

KEC ORDER OF SERVICE/SERMON OUTLINE 7th February 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 even in suffering, God works for the good of those who love him. Let's find out more!

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 – Psalm 15

2. WORSHIP in SONG (with Silas Michael)

SONG 1: Here I am to worship

SONG 2: Majesty (Here I am)

3. Time of Reflection and Confession

**Almighty God,
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
Creator of everything, Judge of everyone,
We admit that we have sinned against you
In thought, speech and action,
And deserve your just punishment.
We truly repent and are sorry for what we have done.
Have mercy on us, merciful Father.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us,
Forgive us all that is past,
And enable us to serve and please you in a fresh way,
To the glory of your name. Amen.**

³⁰ It is because of him that you are in Christ Jesus, who has become for us wisdom from God—that is, our righteousness, holiness and redemption.

– 1 Corinthians 1:30

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 4:1-17

4 This, then, is how you ought to regard us: as servants of Christ and as those entrusted with the mysteries God has revealed. **2** Now it is required that those who have been given a trust must prove faithful. **3** I care very little if I am judged by you or by any human court; indeed, I do not even judge myself. **4** My conscience is clear, but that does not make me innocent. It is the Lord who judges me. **5** Therefore judge nothing before the appointed time; wait until the Lord comes. He will bring to light what is hidden in darkness and will expose the motives of the heart. At that time each will receive their praise from God.

6 Now, brothers and sisters, I have applied these things to myself and Apollos for your benefit, so that you may learn from us the meaning of the saying, “Do not go beyond what is written.” Then you will not be puffed up in being a follower of one of us over against the other. **7** For who makes you different from anyone else? What do you have that you did not receive? And if you did receive it, why do you boast as though you did not?

8 Already you have all you want! Already you have become rich! You have begun to reign—and that without us! How I wish that you really had begun to reign so that we also might reign with you! **9** For it seems to me that God has put us apostles on display at the end of the procession, like those condemned to die in the arena. We have been made a spectacle to the whole universe, to angels as well as to human beings. **10** We are fools for Christ, but you are so wise in Christ! We are weak, but you are strong! You are honored, we are dishonored! **11** To this very hour we go hungry and thirsty, we are in rags, we are brutally

treated, we are homeless. ¹² We work hard with our own hands. When we are cursed, we bless; when we are persecuted, we endure it; ¹³ when we are slandered, we answer kindly. We have become the scum of the earth, the garbage of the world—right up to this moment.

¹⁴ I am writing this not to shame you but to warn you as my dear children. ¹⁵ Even if you had ten thousand guardians in Christ, you do not have many fathers, for in Christ Jesus I became your father through the gospel. ¹⁶ Therefore I urge you to imitate me. ¹⁷ For this reason I have sent to you Timothy, my son whom I love, who is faithful in the Lord. He will remind you of my way of life in Christ Jesus, which agrees with what I teach everywhere in every church.

SERMON OUTLINE: Follow the fool (1 Corinthians 4:1-17)

That job interview question

How should you answer?

Recap

How would we know if our church is a truly cross-shaped church?

❖ What are we looking for in our leaders?

3 qualities cross-shaped leaders should have

1. Cross-shaped leaders serve as cross-shaped messengers (v.1-7)

Servants

Stewards of the gospel

Faithfulness over flashiness

Accountable to his Master, not anyone else

Supported to do what *God* wants

How am I stewarding the gospel?

God will judge

Stop looking for leaders who you think will simply make you look impressive

People who do not go beyond what is written

2. Cross-shaped leaders live a cross-shaped life (v.8-13)

The tone

How the Corinthians were regarding themselves

Popping the balloon

A problem of timing

The sort of leaders you look for

Consider the apostles

The prisoners of war

How would you feel?

Cross-shaped leaders will lead cross-shaped lives

The apostolic pattern

3. Cross-shaped leaders provide models for cross-shaped followers (v.14-17)

Father

“Therefore I urge you to imitate me” (v.16)

Uncomfortable?

We learn not just by listening, but by watching

Some final takeaways

Response: O The Wonderful Cross (When I survey)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Connect cards
- Giving
- Life Explored with Paul Ling, continues on Zoom until further notice.
- Bible Overview Class, begins Saturday, Feb 27, 2021, 10.30am-12.30pm for 10 weeks. This will take place on Zoom. Register at <http://bit.ly/2021T1BOBEMKuching>
- HFGs restart Friday Feb 19th
- Prayer Meeting – on Zoom until further notice

BENEDICTION

⁵⁸ Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.

- 1 Corinthians 15:58