

## **KEC ORDER OF SERVICE/SERMON OUTLINE 6<sup>th</sup> February 2022 (KEC Hybrid Service)**

The livestream can be accessed at

[https://www.facebook.com/bemkec/live\\_videos/](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 – Isaiah 43:16-21**

#### **2. Worship in SONG (with Bobby Langat):**

SONG 1: Lord I lift your name on high

SONG 2: We declare

SONG 3: Jesus, Beautiful Saviour

### **3. Time of Reflection and Confession**

Heavenly Father,  
You have loved us with an everlasting love,  
but we have gone our own way,  
and rejected your will for our lives.  
We are sorry for our sins and turn away from them.  
For the sake of your Son who died for us,  
forgive us, cleanse us, and change us.  
By your Holy Spirit, enable us to love for you,  
and to please you in every way;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

<sup>18</sup> For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. – 1 Peter 3:18a

### **4. Reflection Song: There is a Fountain filled with blood**

#### **5. The Lord's Supper**

<sup>23</sup> For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, <sup>24</sup> and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me." <sup>25</sup> In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me." <sup>26</sup> For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

### **6. Prayers**

**7. Bible reading: 1 Peter 2:9-12 (for context, v6-8 is included below, although it will not be read out)**

<sup>6</sup> For in Scripture it says:

“See, I lay a stone in Zion,  
a chosen and precious cornerstone,  
and the one who trusts in him  
will never be put to shame.”<sup>[a]</sup>

<sup>7</sup> Now to you who believe, this stone is precious. But to those who do not believe,

“The stone the builders rejected  
has become the cornerstone,”<sup>[b]</sup>

<sup>8</sup> and,

“A stone that causes people to stumble  
and a rock that makes them fall.”<sup>[c]</sup>

They stumble because they disobey the message—which is also what they were destined for.

<sup>9</sup> But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. <sup>10</sup> Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

<sup>11</sup> Dear friends, I urge you, as foreigners and exiles, to abstain from sinful desires, which wage war against your soul. <sup>12</sup> Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us.

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**CHURCH: RESET – SIGNPOSTING**

Perpetual identity crisis

“Who should we be?”

Recap of series

*Who does God ultimately want us to be?*

“But you...” (v.9a)

In the middle of a conversation. So what did we miss?

The list (v.9)

These descriptions did not come out of nowhere

*"A chosen people"*

[Isaiah 43:20](#)

*"God's special possession" (more literally "a people for God's special possession")*

We are not our own

*"royal priesthood"*

The role of a priest

*"holy nation"*

[We are set apart.](#)

[Setting apart is different from setting ASIDE.](#)

[Not separated from others.](#)

[A display people](#)

[We are not set apart FROM the world, but for the world, showing the glory of the Lord.](#)

The reason for our existence (v.10b)

The intended audience

The inescapably verbal element

How can we declare his praises?

Bringing all this together

The culmination of who Israel is meant to be

► **We are meant to be a beloved signpost to God in this world**

Peter now urges us to act as that signpost!

Because we're "foreigners and exiles" (v.11)

Pressure to assimilate

2 things we should do:

i. fight sin (v.11)

ii. live lives of goodness (v.12)

on evangelism

The two temptations:

- Not be distinctive
- Not be visible

What if we've blown it?

→ Remember verse 10

Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

Who do we want to be?

## Response: Mighty to save

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Connect cards**
- **Giving**
- **Next sermon series: The Building Project (1 Corinthians 8-14)**
- Our **mission partner**, Genevieve Wong, will be with us next week, and will give us an update on her work.
- Our **Home Fellowship Groups** will begin running again from **Friday, February 18<sup>th</sup>**. Your individual leaders should be in touch with you. If you would like to register your interest in joining a Home Fellowship Group, please do so at <https://bemkec.my/home-fellowship-groups/>
- **Teh C Talk: “Why Can’t God just love everyone?”**, with **Pastor Brian & Paul Ling**. **7.30pm, Saturday February 12<sup>th</sup>, at Re:Grub Kuching/Noir Bar**. Teh C Talks is an open event for anyone who are interested in exploring spiritual matters and what the Christian faith has to say about these matters. This event starts with a 15 minute presentation, followed by Q&A. Perhaps there is a non-Christian you know whom you could invite along? Come enjoy a night with free food and fun conversation! Sign up at <https://www.tinyurl.com/TCTFEB22>
- The next **Christianity Explored** is scheduled to begin on **Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup> Feb, on Zoom**. Is there someone you can prayerfully invite to come along? Look for the latest updates and registration info at <https://bemkec.my/christianity-explored/>.
- We will be running the **Bible Overview class** (part of the Equip Certificate in Theology), every Thursday evening, 8-10pm, for 10 weeks, starting on **3<sup>rd</sup> March, on Zoom**. This is a great opportunity to understand how the Bible fits together as one big story, and how it all points to Jesus! Course Fees: RM160 (Normal), RM110 (Concession). Register at <https://register.equip.org.my/civicrm/event/info?reset=1&id=1221>.
- **Gospel fluency: speaking the gospel with precision and ease. Speaker: Kevin Murphy. Saturday, 26<sup>th</sup> Feb, 10am-12pm, on Zoom**. How can we talk to others about Jesus? How can we learn to speak the truth in love, into the everyday stuff of life? Come and learn, by registering for this free webinar at <https://gospelcitynetwork.com/gospel-bungkus/>.
- Our **membership briefing** for all who have recently returned their registration forms is tentatively scheduled for **Sunday, Feb 20<sup>th</sup>, 2-4pm**, at church (exact room to be confirmed). Please confirm your attendance with our administrator, Julie Kong.
- Our **Prayer Meeting** is on this week, on **Wednesday, Feb 9<sup>th</sup>, 8-9ish pm**. It is on Zoom until further notice.

**CHURCH SERVICE, 13<sup>th</sup> February:** Our capacity **has increased to 160 people**, the maximum allowed under the latest 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 2<sup>nd</sup> dose)
- 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 unwell or exhibiting symptoms such as fever, cough, flu.
- Those who have been in close contact with a positive case.

**BENEDICTION**

<sup>19</sup> Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup> and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

- Matthew 28:19-20