

KEC ORDER OF SERVICE/SERMON OUTLINE 17th MAY (KEC SERVICE ONLINE)

Before the livestream starts at 9am:

KIDS VIDEO will be made available by 8.30am. Over the next few weeks, we're going to be learning some of the things Jesus taught up on a mountain, in what is called the Sermon on the Mount! That's what the adults will be learning too! Why not share what you learnt with your mum and dad, and ask mum and dad to share what they learnt from Pastor's sermon too!

Direct link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jGx23RBSNLY>

9am – Livestream starts

Livestream link should be available by 8.55am latest.

1. CALL TO WORSHIP – Psalm 1

2. WORSHIP in SONG (with Alison Nicholas)

SONG 1: Before the throne of God above

SONG 2: Amazing Grace

3. Set response, based on Isaiah 61:1-3, Matthew 5:4, 6; Ephesians 1:3

Congregation to join Pastor Brian in saying the parts in bold.

We come to worship Christ
Who proclaims good news to the poor,
binds up the broken-hearted,
Who proclaims freedom for the captives
and brings the prisoner to liberation.

We come to worship Christ
Who comforts all who mourn,
Who bestows a crown of beauty instead of ashes,
the oil of joy Instead of mourning,
and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair.

We come to worship Christ
Who rebuilds us into oaks of righteousness
and plants us in Him
for the display of his splendour.

Jesus says:

Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

Praise be to God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ.

4. Prayers of intercession

- Persecuted Christians
- Educators
- Authorities and health care workers
- Pastors and church leaders

5. Bible reading: Matthew 5:1-12

5 Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, ² and he began to teach them.

He said:

³“Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴Blessed are those who mourn,
for they will be comforted.

⁵Blessed are the meek,
for they will inherit the earth.

⁶Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
for they will be filled.

⁷Blessed are the merciful,
for they will be shown mercy.

⁸Blessed are the pure in heart,
for they will see God.

⁹Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called children of God.

¹⁰Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹“Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. ¹² Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

SERMON OUTLINE: “Blessed are...” (Matt. 5:1-12)

All human beings want to be happy

Us – suspicious of happiness?

What does the Scriptures say?

What is the happy life, according to Jesus?

How Jesus begins his Sermon

“Blessed are...”!

Makarios = “blessed” (NIV, most English translations) = “happy”

Vending machine (mis)reading

Beatitudes are essentially d_____, not prescriptions!

3 images to describe this state of blessedness:

i. The sweet spot

1 Kings 10:8

Psalm 114:15

ii. The light of dawn

Isaiah 30:18

The beatitudes, while its focus is future, begins now

iii. The joyful mimic

Summary: what the beatitudes are

Invites us to live in such a way today...that makes sense in light of our future

The happy/blessed life Jesus describes

Jesus is describing one group of people

Signing on to Jesus Culture

1. Blessed are the poor in spirit

Not economically

Not beat-yourself-up

“Have mercy on me, a sinner”

Why this can be a struggle

2. Blessed are those who mourn

Not so much the sorrow of bereavement, but the sorrow of r_____

Carving out time for reflection

“Til sin be bitter, Christ will not be sweet”

Mourning over the state of the world

3. Blessed are the meek

Meekness is weakness?

The definition of meekness: Psalm 37

Requires great strength of character!

4. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness

5. Blessed are the merciful

6. Blessed are the pure in heart

7. Blessed are the peacemakers

Assumes conflict

About courage

8. Blessed are those persecuted for righteousness' sake

This is the good life!

Add them together, what sort of person will you get? = _____

Add together the end of the beatitudes, what do you get? = _____

Not live up to this, but live into this. *This is your culture.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Bibles and Books for Kids – quick reviews
- Webinar on gospel-centrality
- Giving
- Prayer Meeting

BENEDICTION

¹⁸ But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever! Amen.

- 2 Peter 3:18