD will praise him—
may your hearts live forever!

²⁷ All the ends of the earth
will remember and turn to the LORD,
and all the families of the nations
will bow down before him,

²⁸ for dominion belongs to the LORD
and he rules over the nations.

²⁹ All the rich of the earth will feast and worship;
all who go down to the dust will kneel before him—
those who cannot keep themselves alive.

³⁰ Posterity will serve him;
future generations will be told about the Lord.

³¹ They will proclaim his righteousness,
declaring to a people yet unborn:
He has done it!

SERMON: The Forsaken King (Psalm 22)

See following page for sermon outline

Sermon Outline

What is particularly *good* about this Good Friday?

A little closer to the original Good Friday than we realise

The Psalm of the Cross

9 times, quoted or alluded to in the account of Jesus' suffering and death

"This psalm refers to Christ and no one else, for its contents harmonize with none other but him." – Eusebius of Caesarea, Christian historian, 3rd century.

The feeling of being forsaken

A psalm *of* David.

The experience of a true believer

2 sections: The forsaken (v.1-21) / The triumph (v.22-31)

The forsaken

To what extent does King David suffer?

i) The silence (v.1-2)

It's enough to drive a man crazy; it'll break a man's faith
It's enough to make him wonder if he's ever been sane
When he's bleating for comfort from Thy staff and Thy rod
And the heaven's only answer is the silence of God
- *The Silence of God*, Andrew Peterson

ii) The scorn (v.6-8)

He rescued me from my powerful enemy,
from my foes, who were too strong for me...
He brought me out into a spacious place;
he rescued me because he delighted in me. (Psalm 18:17, 19)

But now...

iii) The suffocation (v.12-18)

The “beasts”

Great fear

What lies at the heart of his torment:

GOD IS FAR AWAY (v.1, 11, 19)

What happened to Deuteronomy 31:6?

The theological crisis:

a) family history (v.3-5)

b) biological history (v.9-10)

⇒ The desperate plea (v.19-21)

*This is a psalm of a true believer who feels abandoned by God

Where we begin, but not where we end:

The psalm of the cross

Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane

Why is he going to take on the experience of Psalm 22?

Love moved him

(cf. Matt. 27:43; John 19:28, Luke 23:35; Mark 15:24)

Not merely a show of divine sympathy

Jesus hung on the cross as one who always trusted God...

...who alone should never have to die...

...but as one doing the work of reconciliation.

The reality of sin and death

Psalm 22 is speaking about the manner of the Saviour's death and places this in front of us because the Lord suffered all this not on his own account, but *for* us. – Athanasius

Pressing it home

The triumph

Resurrection

Response:

a) Worship

b) Witness

“It’s Friday, but Sunday’s coming!”

BENEDICTION

To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood, ⁶ and has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve his God and Father—to him be glory and power for ever and ever! Amen.

- Revelation 1:5b-6

Reflection questions (can be done on your own or in small groups)

1. Have you ever felt like God is not answering you, or is far away? During this Covid-19 period, do you question where God is?
2. Where does David's anguish lead him to? Where does he turn to? (Think about the opening words of verse 1, or verses 3-5, 10, 19). When you feel God is far away, where do *you* turn to?
3. This is the psalm of a true believer who feels abandoned by God. Yet it ultimately becomes the "psalm of the Cross", as it comes to its full realisation in Jesus. How does that knowledge affect you, as a true believer in Christ?

A partial list of Psalm 22 in the gospel accounts	
Psalm 22:1	Mark 15:34
Psalm 22:7	Mark 15:29
Psalm 22:8	Matt. 27:41-43
Psalm 22:16	John 19:34
Psalm 22:18	Mark 15:24
Psalm 22:31	John 19:30?

4. In the sermon we heard, we learnt that "Jesus did not die on the cross merely as a show of divine sympathy." Why would that be of little comfort to us in the end, if that was all it was? What does the cross accomplish? (See for eg. 2 Cor. 5:21, 1 Peter 3:18a)
5. How does Psalm 22 move you to worship today? How can you bear witness to our forsaken yet triumphant King in this coronavirus age?

If you wish to engage in family worship/Bible study with your family, you might like to use the material found here:

https://www.australianchurchrecord.net/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/MARTIN_ANGUS_Good-Friday-Family-Bible-Study.pdf