

KEC ORDER OF SERVICE/SERMON OUTLINE 24th April 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 – Isaiah 45:18-25

2. Worship in SONG (with Daniel Langat):

SONG 1: My Redeemer Lives

SONG 2: Creation Awaits

SONG 3: Living hope

SONG 4: Because he lives

3. Prayers

4. Bible reading: 1 Corinthians 15:35-49

³⁵ But someone will ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body will they come?" ³⁶ How foolish! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. ³⁷ When you sow, you do not plant the body that will be, but just a seed, perhaps of wheat or of something else. ³⁸ But God gives it a body as he has determined, and to each kind of seed he gives its own body. ³⁹ Not all flesh is the same: People have one kind of flesh, animals have another, birds another and fish another. ⁴⁰ There are also heavenly bodies and there are earthly bodies; but the splendor of the heavenly bodies is one kind, and the splendor of the earthly bodies is another. ⁴¹ The sun has one kind of splendor, the moon another and the stars another; and star differs from star in splendor.

⁴² So will it be with the resurrection of the dead. The body that is sown is perishable, it is raised imperishable; ⁴³ it is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory; it is sown in weakness, it is raised in power; ⁴⁴ it is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body.

If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual body. ⁴⁵ So it is written: "The first man Adam became a living being"^[1]; the last Adam, a life-giving spirit. ⁴⁶ The spiritual did not come first, but the natural, and after that the spiritual. ⁴⁷ The first man was of the dust of the earth; the second man is of heaven. ⁴⁸ As was the earthly man, so are those who are of the earth; and as is the heavenly man, so also are those who are of heaven. ⁴⁹ And just as we have borne the image of the earthly man, so shall we^[2] bear the image of the heavenly man.

Resurrection implications: Perishable to imperishable (1 Cor 15:35-49)

Introduction

Who is the foolish questioner? (v.35-36)

The two analogies:

Analogy of the sower (v.36-38)

Difference in death

Continuity in creation

Analogy of creation (v.39-41)

Comparison of creation

Radical contrast of the natural and spiritual (v.42-44)

Scriptural proof (v.45-49)

Concluding applications:

- The body matters
- A new body awaits
- Our citizenship as Christians

Response Song: Creation Awaits

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Connect cards**
- **Giving**
- **Meet a Church Planter!:** What does a church planter do? Why plant churches? How can you come alongside a church planter and support him?
Join us on **Saturday, April 30th, 7.30pm** at the **KEC Seminar Room**, to hear how God led Paul Ling to the path of church planting. Come and hear more about Paul and his team's ministry, passion and vision to plant a gospel-centred church in Kuching. You will also meet representatives from Gospel City Network. Sign up now at: <https://tinyurl.com/MACP2022>. Limited spots available.
- On May 1st- May 8th, **elder nominations** will be open. The **election of elders** for the next 3 years will take place on **Sunday, May 15th**.
- **Pastoring Children affected by the pandemic, Saturday, May 7th, 3-5.30pm, on Zoom.** The pandemic has had profound impact on little ones in homes and church. How can we as parents or children ministry workers seek to care and minister to them? Speaker: Rubina Henry (Former Sunday School Superintendent at St. Mary's Cathedral, currently pursuing a Masters in Psychology in the UK). Register at: <https://new.equip.org.my/sunday-school-register> Cost: RM20.
- **Baptisms:** We will be conducting baptisms in church on **Sunday, May 22nd**. The spaces are all taken up! Baptism classes will be conducted for baptism candidates every Sunday, 10.30am, after service for about an hour every Sunday from May 1st to May 15th, in the church office wing.
- Our **Church Library** is open today, after Sunday Service.
- Our **Prayer Meeting** is on this week, on **Wednesday, April 13th, 8-9ish pm**. We are currently aiming to have some form of in-person Prayer Meeting from July.

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/	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/	Sunday School Our Sunday School is currently still online (either live on Zoom/lessons Whatsapp'd to parents – depending on age group). Please contact our deacon Abang Trang if you wish to know more.
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UPDATES on SOPs

There is no maximum limit on the number of people who can come to attend church in person.

However, the requirements to have social distancing and to wear masks remain. In addition, the requirement to check in via MySejahtera or by some other form of recording, also remains.

For the moment, we will retain online pre-registration at <https://bemkec.my/booking/>. If you forget to pre-register, you can still show up, but please do register if you remember to give us a better idea of numbers coming beforehand. Online registrations close at 3pm every Saturday afternoon.

Children below 12 are allowed in the service as long as parents/guardians are fully vaccinated. The creche is also open to be used. Sunday School is currently still online. However, we are working on a timeline and hoping for to re-open in person in the second half of this year.

If you are unwell or exhibiting symptoms such as fever, cough, or sore throat, you may continue following us online via the livestreaming of our service.

BENEDICTION

²⁴ The LORD bless you
and keep you;

²⁵ the LORD make his face shine on you
and be gracious to you;

²⁶ the LORD turn his face toward you
and give you peace.

- Numbers 6:24-26