

KEC ORDER OF SERVICE/SERMON OUTLINE 12th June 2022 (KEC Hybrid Service)

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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 – Luke 12:27-31

2. Worship in SONG (with Joshua Baru):

SONG 1: Your grace is enough

SONG 2: Cornerstone

SONG 3: Christ is Enough

SONG 4: As the deer

3. Prayers

4. Bible reading: Ecclesiastes 1:12-2:26

¹² I, the Teacher, was king over Israel in Jerusalem. ¹³ I applied my mind to study and to explore by wisdom all that is done under the heavens. What a heavy burden God has laid on mankind! ¹⁴ I have seen all the things that are done under the sun; all of them are meaningless, a chasing after the wind.

¹⁵ What is crooked cannot be straightened;
what is lacking cannot be counted.

¹⁶ I said to myself, "Look, I have increased in wisdom more than anyone who has ruled over Jerusalem before me; I have experienced much of wisdom and knowledge." ¹⁷ Then I applied myself to the understanding of wisdom, and also of madness and folly, but I learned that this, too, is a chasing after the wind.

¹⁸ For with much wisdom comes much sorrow;
the more knowledge, the more grief.

² I said to myself, "Come now, I will test you with pleasure to find out what is good." But that also proved to be meaningless. ² "Laughter," I said, "is madness. And what does pleasure accomplish?" ³ I tried cheering myself with wine, and embracing folly—my mind still guiding me with wisdom. I wanted to see what was good for people to do under the heavens during the few days of their lives.

⁴ I undertook great projects: I built houses for myself and planted vineyards. ⁵ I made gardens and parks and planted all kinds of fruit trees in them. ⁶ I made reservoirs to water groves of flourishing trees. ⁷ I bought male and female slaves and had other slaves who were born in my house. I also owned more herds and flocks than anyone in Jerusalem before me. ⁸ I

amassed silver and gold for myself, and the treasure of kings and provinces. I acquired male and female singers, and a harem^[a] as well—the delights of a man’s heart. ⁹ I became greater by far than anyone in Jerusalem before me. In all this my wisdom stayed with me.

¹⁰ I denied myself nothing my eyes desired;
I refused my heart no pleasure.

My heart took delight in all my labor,
and this was the reward for all my toil.

¹¹ Yet when I surveyed all that my hands had done
and what I had toiled to achieve,
everything was meaningless, a chasing after the wind;
nothing was gained under the sun.

¹² Then I turned my thoughts to consider wisdom,
and also madness and folly.

What more can the king’s successor do
than what has already been done?

¹³ I saw that wisdom is better than folly,
just as light is better than darkness.

¹⁴ The wise have eyes in their heads,
while the fool walks in the darkness;
but I came to realize
that the same fate overtakes them both.

¹⁵ Then I said to myself,
“The fate of the fool will overtake me also.
What then do I gain by being wise?”

I said to myself,
“This too is meaningless.”

¹⁶ For the wise, like the fool, will not be long remembered;
the days have already come when both have been forgotten.
Like the fool, the wise too must die!

¹⁷ So I hated life, because the work that is done under the sun was grievous to me. All of it is meaningless, a chasing after the wind. ¹⁸ I hated all the things I had toiled for under the sun, because I must leave them to the one who comes after me. ¹⁹ And who knows whether that person will be wise or foolish? Yet they will have control over all the fruit of my toil into which I have poured my effort and skill under the sun. This too is meaningless. ²⁰ So my heart began to despair over all my toilsome labor under the sun. ²¹ For a person may labor with wisdom, knowledge and skill, and then they must leave all they own to another who has not toiled for it. This too is meaningless and a great misfortune. ²² What do people get for all the toil and anxious striving with which they labor under the sun? ²³ All their days their work is grief and pain; even at night their minds do not rest. This too is meaningless.

