KEC ORDER OF SERVICE/SERMON OUTLINE 24th Oct 2021 (KEC SERVICE Online)

Please take note that this Sunday's service begins at **8.30am**, not 9am.

We will not be showing any new Kids' Church Videos for the moment. Please do join one of our Sunday School groups instead! Contact Abang Trang for more info.

You can access the livestream at https://www.facebook.com/bemkec/live-videos/ Or on Youtube here: https://youtube.com/bemkec/live

8.30am - Livestream starts

Livestream link should be available by 8.25am latest.

1. CALL TO WORSHIP - Revelation 5:1-12

2. WORSHIP in SONG (with Jeremy Ng)

SONG 1: This is amazing grace SONG 2: Creation awaits

3. Mini book features (what's new in our library):

- The Wisdom Pyramid by Brett McCracken
- What God has to say about our bodies by Sam Allberry
- I still do by Dave Harvey
- From Glory to Golgotha by Donald McLeod
- Why bother with church? by Sam Allberry

4. Prayers

5. Bible reading: Habakkuk 3:1-19

3 A prayer of Habakkuk the prophet. On shigionoth.[a]

² LORD, I have heard of your fame; I stand in awe of your deeds, LORD.

Repeat them in our day,

in our time make them known;

in wrath remember mercy.

³ God came from Teman, the Holy One from Mount Paran. [b]

His glory covered the heavens

and his praise filled the earth.

⁴ His splendour was like the sunrise; rays flashed from his hand, where his power was hidden.

- ⁵ Plague went before him;
 - pestilence followed his steps.
- ⁶ He stood, and shook the earth;

he looked, and made the nations tremble.

The ancient mountains crumbled

and the age-old hills collapsed -

but he marches on for ever.

- ⁷I saw the tents of Cushan in distress, the dwellings of Midian in anguish.
- ⁸ Were you angry with the rivers, LORD? Was your wrath against the streams?

Did you rage against the sea

when you rode your horses

and your chariots to victory?

⁹ You uncovered your bow, you called for many arrows.

You split the earth with rivers;

the mountains saw you and writhed.

Torrents of water swept by;

the deep roared

and lifted its waves on high.

- ¹¹ Sun and moon stood still in the heavens at the glint of your flying arrows, at the lightning of your flashing spear.
- ¹² In wrath you strode through the earth and in anger you threshed the nations.
- ¹³ You came out to deliver your people, to save your anointed one.
- You crushed the leader of the land of wickedness, you stripped him from head to foot.
- With his own spear you pierced his head when his warriors stormed out to scatter us,
- gloating as though about to devour the wretched who were in hiding.
- ¹⁵ You trampled the sea with your horses, churning the great waters.
- ¹⁶ I heard and my heart pounded, my lips quivered at the sound;
- decay crept into my bones, and my legs trembled.
- Yet I will wait patiently for the day of calamity to come on the nation invading us.
- ¹⁷ Though the fig-tree does not bud and there are no grapes on the vines,

though the olive crop fails and the fields produce no food, though there are no sheep in the sheepfold and no cattle in the stalls,

¹⁸ yet I will rejoice in the LORD,

I will be joyful in God my Saviour.

¹⁹ The Sovereign LORD is my strength; he makes my feet like the feet of a deer, he enables me to tread on the heights.

For the director of music. On my stringed instruments.

Footnotes

- a. Habakkuk 3:1 Probably a literary or musical term
- b. <u>Habakkuk 3:3</u> The Hebrew has *Selah* (a word of uncertain meaning) here and at the middle of verse 9 and at the end of verse 13.

Sermon outline: From why to worship (Habakkuk 3:1-19)

Receiving bad news of impeding calamity

Welcome again to Habakkuk's world! Recap

The surprise of Habakkuk 3

A prophet who has moved from why to worship

He will live by faith (cf 2:4)

How do we make the same journey as Habakkuk? How can we move from why to worship?

Habakkuk 3: A prayer/psalm

The one BIG LESSON: Call to mind who God is

Time to stop being the interrogator
Consider God's fame and deeds in the Exodus (cf. Joshua 9:9; Jer. 32:20)
Retracing the journey; seeing God in action (v.3-7)
Why is Habakkuk reliving and remembering the events of the past?
Remembering helps us process our present
This memory "becomes the frame by which Habakkuk sees his own context and responds to his situations" (Heath Thomas)
So we must remember
Why we gather
As Habakkuk calls to mind who God is, he's reminded that God's deeds culminate in God's victory! (v.8-15)

As we gaze at God in the face of Jesus Christ, we too see victory
Colossians 2:15
Victory is only imminent if you're on the right side
God isn't someone you can play-play with
Call to mind not your idea of God, but God as he truly is
Without the holiness of God, sin and grace both lose its meaning
As we move from why to worship i. we can call on God to act (v.2)
ii. we can call on his name with joy and confidence (v.16-19)
 2 assumptions in these verses: Even the righteous person can still feel afraid Bad things can happen to righteous people

From "How Long" to "Even if..."

ANOUNCEMENTS

• Church reopening guidelines

We are reopening next week, on Sunday October 31st!

The maximum capacity for that Sunday will be <u>50 people</u>. We will then slowly increase capacity over subsequent weeks until we hit the maximum allowable under current SOPs.

To attend in-person service, booking will be required. Booking is available at https://bemkec.my/booking. It will open tomorrow evening, Monday October 25th. It is a requirement that you be fully masked to attend the service.

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.
- Sermon series: "As we wait...: endemic habits for endemic times"
- Connect cards
- Giving
- Entrust Conference (Saturday 13th and 20th November, 9am-4pm). This is a conference for anyone who is thinking about full-time ministry, whether simply wondering whether it is for them, or who are already making concrete plans to do so. Theme: "Go, because..." Speaker: Pastor Elliot Ku. Register at https://kvbctrust.org/events/entrust/
- Jesus the True Temple webinar with Dr. Bill Salier. This is a free webinar exploring the theme of Jesus as the true temple. 20th November, 3.30pm. Register at https://new.equip.org.my/jesus-the-new-temple-webinar/
- The "Women of the Word" book group with Sharon Ling will continue today on Zoom at 10.30am after Sunday service.
- Library will be open on Saturday, 30th October, 2-4pm. Please be fully masked if coming.
- Follow BEM KEC's new Instagram account! @bem_kec
- Prayer Meeting this Wednesday on Zoom till further notice

BENEDICTION

²⁴ To him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you before his glorious presence without fault and with great joy – ²⁵ to the only God our Saviour be glory, majesty, power and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and for evermore! Amen.

- Jude 24-25