

KEC ORDER OF SERVICE/SERMON OUTLINE 12th 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 – Malachi 3:16-4:3

2. WORSHIP in SONG (with Alison Nicholas):

SONG 1: Joy to the World

SONG 2: Come thou long expected Jesus

3. Prayers

4. Bible reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

⁵ Now, brothers and sisters, about times and dates we do not need to write to you, ² for you know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. ³ While people are saying, "Peace and safety," destruction will come on them suddenly, as labor pains on a pregnant woman, and they will not escape.

⁴ But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness so that this day should surprise you like a thief. ⁵ You are all children of the light and children of the day. We do not belong to the night or to the darkness. ⁶ So then, let us not be like others, who are asleep, but let us be awake and sober. ⁷ For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, get drunk at night. ⁸ But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, putting on faith and love as a breastplate, and the hope of salvation as a helmet. ⁹ For God did not appoint us to suffer wrath but to receive salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. ¹⁰ He died for us so that, whether we are awake or asleep, we may live together with him. ¹¹ Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.

Sermon outline: Keep awake! (1 Thessalonians 5:1-11)

1. The Reality of the End

What the day of the Lord is

The timing of Christ's return

The suddenness of Christ's return

2. Responding to the End

Children of the day and those in darkness

To be awake is to be at war

Faith, love & hope - Christian war armour

3. Certainty till the End

Christ is our sure hope

Gospel community works!

Response: We belong to the day

ANOUNCEMENTS

- **Connect cards**
- **Giving**
- The total amount collected for the Lhaovo Bible School in Myanmar over the last two weeks is RM17,570. Thank you for your support!
- **Offering for Kuching Daerah.** We are taking a special offering for the General Fund of the Kuching Daerah of our denomination, BEM. This offering will be for the full-time workers and admin staff of the Daerah, which is facing some financial challenges during this pandemic. If you would like to give via online banking, please put as your reference: DAERAH.
- **Preaching next Sunday: Michael Woo.** (1 Thessalonians 5:12-28)
- **Advent/Christmas devotionals for sale:** “Fixated”, an undated devotional by Tim Chester taking you through Hebrews 1-4, is on sale for RM20 each at the back of the hall this morning. You can also reserve a copy and collect from our church admin, Julie Kong, during office hours. Limited copies.
- **Christmas service (Dec 25th): A weary world rejoices** – We will have a hybrid service this year on **Saturday evening**, 8-9pm. The usual SOPs apply. Do join us!
- **Our library is open today, after service.**
- **Our Final Prayer Meeting** for the year is on this week. Do come!

CHURCH SERVICE, 19th 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

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.

- 1 Thessalonians 5:23-24