KEC ORDER OF SERVICE/SERMON OUTLINE 20th March 2022 (KEC Hybrid Service)

The livestream can be accessed at <u>https://www.facebook.com/bemkec/live_videos/</u> or <u>https://youtube.com/bemkec/live</u>

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 – Revelation 19:4-9

2. Worship in SONG (with Daniel Langat):

SONG 1: Glorious Christ SONG 2: We are One SONG 3: Man of Sorrows SONG 4: O Praise the Name (Anastasis)

3. Prayers

4. Bible reading: 1 Corinthians 11:17-34

¹⁷ In the following directives I have no praise for you, for your meetings do more harm than good. ¹⁸ In the first place, I hear that when you come together as a church, there are divisions among you, and to some extent I believe it. ¹⁹ No doubt there have to be differences among you to show which of you have God's approval. ²⁰ So then, when you come together, it is not the Lord's Supper you eat, ²¹ for when you are eating, some of you go ahead with your own private suppers. As a result, one person remains hungry and another gets drunk. ²² Don't you have homes to eat and drink in? Or do you despise the church of God by humiliating those who have nothing? What shall I say to you? Shall I praise you? Certainly not in this matter!

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.

²⁷ So then, whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord. ²⁸ Everyone ought to examine themselves before they eat of the bread and drink from the cup. ²⁹ For those who eat and drink without discerning the body of Christ eat and drink judgment on themselves. ³⁰ That is why many among you are weak and sick, and a number of you have fallen asleep. ³¹ But if we were more discerning with regard to ourselves, we would not come under such

judgment. ³² Nevertheless, when we are judged in this way by the Lord, we are being disciplined so that we will not be finally condemned with the world. ³³ So then, my brothers and sisters, when you gather to eat, you should all eat together. ³⁴ Anyone who is hungry should eat something at home, so that when you meet together it may not result in judgment.

And when I come I will give further directions.

SERMON OUTLINE: Supper Fellowship (1 Corinthians 11:17-34)

Eating on your own vs sharing a meal

Coming together around a table

The Lord's table

How tragic if...

1. The surface issue: Supper Snobbery (v17-22)

"I have no praise for you..." (v.17)

Because "I hear that..." (v.18)

The historical context

The result (v.21b)

Social hierarchy? (v.19)

If you're going to argue that way... (v.20-22)

Is there any way we're like the Corinthians here, even if unintentionally?

2. The underlying problem: Gospel Gap (v23-26)

"For..." (v.23) - the linking word

What is the Lord's Supper about?

"This is my body..." (v.24)

Transubstantiation?

2 observations

Not just the events, but about its significance

Remember this

"...more than a mental exercise: it involves a realization of what is remembered." (F.F Bruce)

Proclamation (v.26)

Why we need this: because we are a very forgetful people!

What happens when the gospel no longer takes centre stage for a Christian?

3. The Remedy: Earnest Examination (v27-34)

Unworthy?!?

Remember the context!

Go sort it out, for otherwise... (v.29)

This is serious! (v.30)

Aim for this table to truly be a table of reconciliation, a sign of togetherness

Feed on him by faith

When Jesus comes, we'll really have a supper to remember then!

The Bread of Life & our table manners

RESPONSE: Behold the Lamb (Around the table of the King)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Connect cards
- Giving

| Home Fellowship Groups | English Youth Ministry | Sunday School |
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| Most groups have started | Our youth group meets | Our Sunday School is |
| meeting! (Usually | every Saturday evening at | currently still online (either |
| Thursday/Friday evenings). | church (Conference Room | live on Zoom/lessons |
| If you would like to register | 1), 8-9.30pm. | Whatsapped to parents – |
| your interest in joining a | If you're interested to come, | depending on age group). |
| Home Fellowship Group, | do let us know at | Please contact our deacon |
| please do so at | https://bemkec.my/english- | Abang Trang if you wish to |
| https://bemkec.my/home- | <u>youth-ministry/</u> | know more. |
| fellowship-groups/ | | |

| To pray for | | |
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| Christianity Explored, running every | Bible Overview class | |
| Thursday evening, 8pm, Zoom. It is a bit | Also running every Thursday evening, 8- | |
| late now to join in, but do keep praying for | 10pm, Zoom. Students, remember to read | |
| them! | your textbook before you come! | |

- Preaching next week: Dr. Ng Hoong Phak (1 Corinthians 12)
- Our **Prayer Meeting** is on this week, on **Wednesday, March 23rd, 8-9ish pm.** It is on Zoom until further notice.

CHURCH SERVICE, 27th March: Our capacity **has increased to** <u>160 people</u>, the maximum allowed under the latest SOP. Do be reassured that we have worked hard to maintain as safe an environment as possible!

Please do book early at <u>https://bemkec.my/booking/</u> to confirm your attendance. Bookings close on Saturday afternoon, 3pm.

| Who should attend in-person service | Who should attend online service | |
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| Those who have been fully vaccinated. (14 days from 2nd dose) Those who show no signs of being ill. | Those who are still waiting to be fully vaccinated. Those who are unwell or exhibiting symptoms such as fever, cough, flu. Those who are not boosted/are symptomatic who have been in close contact in the past week | |

BENEDICTION

⁵ May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you the same attitude of mind toward each other that Christ Jesus had, ⁶ so that with one mind and one voice you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

- Romans 15:5-6