²⁴ A person can do nothing better than to eat and drink and find satisfaction in their own toil. This too, I see, is from the hand of God, ²⁵ for without him, who can eat or find enjoyment? ²⁶ To the person who pleases him, God gives wisdom, knowledge and happiness, but to the sinner he gives the task of gathering and storing up wealth to hand it over to the one who pleases God. This too is meaningless, a chasing after the wind.

SERMON OUTLINE: I can't get no satisfaction (Ecclesiastes 1:1-12-2:26)

Seeking happiness.

The Teacher's agenda. What is good for people to do under the heavens during the few days of their lives.

The Pursuit of Enlightenment or wisdom ((Eccl 1:12-18; 2:13-14)

Human wisdom is limited. Limited by _____.

Wisdom brings sorrow and grief

Value of wisdom

The Pursuit of Pleasure/Joy (Eccl 2:1-11)

Recreating Eden

The man who has everything and nothing.

The permanent human reality: Death. (Eccl 2:12-23)

Death the great equalizer (Eccl 2:14-16)

Death renders human toil meaningless (Eccl 2:17-23)

Death informs how we live

The good life: Life as a _____. (Eccl 2:24-26)

God the giver

Enjoying His gifts.

Joy in the journey.

Happiness is a gift

The GIFT of God.

Response Song: Great is thy faithfulness

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Connect cards**
- **Giving**
- **Deacons' nominations** is open **today, Sunday, June 12th**. The qualifications of a deacon are spelt out in 1 Timothy 3:8-13. You may also wish to listen again to a sermon on "Deacons", preached on 12th May 2019, available at our church sermon repository – <https://sermons.bemkec.my>. Please be informed that the **election of deacons** will take place **next Sunday, June 19th**, during the service.
- The next **Teh C Talk** will be held this coming **Saturday evening, 7.30pm, June 18th**, entitled "*Is Christinianity Anti-Family?*" Venue: ROTM Café (Canaan Square)
One of the hallmark of Asian culture is our emphasis on family and community: respecting one's elders, upholding traditional principles, following customs, and maintaining good public image. Christianity is often accused as a religion that selfishly prioritizes individual faith over community values. Does Jesus command his followers to obey him at the sacrifice of our family? Is God a selfish master that calls people to give up everything to follow Him?
Do start prayerfully considering whom you can invite! Sign up at www.tinyurl.com/TCTJUN22
- **Missions Weekend** will be taking place on **June 25th-26th with Dr. Chris Abner**.
 - On Wednesday evening, June 22nd, 8pm, we will have a prayer meeting to pray for our mission partners. This will take place on Zoom.
 - On Saturday evening, June 25th, 8pm, in our church hall, Dr. Chris Abner will deliver a talk entitled "Foundations for Churches on Mission". This talk will focus on the foundation for missions laid out in scripture. We will focus on the role of the local church in missions. Is it only "give, go, pray"?
 - On Sunday morning, June 26th, Dr. Chris Abner will preach a sermon entitled "ALLs of the Great Commission" (Matt. 28:18-20)
- Our **Prayer Meeting** is on this week, on **Wednesday, June 15th, 8-9ish pm**. We are currently aiming to have some form of in-person Prayer Meeting from July.
- Our **Church Library** is open this morning, after service.

<p>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/</p>	<p>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/</p>	<p>Sunday School Our Sunday School is currently still online (either live on Zoom/lessons Whatsappped to parents – depending on age group), but will resume in-person in July 3rd.</p>
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The latest SOPs

There will **NO longer be any online pre-registration required.**

Masks are still required when indoors, or in crowded outdoor spaces. (Please take note that exceptions exist for those who are preaching). 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.

BENEDICTION

3 Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. **2** Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. **3** For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. **4** When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

- Colossians 3:1-4

COFFEE QUESTIONS

- What do you make of the statement that we all want to be happy?
- Does the fact that no one escapes death help you to reevaluate how you would live your life?
- What are the gifts of God that bring you happiness in this life?