

KEC ORDER OF SERVICE/SERMON OUTLINE 5th 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 – Isaiah 26:12-19

2. WORSHIP in SONG (with Emmy Baru):

SONG 1: This I Believe (The Creed)

SONG 2: Anastasis (O Praise the Name)

3. Time of Reflection and Confession

Merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed.
We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength;
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
In your mercy,
forgive what we have been,
help us amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be,
so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

⁴But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, ⁵made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved. ⁶And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus – Ephesians 2:4-6

4. Reflection Song: Come behold the wondrous mystery

5. The Lord's Supper

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

6. Prayers

7. Bible reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

¹³ Brothers and sisters, we do not want you to be uninformed about those who sleep in death, so that you do not grieve like the rest of mankind, who have no hope. ¹⁴ For we believe that Jesus died and rose again, and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him. ¹⁵ According to the Lord's word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep. ¹⁶ For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷ After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever. ¹⁸ Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Sermon outline: Grieve in hope (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18)

A topic we do not want to talk about

How should you respond?

The questions that trouble the Thessalonian believers

Ignorance of God's Word brings confusion (4:13, 15)

Death is Sleep (4:13, 14, 15, John 11:11-14)

- Our bodies sleep but our spirits are with the Lord (2 Corinthians 5:8)

A place for grief (John 11:35)

- Let the heart catch up with the head

What we believe (4:14, 1 Corinthians 15:1-4)

- Death
- Resurrection
- Second Coming of Jesus
 - o Personally (4:16, John 14:1-3),
 - o Publicly (4:16, John 5:28, 1 Corinthians 15:52-55)
 - o Gathering of Believers (4:17)

Charles Wesley said, "Our People Die Well."

Encourage each other with this Hope we have in Christ (4:18)

Hopeless End or Endless Hope

Response: Resurrecting

ANOUNCEMENTS

- **Connect cards**
- **Giving**
- There will be a **special collection** taken up this Sunday for Lhaovo Bible School in Myanmar, whom we have supported for several years. They require help to build a water tower and to complete a men's dormitory and toilets.
Target amount: RM14, 400. Collected as of Saturday (Dec 4th): RM3840.
If you would like to give via online banking, please put as the reference: MYANMAR
- **Preaching next Sunday: Wong Yi Khen.** (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18)
- **Leave:** Pr Brian will be on leave from December 6th – December 10th
- **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.** Do join us!
- **Our library will be open again next Sunday, after service.**
- **Prayer Meeting** this Wednesday is on this week.

CHURCH SERVICE, 12th 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

³⁸ For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons,^[a] neither the present nor the future, nor any powers,³⁹ neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

- Romans 8:38-39