

ORDER OF SERVICE/SERMON OUTLINE 29th MARCH (KEC Livestreamed service)

Before livestream starts:

8.30am thereabouts

Log onto our Facebook page (<http://www.facebook.com/bemkec>), and look for the Kids Church post! We will be showing a 10 minute video just for the kids, featuring a dramatisation, a kids' song, and a Bible storytelling & teaching time!

Direct link: <https://youtu.be/uPBQCuLvx6Q>

This Sunday's lesson will be "Jesus and the Raging Storm" – Mark 4:35-41, featuring the team from St. Ebbe's Church, Oxford (the church Pastor Brian used to serve in), and the kids' song "Our God is a Great Big God". Lyrics below:

Our God is a great big God,
Our God is a great big God,
Our God is a great big God,
And He holds us in his hands.

He's higher than a skyscraper
and he's deeper than a submarine.
He's wider than the universe
and beyond my wildest dreams.
And He's known me, and He's loved me
since before the world began.
How wonderful to be a part of God's amazing plan!

8.45am thereabouts

Please sing these 2 songs below wherever you are, whether via the Youtube lyric videos, which will be made available on our Facebook page, or via a musician in your midst!

Song 1: How Precious O Lord (this older song will be familiar to our longer-term members. Newer members should pick it up quickly!)

<https://www.youtube.com/Li/watch?v=zWOeU4s16S0>

Song 2: In Christ Alone

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VZ7dih9gdG8>

9am – Livestream starts

Livestream link should be available by 8.57am latest.

WELCOME / CALL TO WORSHIP – John 17:13-23

Heidelberg Catechism Q27

Q: What do you understand by the providence of God?

A. God's providence is
his almighty and ever present power,¹
whereby, as with his hand, he still upholds
heaven and earth and all creatures,²
and so governs them that
leaf and blade,
rain and drought,
fruitful and barren years,
food and drink,
health and sickness,
riches and poverty,³
indeed, all things,
come to us not by chance⁴
but by his fatherly hand.⁵

1.[Jer 23:23, 24](#); [Acts 17:24-28](#).

2.[Heb 1:3](#).

3.[Jer 5:24](#); [Acts 14:15-17](#); [Jn 9:3](#); [Prov 22:2](#).

4.[Prov 16:33](#).

5.[Mt 10:29](#).

PRAYERS

- The sick and unwell
- The medical professionals, caregivers and researchers
- Potential victims of domestic violence
- The government
- The church

BIBLE READING: Psalm 91 (NIV2011)

¹Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High
will rest in the shadow of the Almighty.^[a]

²I will say of the LORD, "He is my refuge and my fortress,
my God, in whom I trust."

³Surely he will save you
from the fowler's snare
and from the deadly pestilence.

⁴He will cover you with his feathers,
and under his wings you will find refuge;

his faithfulness will be your shield and rampart.
⁵You will not fear the terror of night,
nor the arrow that flies by day,
⁶nor the pestilence that stalks in the darkness,
nor the plague that destroys at midday.
⁷A thousand may fall at your side,
ten thousand at your right hand,
but it will not come near you.
⁸You will only observe with your eyes
and see the punishment of the wicked.
⁹If you say, "The LORD is my refuge,"
and you make the Most High your dwelling,
¹⁰no harm will overtake you,
no disaster will come near your tent.
¹¹For he will command his angels concerning you
to guard you in all your ways;
¹²they will lift you up in their hands,
so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.
¹³You will tread on the lion and the cobra;
you will trample the great lion and the serpent.
¹⁴"Because he^[b] loves me," says the LORD, "I will rescue him;
I will protect him, for he acknowledges my name.
¹⁵He will call on me, and I will answer him;
I will be with him in trouble,
I will deliver him and honour him.
¹⁶With long life I will satisfy him
and show him my salvation."

Footnotes:

- a. [Psalm 91:1](#) Hebrew *Shaddai*
- b. [Psalm 91:14](#) That is, probably the king

Sermon Outline: Safe in the Storm (Psalm 91)

The Hiding Place

Looking for a “shelter-in-place”

Where do we find that safe place?

Psalm 91: a beautiful and refreshing psalm, but one also easily misunderstood and misapplied

The psalm in summary:

Dwell in God alone, for He will keep you safe, as he keeps his promises.

1. Dwell in God alone (v.1-2)

Home: a safe place (?)

Wherever God is, because of who God is

Shelter & shadow (cf. Psalm 121:5)

The names of God

Where the psalmist *doesn't* locate his safe place

To dwell is to t_____

2. ...for He will keep you safe (v.3-13)

A variety of poetic images to highlight this point

The fowler's snare

The deadly pestilence

The terror of night

The arrow by day

A world filled with threats, anywhere, anytime

The big encouragement

But...beginning to over-promise?

One popular answer (to this conundrum)

3 related ways this psalm can be misread:

i. transaction

ii. superstition

iii. manipulation

The proper way of reading this psalm. Consider:

a) genre (eg. Psalm 69:1-2)

b) context – immediate and whole Bible

A key image: v.7-8 “the punishment of the wicked”

→ guides the interpretation of the whole psalm

The one person who wants you to misread Psalm 91: Matthew 4:5-7

⁵ Then the devil took him to the holy city and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. ⁶ “If you are the Son of God,” he said, “throw yourself down. For it is written:

“He will command his angels concerning you,
and they will lift you up in their hands,
so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.”^[c]”

⁷ Jesus answered him, “It is also written: ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’^[d]”

3. ...as He keeps his promises (v.14-16)

God himself speaks

What does it mean to trust God?

God’s promises

Psalm 91 on the lips of Jesus

Matthew 23:37-39

³⁷ “Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those sent to you, how often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, and you were not willing. ³⁸ Look, your house is left to you desolate. ³⁹ For I tell you, you will not see me again until you say, ‘Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.’”

In Christ, Psalm 91 belongs to us!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

¹³ May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Romans 15:13

POST LIVESTREAM SERVICE

Let’s gather together in a Zoom meeting, hosted by Pastor Brian!

Here, you can share:

- What have you learnt, and what encouraged you, from God’s Word today
- Share a little bit of how you’re doing this past week with others
- [If breakout rooms function works] gather in smaller groups to pray for one another.

To join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/643824703>

Meeting ID: 643 824 703