

KEC ORDER OF SERVICE/SERMON OUTLINE 7th March 2021 (KEC SERVICE Online)

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

We will not be showing any new Kids' Church Videos for the moment. Please do join one of our Sunday School groups instead! Contact Abang Trang for more info.

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 – Isaiah 53:7-13

2. WORSHIP in SONG (with Silas Michael)

SONG 1: This is amazing grace

SONG 2: It's your blood that cleanses me

3. Time of Reflection and Confession

Have mercy on us, O God,
According to your steadfast love.
Wash us thoroughly from our iniquity,
And cleanse us from our sin.
For we know our transgressions,
And our sin is ever before us.
Against you, you only, have we sinned,
And done what is evil in your sight.
Create in us a clean heart, O God,
And renew a right spirit within us.
Cast us not away from your presence
But restore to us the joy of your salvation,
That we may offer our lives as a sacrifice of praise to you. Amen.

¹¹ And that is what some of you were. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ by the Spirit of our God.

– 1 Corinthians 6:11

4. Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy universal church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

5. Prayers

- World
- Nation
- Church

6. Bible reading: 1 Corinthians 6:1-11

6 If any of you has a dispute with another, do you dare to take it before the ungodly for judgment instead of before the Lord's people? ² Or do you not know that the Lord's people will judge the world? And if you are to judge the world, are you not competent to judge trivial cases? ³ Do you not know that we will judge angels? How much more the things of this life! ⁴ Therefore, if you have disputes about such matters, do you ask for a ruling from those whose way of life is scorned in the church? ⁵ I say this to shame you. Is it possible that there is nobody among you wise enough to judge a dispute between believers? ⁶ But instead, one brother takes another to court—and this in front of unbelievers!

⁷ The very fact that you have lawsuits among you means you have been completely defeated already. Why not rather be wronged? Why not rather be cheated? ⁸ Instead, you yourselves cheat and do wrong, and you do this to your brothers and sisters. ⁹ Or do you not know that wrongdoers will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: Neither the sexually immoral nor idolaters nor adulterers nor men who have sex with men^[a] ¹⁰ nor thieves nor the greedy nor drunkards nor slanderers nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God. ¹¹ And that is what some of you were. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.

SERMON OUTLINE: The fractured body (1 Corinthians 6:1-11)

Not living up the name

Disputes

How gospel-centred communities handle disputes

**Gospel-centred communities
...don't resort to avenues that are ungodly**

The problem: dragging each other to the secular courts (v.6-7)

Not criminal matters

Why is this so distressing?

Verse 1: the “ungodly” / “unrighteous”

The Roman civil law system – corrupt

How dare you?
Fundamentally anti-gospel!

Reconciliation

The gospel not shaping their practice

Application

- The more obvious implication: don't go to pagan courts to settle conflicts between Christians

- The less obvious implication: be careful in how we leverage the power we might have

...judge in light of their future reality

OT background (Deut. 1:16-17, 16:19-20)

Another reason: our future reality (v.2-3)

Gospel-centred communities as places of peacemaking and mediation

True peace comes only if we are willing to work through conflict, not tiptoe around it

...are willing to suffer injury

Whoever wins, we all lose! (v.7a)

What's the remedy?

*The gospel pressed into your life – v.7b

Exceptions?

Look at your Saviour and Lord – 1 Peter 2:23

In the end, why would you, a Christian, want to do this?

What is the story of this world/your life?

“This is what some of you were”

***...rest in Jesus Christ, who has given us a new autobiography**

Response: There is a fountain filled with blood

ANOUNCEMENTS

- Connect cards
- Giving
- Bible Overview Class – don't forget to do your readings each week!
- *Putting Parenting to bed*: This video-based parenting course starts Sunday 14th March for 6 weeks, 10.30-11.30am, Zoom. Facilitators: Ong Chin Yin and Lynn Ngui. Limited spaces. Please register at <https://bemkec.my/parentingtobed>. Please pick up your participants booklet from Yee Li during office hours this coming week.
- Prayer Meeting – on Zoom until further notice

BENEDICTION

¹¹ Finally, brothers and sisters, rejoice! Strive for full restoration, encourage one another, be of one mind, live in peace. And the God of love and peace will be with you.

- 2 Corinthians 13:11