

## **KEC ORDER OF SERVICE/SERMON OUTLINE 21<sup>st</sup> August 2022 (KEC Hybrid Service)**

The livestream can be accessed at

[https://www.facebook.com/bemkec/live\\_videos/](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 – 2 Corinthians 4:16-5:5**

#### **2. Worship in SONG (with Jeremy Ng):**

SONG 1: Come on and celebrate

SONG 2: 10,000 Reasons

SONG 3: No greater hope

SONG 4: Where, o grave, is your victory?

#### **3. Prayers**

#### **4. Bible reading: Ecclesiastes 11:7-12:8**

<sup>7</sup> Light is sweet,

and it pleases the eyes to see the sun.

<sup>8</sup> However many years anyone may live,

let them enjoy them all.

But let them remember the days of darkness,

for there will be many.

Everything to come is meaningless.

<sup>9</sup> You who are young, be happy while you are young,

and let your heart give you joy in the days of your youth.

Follow the ways of your heart

and whatever your eyes see,

but know that for all these things

God will bring you into judgment.

<sup>10</sup> So then, banish anxiety from your heart

and cast off the troubles of your body,

for youth and vigor are meaningless.

#### **12 Remember your Creator**

in the days of your youth,

before the days of trouble come

and the years approach when you will say,

“I find no pleasure in them”—  
<sup>2</sup> before the sun and the light  
    and the moon and the stars grow dark,  
    and the clouds return after the rain;  
<sup>3</sup> when the keepers of the house tremble,  
    and the strong men stoop,  
when the grinders cease because they are few,  
    and those looking through the windows grow dim;  
<sup>4</sup> when the doors to the street are closed  
    and the sound of grinding fades;  
when people rise up at the sound of birds,  
    but all their songs grow faint;  
<sup>5</sup> when people are afraid of heights  
    and of dangers in the streets;  
when the almond tree blossoms  
    and the grasshopper drags itself along  
    and desire no longer is stirred.  
Then people go to their eternal home  
    and mourners go about the streets.  
<sup>6</sup> Remember him—before the silver cord is severed,  
    and the golden bowl is broken;  
before the pitcher is shattered at the spring,  
    and the wheel broken at the well,  
<sup>7</sup> and the dust returns to the ground it came from,  
    and the spirit returns to God who gave it.  
<sup>8</sup> “Meaningless! Meaningless!” says the Teacher.  
    “Everything is meaningless!”

## **SERMON OUTLINE: Remember your Creator (Eccl. 11:7-12:8)**

What are you going to do with your life?

The advantages of youth

Today – in a sense, the Teacher will sum up the wisdom of Ecclesiastes in 2 commands

### **1. Rejoice in your life (11:7-10)**

The miracle of new life

“Do not count the days, make the days count” – Muhammad Ali

Even if there will be many “days of darkness”

Command

God’s purpose for us

“Real relationship involves seeing another person take pleasure in gifts given; delight is what we ask of the other as we freely give to them.”

- David Gibson, *Destiny*

The warning (cf. Deut. 28:47-48)

Why is it so hard to do so?

The problem: time flies!

So if we root our joy purely in the days of our youth...

Where is our joy to be rooted in?

**2. Remember your Creator before it's too late (Eccl. 12:1-8)**

Creator

“before...”

The ghost town

Root your joy in Him

Remembering

God remembers you

Looking forward (2 Corinthians 4:16-5:5)

**Response Song: Be Thou my Vision**

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Connect cards**
- **Giving**
- We will be taking a **special collection** this morning for the *Konferensi Pastor dan Pemimpin BEM*. This is an annual conference for pastors and elders of BEM, taking place at BEM Canada Hill, Miri from 8-10 Sept. The purpose of this collection is to help reduce the financial burden of organizing this particular conference. If you wish to give, please place it in the specially marked offering box at the back of the hall.
- If you wish to obtain **coupons for the Salvation Army charity sale** happening on 31<sup>st</sup> August at the ACS Building (8am-12pm), please see our church administrator, Julie Kong.
- **Admissions for Tadika Rajawali** is open for the year 2023/24. We welcome all children aged 4, 5 and 6 to join us! Contact the Tadika Rajawali Office. (082-550251)
- **Tadika Rajawali** is looking for an **admin clerk**. At minimum, an SPM qualification is required, as well as proficiency in Microsoft Office and knowledge of English, Bahasa Malaysia, and Mandarin. You may obtain the full job description and criteria from either our church administrator Julie Kong, or from the Tadika Rajawali office.
- As our Ecclesiastes series draw to a close, **we'll love to hear from you!** What has this wisdom book been teaching you? How has it challenged you, provoked you (in a good way!) and changed you? You can **share your reflections** (anonymously if you prefer) at <https://bemkec.my/eccreflections>. We will curate and share some of them at a future Sunday service.
- Our next **Equip Bible classes** will be starting on **Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup> (10.30am-12.30pm)**! Join us for **Old Testament 1**, where we will cover the first 5 books of the Bible, and discover how they are held together. This class will take place over 10 weeks. Fee: RM160 (concessions available). It will take place on Zoom. Register today at <https://bit.ly/22T3OT1BEM>
- Looking for an **opportunity to serve**? If you would like to volunteer either as a projectionist or as a librarian, please see Alex Kueh or Aaron Kueh respectively, or express your interest at <https://bemkec.my/serving>.
- Our **Library** is open **after church service this morning**.
- Our **Wednesday Night Prayer Meeting** will take place from 8-9.15pm, in person, in Conference Room 1, this week.

<p><b>Home Fellowship Groups</b></p> <p>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 <a href="https://bemkec.my/home-fellowship-groups/">https://bemkec.my/home-fellowship-groups/</a></p>	<p><b>English Youth Ministry</b></p> <p>Our youth group meets every Saturday evening at church (Conference Room 1), 8-9.30pm.</p> <p>If you're interested to come, do let us know at <a href="https://bemkec.my/english-youth-ministry/">https://bemkec.my/english-youth-ministry/</a></p>
<p><b>Sunday School</b></p> <p>Sunday school lessons will be held in the classrooms located in the Apartment Block as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1.1 Group 1 (Children ages 3-4): Conference Room 1, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor.</li> <li>1.2 Group 2 (Children ages 5-6): Room K1, Ground Floor.</li> <li>1.3 Group 3 (Children ages 7-9 i.e. Primary 1 to 3): Room 2B, Ground Floor.</li> <li>1.4 Group 4 (Children ages 10-12 i.e. Primary 4 to 6): Conference Room 2, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor.</li> </ul> <p>If your child is below 3 years old, please do not send them to Sunday School but utilise the creche instead.</p> <p><b>Sunday School S.O.Ps</b></p> <p>If you would like to see the current Sunday School S.O.Ps in full, please refer to our Sunday School notice board.</p>	

## **BENEDICTION**

<sup>23</sup> May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>24</sup> The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do it.

- 1 Thessalonians 5:23-24

## **COFFEE QUESTIONS**

- Reflect on your attitude to old age/aging. How does Ecclesiastes challenge you?
- Whether you are “young” or “old”, how can you remember your Creator?
- How does knowing that God is working for your joy, and that He remembers you, encourage you today? Take some time soaking that in and praising Him for it.