

LUKE: JESUS FOR PAGANS & SKEPTICS
JESUS ON THE NARROW DOOR

First Reading
Ephesians 5:15-21

The Gospel
Luke 13:22-35

*Free Bibles available on
stage near Besserer door.



Making disciples gripped by the gospel, living for God's glory.

November 2, 2014

TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Questions and/or comments about the sermon or scripture text? Email george@messiahchurch.ca.

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We are a prayerful, Bible-teaching, evangelical church in the heart of the city with a heart for the city and the world. We are a member of the Anglican Network in Canada and part of the Fellowship of Confessing Anglicans. We seek to be a biblically faithful and orthodox church within the Anglican Way of following Jesus.

Are you new? Get connected!

Are you interested in learning more about Messiah and getting connected? Email info@messiahchurch.ca or call **613.235.0596**. Also check out our website at messiahchurch.ca.

Nursery & Sunday School

Nursery (0 - 24 months) and Sunday School (2 yrs - Grade 6) are available at the 10am Service. For Nursery, please bring children to the lobby before or during the service. For Sunday School, kids are invited to "follow the cross" during the third worship song.

LEADERSHIP TEAM

Rev. Canon George Sinclair
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Dick Butler
Gary Graber
John Rayson
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FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Giving

If you are visiting, please feel free to let the plate go by.
If you would like to donate, there are two ways to give:

- 1) Place cash or cheques payable to "Church of the Messiah" in the offering plate on Sunday, or mail to the church office.
- 2) Visit messiahchurch.ca/give to donate online via CanadaHelps.

Financial Update / January - September 2014

Actual Offering: \$197,185
Target Offering: \$237,187

Dear friends,

Synod will be in Ottawa this week. To many Canadians, "synod" is a weird, incomprehensible word. Anglicans are not the only Christians to use the word synod, but it still seems weird. So what is meant and what is happening and why does it matter?

Today we celebrate All Saints' Day. The day happened on Saturday, but the day can be "celebrated" on the Sunday following the day. Some Christian churches use the day to pray for the dead. The Anglican Way is the fruit of the English Reformation. We see the day as having two purposes. First, to strive to be a "saint" in the sense of becoming more Christ-like after you have come to saving faith in Jesus. Second, to remember that the true church is not a mere earthly institution. It is "the company of all people" who have saving faith in Jesus Christ - both the church militant (Christians alive right now) and the church triumphant (Christians from the past who are alive with Jesus).

In the New Testament, the words which describe the church are not institutional words. They are words which describe what happens after we come to faith in Jesus Christ crucified. We are part of a local body; part of a regional body; part of a planet-wide body; part of a trans-temporal body. This is a biblical and spiritual truth which has institutional consequences.

We are most familiar with the local, institutional consequences of these biblical truths. We become part of a local church which always imperfectly represents the spiritual, biblical reality. How do we try to live the regional and planet-wide aspects of being part of the body of Christ? We do this in part by working with other churches in Ottawa and with Christians and churches abroad. But in the Anglican Way, we also have regional structures and gatherings. So a local church is part of a Diocese. An important way that a Diocese lives as "the body of Christ" is by gathering in Synod. Messiah is part of the Diocese known as the Anglican Network in Canada. This Wednesday through Friday, our Diocesan Synod will meet in Ottawa.

A Synod is the coming together of the Bishops, clergy and local churches of the Diocese. We gather to hear God's word together; to pray and worship together; to be challenged and encouraged together; to build community and mission together; to organize together; to make some decisions together. I will attend Synod, as will our two lay members, Gary Graber and Graham Swan. Please Pray!

George +

I need to develop godly attitudes.

- Pray for godly attitudes in general & certain attitudes in particular.
- Ask others to pray the same thing for you.
- Repeat the attitude to help it sink in. Do this in conjunction with A & B!

Attitudes.

- I do not know the population statistics of Heaven.
- God calls us to a place where He is inescapably present & inescapably Lord.
- An avoidable god is not worth bothering with.

I need to grow in prayer.

A great way to do this is to learn to pray the Bible. Pray this prayer until you can pray without reading.

Lord Jesus Christ, you long to gather the people of Ottawa together as a mother hen gathers her brood under her wings. Grant us Your love for this city. Teach our hearts to cry out to You, "Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!" Maranatha. Come Lord Jesus Christ!

I need to get God's word in my mind and heart.

"Strive to enter through the narrow door. For many, I tell you, will seek to enter and will not be able." (Luke 13:24 ESV)

I need to do something or start to do something.

Complete the following sentence: "In light of God's word, the Holy Spirit is leading me to _____."

GOING DEEPER

Getting to know me.

If you could go on a 5 hour drive with any person you wanted, who would it be? (Can't include family members and the person must be living).

Getting into the Bible.

Remember to pray. Ask God to lead you into all truth & renew your mind.

- Read Luke 13:22-35.
- Read Luke 13:22-27. Then read Luke 5:31-32; 6:46-49; 8:1-15; 9:23-26.
- Read Luke 13:24. Then read Ezekial 33:11, John 14:6.

Getting real.

Has God spoken to you in some way? Can you share some of this with others so they can pray for you and with you.

MON / NOV 3 Women's Home Group

7:00pm @ 205 Bolton St.

TUE / NOV 4 Messiah Prayer Meeting

7:00pm @ Messiah Office / 315 Lisgar St.

The House (Home Group)

7:00pm @ 148 Augusta St.

Lowertown Home Group

7:00pm @ 110 Nelson St.

Marriage Alpha Course

6:45pm @ 315 Lisgar St.

WED / NOV 5 Church on Wednesday

7:00pm @ uOttawa, Agora

The Wurtemberg Home Group

7:30pm @ 111 Wurtemberg St.

THU / NOV 6 Investiture of Bishop Charles Masters

7:00pm @ St. Peter & St. Paul's / 152 Metcalfe St.

All are welcome!

Old Ottawa South Home Group

7:15pm @ 267 Sunnyside Ave.

FRI / NOV 14**SAT / NOV 15****DIG & DELVE Apologetics Conference**

6:00pm - 10:00pm @ Ottawa Little Theatre

9:00am - 4:00pm @ Ottawa Little Theatre

\$29.50 per student, \$44.50 per non-student

Visit diganddelve.ca for more information!

SAMARITAN'S PURSE OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Church of the Messiah will be collecting shoeboxes full of gifts to help reach children worldwide with the good news of God's love and the true meaning of Christmas. Pick-up your shoebox in the lobby today! Boxes will be collected on **November 16**.

JOIN MESSIAH'S CHOIR

The choir is looking for more singers, including soprano, alto, tenor and bass! Rehearsals take place every Sunday at 9:00am at the Ottawa Little Theatre. For more information, email heidizjost@hotmail.com.

ANGLICAN PRAYER BOOK CALENDARS

2015 Anglican Prayer Book Calendars are now available to purchase for \$8. Find them in the lobby today!