

KEC ORDER OF SERVICE/SERMON OUTLINE 27th June 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 – 1 John 1:5-2:2

2. WORSHIP in SONG (with Daniel Langat)

SONG 1: The power of the cross

SONG 2: How deep the Father's love for us

3. Q&A Video: What does it mean to count it all joy?

4. Prayers

5. Bible reading: Isaiah 1:1-2:5

1 The vision concerning Judah and Jerusalem that Isaiah son of Amoz saw during the reigns of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz and Hezekiah, kings of Judah.

² Hear me, you heavens! Listen, earth!

For the LORD has spoken:

“I reared children and brought them up,
but they have rebelled against me.

³ The ox knows its master,
the donkey its owner's manger,
but Israel does not know,
my people do not understand.”

⁴ Woe to the sinful nation,
a people whose guilt is great,
a brood of evildoers,
children given to corruption!
They have forsaken the LORD;
they have spurned the Holy One of
Israel
and turned their backs on him.

⁵ Why should you be beaten anymore?

Why do you persist in rebellion?

Your whole head is injured,
your whole heart afflicted.

⁶ From the sole of your foot to the top of
your head

there is no soundness—
only wounds and welts
and open sores,

not cleansed or bandaged
or soothed with olive oil.

⁷ Your country is desolate,
your cities burned with fire;
your fields are being stripped by foreigners
right before you,
laid waste as when overthrown by
strangers.

⁸ Daughter Zion is left
like a shelter in a vineyard,
like a hut in a cucumber field,
like a city under siege.
⁹ Unless the LORD Almighty
had left us some survivors,
we would have become like Sodom,
we would have been like Gomorrah.
¹⁰ Hear the word of the LORD,
you rulers of Sodom;
listen to the instruction of our God,
you people of Gomorrah!
¹¹ “The multitude of your sacrifices—
what are they to me?” says the LORD.
“I have more than enough of burnt
offerings,
of rams and the fat of fattened animals;
I have no pleasure
in the blood of bulls and lambs and
goats.
¹² When you come to appear before me,
who has asked this of you,
this trampling of my courts?
¹³ Stop bringing meaningless offerings!
Your incense is detestable to me.
New Moons, Sabbaths and convocations—
I cannot bear your worthless assemblies.
¹⁴ Your New Moon feasts and your
appointed festivals
I hate with all my being.
They have become a burden to me;
I am weary of bearing them.
¹⁵ When you spread out your hands in
prayer,
I hide my eyes from you;
even when you offer many prayers,
I am not listening.
Your hands are full of blood!
¹⁶ Wash and make yourselves clean.
Take your evil deeds out of my sight;
stop doing wrong.
¹⁷ Learn to do right; seek justice.
Defend the oppressed.^[a]

Take up the cause of the fatherless;
plead the case of the widow.
¹⁸ “Come now, let us settle the matter,”
says the LORD.
“Though your sins are like scarlet,
they shall be as white as snow;
though they are red as crimson,
they shall be like wool.
¹⁹ If you are willing and obedient,
you will eat the good things of the land;
²⁰ but if you resist and rebel,
you will be devoured by the sword.”
For the mouth of the LORD has spoken.
²¹ See how the faithful city
has become a prostitute!
She once was full of justice;
righteousness used to dwell in her—
but now murderers!
²² Your silver has become dross,
your choice wine is diluted with water.
²³ Your rulers are rebels,
partners with thieves;
they all love bribes
and chase after gifts.
They do not defend the cause of the
fatherless;
the widow’s case does not come before
them.
²⁴ Therefore the Lord, the LORD Almighty,
the Mighty One of Israel, declares:
“Ah! I will vent my wrath on my foes
and avenge myself on my enemies.
²⁵ I will turn my hand against you;^[b]
I will thoroughly purge away your dross
and remove all your impurities.
²⁶ I will restore your leaders as in days of
old,
your rulers as at the beginning.
Afterward you will be called
the City of Righteousness,
the Faithful City.”
²⁷ Zion will be delivered with justice,
her penitent ones with righteousness.
²⁸ But rebels and sinners will both be

broken,
and those who forsake the LORD will
perish.

²⁹ “You will be ashamed because of the
sacred oaks

in which you have delighted;
you will be disgraced because of the
gardens

that you have chosen.

