

KEC ORDER OF SERVICE/SERMON OUTLINE 27th March 2022 (KEC Hybrid Service)

The livestream can be accessed at

https://www.facebook.com/bemkec/live_videos/ or <https://youtube.com/bemkec/live>

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 – Joshua 24:14-18

2. Worship in SONG (with Joshua Baru):

SONG 1: Hosanna (Praise is Rising)

SONG 2: Let us be one voice

SONG 3: Great is the Lord

SONG 4: Build my Life

3. Prayers

4. Bible reading: 1 Corinthians 12:1-31

12 Now about the gifts of the Spirit, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. **2** You know that when you were pagans, somehow or other you were influenced and led astray to mute idols. **3** Therefore I want you to know that no one who is speaking by the Spirit of God says, "Jesus be cursed," and no one can say, "Jesus is Lord," except by the Holy Spirit.

4 There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. **5** There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. **6** There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work.

7 Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. **8** To one there is given through the Spirit a message of wisdom, to another a message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, **9** to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, **10** to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues,^[a] and to still another the interpretation of tongues.^[b] **11** All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he distributes them to each one, just as he determines.

12 Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. **13** For we were all baptized by^[c] one Spirit so as to form one body—whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink. **14** Even so the body is not made up of one part but of many.

15 Now if the foot should say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," it would not for that reason stop being part of the body. **16** And if the ear should say, "Because I

am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” it would not for that reason stop being part of the body. ¹⁷ If the whole body were an eye, where would the sense of hearing be? If the whole body were an ear, where would the sense of smell be? ¹⁸ But in fact God has placed the parts in the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be. ¹⁹ If they were all one part, where would the body be? ²⁰ As it is, there are many parts, but one body.

²¹ The eye cannot say to the hand, “I don’t need you!” And the head cannot say to the feet, “I don’t need you!” ²² On the contrary, those parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, ²³ and the parts that we think are less honorable we treat with special honor. And the parts that are unpresentable are treated with special modesty, ²⁴ while our presentable parts need no special treatment. But God has put the body together, giving greater honor to the parts that lacked it, ²⁵ so that there should be no division in the body, but that its parts should have equal concern for each other. ²⁶ If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it.

²⁷ Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it. ²⁸ And God has placed in the church first of all apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healing, of helping, of guidance, and of different kinds of tongues. ²⁹ Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? ³⁰ Do all have gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues^[d]? Do all interpret? ³¹ Now eagerly desire the greater gifts. And yet I will show you the most excellent way.

SERMON OUTLINE: One Body, Many Parts (1 Corinthians 12)

A gifted church. A divided church.

Purpose for this section: Do not be ignorant (v1)

The mark of the Spirits presence in their speech (v3).

The Christian confession. “Jesus is Lord”

Different gift, Different service, Different workings. One God at work. (v4-6)

Spiritual Gifts

- a. For the common good (v7)
- b. Every Christian gifted (v7, v11)
- c. One sovereign Spirit who distributes. (v11)
- d. Diversity of gifts (v7-10; 28; Rom 12:6-8; Eph 4:11, 1 Pe 4:10-11) - representatives

What are spiritual gifts? Some examples.

Spectacular and “supernatural”

Mundane – natural abilities, trained. Yielded to the Spirit. Transformed by Him.

Discovering your gift.

Unity in the midst of diversity. One Body Many Parts.

Comparing the church, the body of Christ with the human body. (v12-29)

Uniting a divided humanity. (v13)

Baptized by one Spirit into one body. Drinking of the same Spirit.

Body parts at war. (v15-21)

I do not belong (v15-16)

Body made up of only one part? (v17)

God's design (v18)

You do not belong. I don't need you. (v21)

Caring for weaker parts of the human body (v22-24). We don't throw them away!

The weaker parts are indispensable (v22)

God gives greater honour to the parts that lack honour (v24). Every member and every gift given is indispensable.

No division in the body. Equal concern. No matter what the giftings (v25-26).

One suffers, all suffer. One honoured, all rejoice.

Honouring each member and every type of gift.

A place for correction.

God structures the church. (v28)

There is no common gift that is given to all Christians (v29-30).

Desiring the greater gifts (v31)

The most excellent way. (v31)

Conclusion – <http://bemkec.my/serving/> (See also announcements below)

RESPONSE: We are One

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Connect cards**
- **Giving**
- **Good Friday service, 15th April, 8.30am. Preacher: Pastor Joshua Lee.**

- **Teh C Talk: “Hope in Times of Uncertainty”, 7.30pm, 16th April. Venue TBC.** Teh C Talks is an open event for anyone who are interested in exploring spiritual matters and what the Christian faith has to say about these matters. Stay tuned for more info! Sign up at <https://www.tinyurl.com/TCTApril22>
- Are you looking for **an opportunity to serve in church**? Log on to <https://bemkec.my/serving>, to learn about some ministries you could get involved in, and to sign up!
- Our **church library is open today** after service.
- Our **Prayer Meeting** is on this week, on **Wednesday, March 30th, 8-9ish pm**. It is on Zoom until further notice.

<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 Whatsapp to parents – depending on age group). Please contact our deacon Abang Trang if you wish to know more.</p>
<p><i>To pray for</i></p>		
<p>Christianity Explored, running every Thursday evening, 8pm, Zoom.</p>	<p>Bible Overview class Also running every Thursday evening, 8-10pm, Zoom.</p>	
<p>CHURCH SERVICE, 3rd April: Our capacity has increased to 160 people, 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 https://bemkec.my/booking/ to confirm your attendance. Bookings close on Saturday afternoon, 3pm. This is a Communion service. Please do bring some bread/cracker and water beforehand if you wish to participate.</p>		
<p><u>Who should attend in-person service</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Those who have been fully vaccinated. (14 days from 2nd dose) • Those who show no signs of being ill. • Children below 12 are allowed in the service as long as parents/guardians are fully vaccinated. 	<p><u>Who should attend online service</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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

²⁴No one should seek their own good, but the good of others... ³¹So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.

- 1 Corinthians 10:24, 31