

KEC ORDER OF SERVICE/SERMON OUTLINE 2nd August (KEC SERVICE ONLINE)

Before the livestream starts at 9am:

KIDS VIDEO will be made available by 8.30am. This morning, we're looking at Acts 10 and 11, where we'll discover that everybody is welcome in God's kingdom!

Direct link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7hO11HIN5Rs>

9am – Livestream starts

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0. Starter discussion question:

"Do you think Jesus is inclusive or exclusive?"

1. CALL TO WORSHIP – Psalm 1

2. WORSHIP in SONG (with Alison Nicholas)

SONG 1: This Life I Live

SONG 2: All I have is Christ

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

¹³ For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, ¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

– Colossians 1:13-14

4. Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended to heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy universal church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

5. Prayers of intercession

- World
- Nation
- Church

6. Testimony: Colin and Joy

7. Bible reading: Matthew 7:13-14

¹³ "Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. ¹⁴ But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it.

SERMON OUTLINE: A Jesus person...chooses wisely (Matt. 7:13-14)

Choices

Binary choices

Our world is increasingly uncomfortable with binaries

Christianity – a binary (and therefore oppressive) religion?

Jesus rejects/transcends certain binaries!

Too simplistic to reject Jesus on these grounds

When binaries are a matter of life and death

Recap

What are you going to do with the Sermon on the Mount?

Which way will you choose?

A time-honoured biblical tradition

Deut. 30:19-20

Joshua 24:14-15

Psalm 1

Proverbs 2:18-22, 4:18-19, 15:19

Two gates: the wide and the narrow

The narrow gate: Jesus

What does it mean to go through Jesus the gate?

7:21 doing God's will

John 6:40 trusting Jesus

Jesus is the gate, not the fence

The faith that saves is the faith that trusts, and the faith that trusts is the faith that follows

The wide gate

Two ways: the broad and the narrow

Travel light – no excess baggage!

No regrets...

But it will *cost*

We'll have to leave behind our sin and idolatry

We'll have to leave behind our old self

The other way: our love of ease

Few travel on the narrow road

What we need to remember: the road you're on is the road Jesus himself walked

Two destinations: destruction and life

Destruction

Life

One decision

Choose Jesus. Choose life.

Reflection song: Gladly would I leave behind me

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Pastoral update
- Connect cards
- “Blessed” webinar with Rev. Paul Barker
- Klang Valley Bible Conference (watch online!) 3-5 Aug
- Equip classes, starting 5th September (NT1: Mark’s Gospel)
- Sermon on the Mount reflections
- Giving
- Prayer Meeting

BENEDICTION

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

- Jude 24-25