³⁰ You will be like an oak with fading
leaves,

like a garden without water.

³¹ The mighty man will become tinder
and his work a spark;

both will burn together,

with no one to quench the fire.”

2 This is what Isaiah son of Amoz saw
concerning Judah and Jerusalem:

² In the last days

the mountain of the LORD’s temple will be
established

as the highest of the mountains;

it will be exalted above the hills,
and all nations will stream to it.

³ Many peoples will come and say,
“Come, let us go up to the mountain of
the LORD,

to the temple of the God of Jacob.

He will teach us his ways,

so that we may walk in his paths.”

The law will go out from Zion,

the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

⁴ He will judge between the nations
and will settle disputes for many
peoples.

They will beat their swords into
plowshares

and their spears into pruning hooks.

Nation will not take up sword against
nation,

nor will they train for war anymore.

⁵ Come, descendants of Jacob,

let us walk in the light of the LORD.

Sermon outline: Light in the midst of darkness (Isa 1:1-2:5)

Introduction (1:1-2a)

Q: Are we disturbed by the sin we see around us but indifferent towards the sin we see in us?

1. Sin and Retribution (1:2b-9)

Cross-reference: Exo 6:6-8; Deut 9:4-6

God’s charges: Ungrateful and rebellious children

Q: Are we taking the gospel and Christ for granted by tolerating sin in our lives?

2. Sin and Religion (1:10-17)

Cross-reference: 1 Sam 15:22,23; Rom 12:1; Matt 23:23

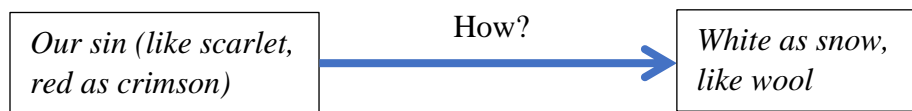
Q: Are our spiritual activities:

- An expression of love and a response of thankfulness to God?
- Or
- An obligation just to ease our guilty conscience and cover up our sinful lives?

Either Jesus is Lord of all of our lives or He is not Lord at all.

3. Sin and Redemption (1:18-31)

Cross-reference: Isa 53:5; Rom 3:25,26



God redeems with justice and righteousness as demonstrated on the cross!

Conclusion (2:1-5)

*We will not treasure the gospel if we treat our sin lightly.
“Jesus paid it all, all to Him I owe; Sin has left a crimson stain,
He washed it white as snow”*

Response: O Lord, our Rock and our Redeemer

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Connect cards
- Giving

Missions pledge cards – online

You may fill up your missions pledge cards online at <https://bemkec.my/missions-pledge-2021>

Ps Jimmy Lumasay - fundraising update

RM12,150 will be given to Pastor Jimmy Lumasay for the purpose of purchasing the new motorcycle. Any surplus will be shared equally with our missionaries, in addition to our annual love gifts.

- **New sermon series:** *Journeying in faith (Genesis 12-25)*
- **KVBC Main Conference**, July 12-14 2021, 8.15pm every evening. Speaker: Stuart Coulton. *“Heaven, Hope & Holiness”*. FREE!! For more info and to register, go to <https://bit.ly/KVBC2021>
- **Advance Notice:** AGM (Sun, August 1st)
- **Ministry Reports:** All ministry reports for July 2020 – June 2021 are to be submitted by 10th July.
- **HFG Leaders briefing:** after service today, 10.20am, on Zoom.
- **E100 Update:** How are you doing with your E100 reading? In case you’ve lost track where you’re supposed to be up to, you should be starting on the New Testament (John 1:1-18) in the coming week. 😊
- Video editors still needed – can you help? Get in touch with Catherine Chen or Daniel Langat.
- Prayer Meeting this Wednesday – on Zoom till further notice

BENEDICTION

One day the wilderness will blossom with flowers;
and the desert wasteland will come alive with new growth.
And God’s glory and splendour will be on full display.

With this news, strengthen those who have tired hands,
and encourage those who have weak knees.
Say to those with fearful hearts,
“Be strong, and do not fear,
for your God is coming to save you.”

So go with confidence into the days ahead.
And may the love of God,
the grace of Jesus Christ,
and the presence of the Holy Spirit,
be among you and within you. Amen.

- based on Isaiah 35:1-4, 2 Cor. 13:14