

KEC ORDER OF SERVICE/SERMON OUTLINE 6th March 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 – Psalm 138

2. Worship in SONG (with Jeremy Ng):

SONG 1: God is great

SONG 2: God Omniscient, God All-knowing (NEW SONG)

SONG 3: God the Uncreated One (King Forevermore)

SONG 4: O Lord my Rock and my Redeemer

3. Prayers

4. Bible reading: 1 Corinthians 10:14-11:1

¹⁴ Therefore, my dear friends, flee from idolatry. ¹⁵ I speak to sensible people; judge for yourselves what I say. ¹⁶ Is not the cup of thanksgiving for which we give thanks a participation in the blood of Christ? And is not the bread that we break a participation in the body of Christ? ¹⁷ Because there is one loaf, we, who are many, are one body, for we all share the one loaf.

¹⁸ Consider the people of Israel: Do not those who eat the sacrifices participate in the altar? ¹⁹ Do I mean then that food sacrificed to an idol is anything, or that an idol is anything? ²⁰ No, but the sacrifices of pagans are offered to demons, not to God, and I do not want you to be participants with demons. ²¹ You cannot drink the cup of the Lord and the cup of demons too; you cannot have a part in both the Lord's table and the table of demons. ²² Are we trying to arouse the Lord's jealousy? Are we stronger than he?

²³ "I have the right to do anything," you say—but not everything is beneficial. "I have the right to do anything"—but not everything is constructive. ²⁴ No one should seek their own good, but the good of others.

²⁵ Eat anything sold in the meat market without raising questions of conscience, ²⁶ for, "The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it."^[a]

²⁷ If an unbeliever invites you to a meal and you want to go, eat whatever is put before you without raising questions of conscience. ²⁸ But if someone says to you, "This has been offered in sacrifice," then do not eat it, both for the sake of the one who told you and for the sake of conscience. ²⁹ I am referring to the other person's conscience, not yours. For why is

my freedom being judged by another's conscience? ³⁰ If I take part in the meal with thankfulness, why am I denounced because of something I thank God for?

³¹ So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God. ³² Do not cause anyone to stumble, whether Jews, Greeks or the church of God— ³³ even as I try to please everyone in every way. For I am not seeking my own good but the good of many, so that they may be saved. **11** ¹ Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ.

a. *1 Corinthians 10:26 Psalm 24:1*

SERMON OUTLINE: Glorifying God with our freedom (1 Cor. 10:14-11:1)

Christians are free!

But freedom never stands alone

What should Christians use their freedom for?

Flow of 1 Corinthians 8-10 so far

Today: yes, back to idol food, but also Paul wrapping up the argument

1. Demonstrate covenant loyalty (10:14-22)

An appeal (v.14-15)

A tale of two tables (v.21) – and you can't eat and drink at both!

Eating here = more than just chewing and swallowing

“Participation” = *koinonia* = fellowship, sharing in, communion

What do Christians participate in when they eat at the Lord's Table together? (v.16-17)

Consistent with OT understanding (v.18)

If so, what are you doing when you're consuming food on a pagan altar?

An objection (v.19)

The spiritual significance (v.20)

No middle road

Application for today

2. Display Christ to your community (10:23-30)

"I have the right to do anything"? In one sense, yes!

One common scenario (v.25-27)

You're really free!

But...our freedom is never for ourselves (v.23-24)

Don't just flee, but build

How that works out in area of idol food (v.28)

Display Christ to your community

Concluding exhortation: Do everything for God's glory! (10:31-11:1)

How can we do so? A few questions to ask:

- ▶ Does the Bible say no to a certain action?
But what about the actions that aren't black-and white?
- ▶ What is the effect of this action on other Christians?
- ▶ Will this action put on display the gospel to non-Christians?
- ▶ Will this action help show where my loyalties lie?

Seated at His Table

5. Prayer of Reflection and Confession

Almighty God,
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
Creator of everything, Judge of everyone,
We admit that we have sinned against you
In thought, speech and action,
And deserve your just punishment.
We truly repent and are sorry for what we have done.
Have mercy on us, merciful Father.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us,
Forgive us all that is past,
And enable us to serve and please you in a fresh way,
To the glory of your name. Amen.

¹¹And that is what some of you were. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.

- 1 Corinthians 6:11

6. The Lord's Supper. SONG: Behold the Lamb (Around the table of the King)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Connect cards**
- **Giving**

<p>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/</p>	<p>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/</p>	<p>Sunday School Our Sunday School is currently still online (either live on Zoom/lessons Whatsapp to parents – depending on age group). Please contact our deacon Abang Trang if you wish to know more.</p>
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- Our **Ladies Fellowship** (every Wed morning, 10am-12pm) and **Mum & Bubs Bible study group** (for stay-at-home mums; every Friday morning, 9.30-10.30am) are running on Zoom. If you're interested to join, please contact Esther Ng (Ladies Fellowship) or Chin Yin (Mum & Bubs).
- **Christianity Explored** is running every **Thursday, 8pm, on Zoom**. It's not too late to invite someone along. Register at <https://bemkec.my/christianity-explored/>.
- The **Bible Overview class** (part of the Equip Certificate in Theology), runs every **Thursday evening, 8-10pm**, for 10 weeks, **on Zoom**. Remember to collect/read your textbooks if you haven't already!
- Our **Prayer Meeting** is on this week, on **Wednesday, March 9th, 8-9ish pm**. It is on Zoom until further notice.

CHURCH SERVICE, 13th March: 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 2nd 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 are not boosted/are symptomatic who have been in close contact in the past week

Closing song: To God be the glory

BENEDICTION

³¹ So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.

- 1 Corinthians 10:31