

KEC ORDER OF SERVICE/SERMON OUTLINE 3rd 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 – Psalm 119:33-40

2. WORSHIP in SONG (with Emmy Baru)

SONG 1: Nothing but the blood

SONG 2: Worthy is the Lamb

3. Time of Reflection and Confession

Almighty and merciful God,
we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep.
We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts.
We have offended against your holy laws.
We have left undone those things which we ought to have done;
and we have done those things which we ought not to have done.
O Lord, have mercy upon us.
Spare those who confess their faults.
Restore those who are penitent,
according to your promises declared to the world in Christ Jesus our Lord.
And grant, O merciful God, for his sake,
that we may live a holy, just, and humble life
for the glory of your holy name.
Amen.

⁴⁵ For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.

Mark 10:45

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 into 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

- World
- Nation
- Church

6. Bible reading: Mark 7:1-23

⁷ The Pharisees and some of the teachers of the law who had come from Jerusalem gathered round Jesus ² and saw some of his disciples eating food with hands that were defiled, that is, unwashed. ³ (The Pharisees and all the Jews do not eat unless they give their hands a ceremonial washing, holding to the tradition of the elders. ⁴ When they come from the market-place they do not eat unless they wash. And they observe many other traditions, such as the washing of cups, pitchers and kettles.^[a])

⁵ So the Pharisees and teachers of the law asked Jesus, ‘Why don’t your disciples live according to the tradition of the elders instead of eating their food with defiled hands?’

⁶ He replied, ‘Isaiah was right when he prophesied about you hypocrites; as it is written:

“These people honour me with their lips,
but their hearts are far from me.

⁷ They worship me in vain;
their teachings are merely human rules.”^[b]

⁸ You have let go of the commands of God and are holding on to human traditions.’

⁹ And he continued, ‘You have a fine way of setting aside the commands of God in order to observe^[c] your own traditions! ¹⁰ For Moses said, “Honour your father and mother,”^[d] and, “Anyone who curses their father or mother is to be put to death.”^[e] ¹¹ But you say that if

anyone declares that what might have been used to help their father or mother is Corban (that is, devoted to God) – ¹² then you no longer let them do anything for their father or mother. ¹³ Thus you nullify the word of God by your tradition that you have handed down. And you do many things like that.’

¹⁴ Again Jesus called the crowd to him and said, ‘Listen to me, everyone, and understand this. ¹⁵ Nothing outside a person can defile them by going into them. Rather, it is what comes out of a person that defiles them.’ ^[1]

¹⁷ After he had left the crowd and entered the house, his disciples asked him about this parable. ¹⁸ ‘Are you so dull?’ he asked. ‘Don’t you see that nothing that enters a person from the outside can defile them? ¹⁹ For it doesn’t go into their heart but into their stomach, and then out of the body.’ (In saying this, Jesus declared all foods clean.)

²⁰ He went on: ‘What comes out of a person is what defiles them. ²¹ For it is from within, out of a person’s heart, that evil thoughts come – sexual immorality, theft, murder, ²² adultery, greed, malice, deceit, lewdness, envy, slander, arrogance and folly. ²³ All these evils come from inside and defile a person.’

SERMON OUTLINE: The heart of the problem (Mark 7:1-23)

Eustace and *Voyage of the Dawn Treader*

V. 1 - 5

Pharisees & Teachers of the Law

Ritual Cleanliness

Tradition of the Elders

V. 6 - 8

Their hearts were far from me..

Their teachings are merely human rules..

What is our posture towards God?

V. 14 - 23

The Heart of the Problem...is the problem of the Heart

Eustace and Aslan

Transformation of the dragon, transformation of the heart

Look to Jesus and follow him

Response: Rock of Ages (modern tune)

ANOUNCEMENTS

- **Church reopening update**
- **New sermon series**
- **Connect cards**
- **Giving**
- **Equip Doctrine 1 classes**
- **The "Women of the Word" book group** with Sharon Ling will continue **today on Zoom at 10.30am after Sunday service.**
- **Webinar: Is it arrogant to claim that Jesus is the only way to God?** With Dr. Michael Licona. 8.30pm, Friday 8th October.
Zoom Meeting ID: 83852951750 Password: Discover.
This is an opportunity to learn and share with any friends who are interested in Christianity but who have some questions, especially this particular one.
- **Prayer Meeting** this Wednesday – on Zoom till further notice

BENEDICTION

¹⁴ May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

- 2 Corinthians 13:14