

KEC ORDER OF SERVICE/SERMON OUTLINE 10th July 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 – Hebrews 12:22-29

2. Worship in SONG (with Alison Nicholas):

SONG 1: Only a Holy God

SONG 2: You are beautiful beyond description (I stand in awe)

SONG 3: How Great Thou Art

3. Presentation of Missions budget

By our assistant Treasurer Leonard Sia

4. Prayers

5. Song: Speak O Lord

6. Bible reading: Ecclesiastes 5:1-7

5 Guard your steps when you go to the house of God. Go near to listen rather than to offer the sacrifice of fools, who do not know that they do wrong.

2 Do not be quick with your mouth,
do not be hasty in your heart
to utter anything before God.

God is in heaven
and you are on earth,
so let your words be few.

3 A dream comes when there are many cares,
and many words mark the speech of a fool.

4 When you make a vow to God, do not delay to fulfill it. He has no pleasure in fools; fulfill your vow. **5** It is better not to make a vow than to make one and not fulfill it. **6** Do not let your mouth lead you into sin. And do not protest to the temple messenger, "My vow was a mistake." Why should God be angry at what you say and destroy the work of your hands? **7** Much dreaming and many words are meaningless. Therefore fear God.

SERMON OUTLINE: Let my words be few (Ecclesiastes 5:1-7)

Warning signs

‘Sometimes I think that all religious sites should be posted with signs reading, “Beware the God.” The places and occasions that people gather to attend to God are dangerous. They’re glorious places and occasions, true, but they’re also dangerous. Danger signs should be conspicuously placed, as they are at nuclear power stations. Religion is the death of some people.’

- Eugene Peterson, *Leap over a Wall*

Why?

The prophet Amos tells us

The Teacher in Ecclesiastes knows this too, hence, a warning sign!

For churchgoers

The house of God

How should we guard our steps?

1. Listen attentively (v.1)

True worship begins not with... , but with...

How it’s always been (eg. Deut. 4:10, 18:15-17, Mark 9:7)

Listening vs sacrificing

Are you a fool?

How should we listen well?

2. Speak carefully (v.2-3)

Don't be rash with your words!

Why not?

Who then are you, my God?...Most high, utterly good, utterly powerful, most omnipotent, most merciful and most just, deeply hidden yet most intimately present, perfection of both beauty and strength, stable and incomprehensible, immutable and yet changing all things, never new, never old, making everything new...always active, always in repose, gathering to yourself but not in need, supporting and filling and protecting, creating and nurturing and bringing to maturity, searching even though to you nothing is lacking: you love without burning..." - Augustine, *Confessions I.IV*

He hears...

He knows!

Ecclesiastes 5:3 cf. Prov. 17:27

How can we speak carefully?

- Don't babble (Matt. 6:7-8; Prov. 18:2)

- Don't misrepresent (eg. Job 42:3-8)

3. Live without duplicity (v.4-7)

Do what we say! (cf. Deut. 23:21-23)

Danger of being overly casual (cf. Matt. 12:36-37)

Live such that when people look at you, what they see is what they get

Remember *our Father* in heaven

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Connect cards**
- **Giving**
- The next **Church Council Meeting** will be held on **Tuesday, 19th July, 8pm.**
- **Advance Notice:** Our **AGM** will be held on **Sunday, 31st July, 10.30am-12.30pm.**
- The **Klang Valley Bible Conference 2022** is back! It will run from **Monday to Wednesday, August 1-3, 8.15pm nightly** and will also be livestreamed. This year, Dr. Peter Jensen (former principal of Moore College and retired Archbishop of Sydney) will be giving 3 talks on the theme of *'Dying Well'*. For more information, go to: <https://kvbctrust.org/events/kvbc-bible-conference/> Register at: <https://bit.ly/KVBC2022>
- **KVBC NextGen** is also taking place online from **August 31-September 3!** This training conference, aimed at 18-35 year olds, equips the next generation of Christian leaders to handle and teach the Word well. Find out more and register at <https://nextgen.kvbctrust.org>. You may also speak to our very own Pastor Brian, national chair of KVBC NextGen, to find out more!
- **Hospital Lam Wah Ee (Penang)** is currently recruiting candidates for their 3-year sponsored diploma nursing programme for the September 2022 intake. Recruitment interviews for East Malaysian candidates will be conducted via Zoom. Interested candidates may apply at <https://www.hlwe.edu.my/applicationform/>, or contact Ms Faridah at 04-6528874.
- Our **Wednesday Night Prayer Meetings** will begin meeting online and in person starting in July. The first two Wednesdays of each month will take place on Zoom, while the other Wednesdays will take place in-person. This is in part so that those who wish to participate but are unable to come in person are still able to do so. This Wednesday, our **Prayer Meeting** will be on Zoom, **8-9.10pm.**
- The **Church Library** is **open** today, after service.
- **Preaching next week: Paul Ling.**

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/	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/	Sunday School Please see below
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Sunday School S.O.Ps

- 1.1 Face Masks** will be mandatory for teachers, helpers and children. Exemptions will be given to children with special needs/respiratory problems (with supporting medical report).
- 1.2 Physical Distancing** will still be encouraged.
- 1.3 Singing:** Initially, the Sunday School will not have their own singing session. Children are required to stay with their parents in the main hall during the singing, before going to their respective classes. This will be reviewed as the need arises.
- 1.4 Positive, symptomatic and close contact cases.** Any teacher, helper and child who falls under any of the above should not attend Sunday school. Teachers and helpers who are unable to attend are required to inform their respective Class Coordinator as soon as possible so that replacements can be arranged.
- 1.5 Food and drinks** will not allowed in the classrooms.
- 1.6 Hand, Foot and Mouth Disease (HFMD)** - Parents are to ensure that your child is not HFMD symptomatic or positive before sending them to Sunday school.

1. SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSROOMs

Sunday school lessons will be held in the classrooms located in the Apartment Block as follows:

- 1.1 Group 1 (Children ages 3-4): Conference Room 1, 1st Floor.
- 1.2 Group 2 (Children ages 5-6): Room K1, Ground Floor.
- 1.3 Group 3 (Children ages 7-9 i.e. Primary 1 to 3): Room 2B, Ground Floor.
- 1.4 Group 4 (Children ages 10-12 i.e. Primary 4 to 6): Conference Room 2, 1st Floor.

If your child is below 3 years old, please do not send them to Sunday School but utilise the creche instead.

BENEDICTION

God is in heaven
and you are on earth,
so let your words be few.

- Ecclesiastes 5:2b

COFFEE QUESTIONS

- “My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to become angry.” (James 1:19). Do you listen well, whether to God or to others? Or are you quick to speak?
- What is your attitude as you come to worship with others on a Sunday? Are there any ways in which you have become overly casual towards God?
- Consider how God knows you fully and completely in every way. If you are trusting in Jesus, consider also your status in him. How might that help you to live without duplicity?