

KEC ORDER OF SERVICE/SERMON OUTLINE 19th December 2021 (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 – Deuteronomy 10:12-22; 30:6

2. WORSHIP in SONG (with Daniel Langat):

SONG 1: Hark the herald angels sing

SONG 2: The First Noel

SONG 3: Salvation belongs to our God

3. Prayers

4a. Interview with guest speaker

4b. Bible reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:12-28

¹² Now we ask you, brothers and sisters, to acknowledge those who work hard among you, who care for you in the Lord and who admonish you. ¹³ Hold them in the highest regard in love because of their work. Live in peace with each other. ¹⁴ And we urge you, brothers and sisters, warn those who are idle and disruptive, encourage the disheartened, help the weak, be patient with everyone. ¹⁵ Make sure that nobody pays back wrong for wrong, but always strive to do what is good for each other and for everyone else.

¹⁶ Rejoice always, ¹⁷ pray continually, ¹⁸ give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

¹⁹ Do not quench the Spirit. ²⁰ Do not treat prophecies with contempt ²¹ but test them all; hold on to what is good, ²² reject every kind of evil.

²³ May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. ²⁴ The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do it.

²⁵ Brothers and sisters, pray for us. ²⁶ Greet all God's people with a holy kiss. ²⁷ I charge you before the Lord to have this letter read to all the brothers and sisters.

²⁸ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

Sermon outline: Together, in God we hope (1 Thessalonians 5:12-28)

Standing firm in hope as God's church

1. How to treat those who lead us (12-13)
2. How to treat one another in church (14-15)
3. How to relate to God (16-18)
4. How to treat God's Word (19-21; 27)
5. Hoping in a faithful God (23-24)

Response: He will hold me fast

ANOUNCEMENTS

- **Connect cards**
- **Giving**
- The total amount collected for the Kuching Daerah last Sunday is RM1200.
- Our youth deacon, Joshua Baru, is stepping down from his position at the end of this month, along with Melissa Ann Liew, who is also finishing her term as a youth leader. We wish to express our appreciation for their service over the years. We also wish to record our appreciation to Jeremy Ng, who will step in as the English Youth Ministry (EYM) co-ordinator, in the interim.
- **Christmas service (Dec 25th): A weary world rejoices** – We will have a hybrid service this year on **Saturday evening, 8-9pm**. We'll have some carols to sing together (with a live band!), a few Bible readings and a short talk to remember why Christmas is still joyful, even in 2021. The usual SOPS apply. Please feel free to invite your non-Christian friends and family! Register at <https://bemkec.my/christmas>.
- **Our Sunday service (Dec 26th)** will be on as usual next Sunday, 8.30-10am.
- Advance Notice: We'll be having **two church history webinars** on Friday evenings, Jan 21st and 28th. Stay tuned for more info!
- Our **Wednesday Prayer Meeting** is **on break** for the remainder of the year.

CHURCH SERVICE, 26th DECEMBER: Our capacity remains at 100 people, the maximum allowed under the current 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.

Who should attend in-person service

- Those who have been fully vaccinated. (14 days from 2nd dose)
- Those who are above 12 years old.
- Those who show no signs of being ill.

Who should attend online service

- Those who are still waiting to be fully vaccinated.
- Those who are 12 years old and below.
- Those who are unwell or exhibiting symptoms such as fever, cough, flu.
- Those who have been in close contact with a positive case.

BENEDICTION

¹¹ Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus clear the way for us to come to you. ¹² May the Lord make your love increase and overflow for each other and for everyone else, just as ours does for you. ¹³ May he strengthen your hearts so that you will be blameless and holy in the presence of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus comes with all his holy ones.

- 1 Thessalonians 3:11-13