

KEC ORDER OF SERVICE/SERMON OUTLINE 3rd January 2021 (KEC SERVICE - Hybrid)

Please take note that this Sunday's service begins at **8.30am**, not 9am.

KIDS VIDEO will be made available by 8am. The Bible tells us that God loves people so much, he sent Jesus to bring God's friendship to everyone who trusts him. This is wonderful news! In this week's video, we will see what Jesus did to make a way for people's friendship with God to be restored.

Direct link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cmVAe8CnQtU>

You can access the livestream at https://www.facebook.com/bemkec/live_videos/

Or on Youtube here: <https://youtube.com/bemkec/live>

8.30am – Livestream starts

Livestream link should be available by 8.25am latest.

1. CALL TO WORSHIP – Exodus 19:1-8

2. WORSHIP in SONG (with Alison Nicholas):

SONG 1: We Declare

SONG 2: O Church Arise

3. Time of Reflection and Confession

Heavenly Father,
You have loved us with an everlasting love,
But we have gone our own way,
And rejected your will for our lives.
We are sorry for our sins and turn away from them.
For the sake of your Son who died for us,
Forgive us, cleanse us, and change us.
By your Holy Spirit, enable us to love for you,
And to please you in every way;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

⁸ For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—⁹ not by works, so that no one can boast.

– Ephesians 2:8-9

4. Reflection Song: Behold the Lamb (around the table of the King)

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

- World
- Nation
- Church

7. Bible reading: 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

¹ Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes,
²To the church of God in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus and called to be his holy people, together with all those everywhere who call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ—their Lord and ours:

³ Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴ I always thank my God for you because of his grace given you in Christ Jesus. ⁵ For in him you have been enriched in every way—with all kinds of speech and with all knowledge—⁶ God thus confirming our testimony about Christ among you. ⁷ Therefore you do not lack any spiritual gift as you eagerly wait for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed. ⁸ He will also keep you firm to the end, so that you will be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹ God is faithful, who has called you into fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

SERMON OUTLINE: Who are we, really? (1 Cor. 1:1-9)

A church with many problems

- Lacking in community
- Lacking in humility
- Lacking in maturity

How would you fix such a church?

What Paul does: v.4

Not sweeping all the issues under the carpet

With his opening words, Paul begins pastoring them with rich theology

Who are we, really?

1. We are called by God to be holy

How we normally identify churches

What Paul does

Called by God – “sanctified”

Even the church in Corinth

“in Corinth” / “in Christ Jesus”

How do you see your fellow Christians?

“Called to be his holy people”

Fit for purpose

2. We are gifted by God with generosity

Grace

...more specifically...

The gifts Paul singles out

God's expression of grace, not reward

People who always say thank you

Easier to delight in the way God works in others

When was the last time you gave thanks for/to a fellow Christian?

"I can no longer condemn or hate a brother for whom I pray, no matter how much trouble he causes me. His face, that hitherto may have been strange and intolerable to me, is transformed in intercession into the countenance of a brother for whom Christ died, the face of a forgiven sinner. This is a happy discovery for the Christian who begins to pray for others." (Dietrich Bonhoeffer, *Life Together*)

Use whatever we've been given to help each other

3. Sustained by God for our destiny

What is our destiny? V.8

Remember who Paul is writing to!

The reason for such confidence

When you think you've already arrived...

People who "eagerly await"

*Centred on Christ alone

Response song: Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)

ANOUNCEMENTS

- Connect cards
- E100 Bible Reading Plan
- Life Explored with Paul Ling, starts **this Tuesday**, Jan 5th, 7.30pm at Travilion Commercial Centre. Sign up at <https://bemkec.my/lifeexplored>
- Impact AUS Conference Online: Sat, 2-5pm, 23 January 2021
- Upcoming webinars
- Giving
- Prayer Meeting – resumes Wed 6 Jan (on Zoom until further notice)

BENEDICTION

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- 1 Corinthians 1:4, 8-9