

Choose Gratitude

PRACTICAL DISCIPLESHIP / 1 Thessalonians 5:18

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

Going Deeper

- ① **GETTING TO KNOW ME** Does talking about gratitude awaken cynicism or excitement in you?
- ② **GETTING INTO THE BIBLE** Please ask God to pour out His Holy Spirit upon you as you read and discuss His word written.
1) Read 1 Thessalonians 5:9-24.
2) Read 1 Thes. 5:18. Then read: Rom. 8:26-39 on God’s sovereignty.
2 Cor 9:8, Col. 2:6-7 on thankfulness. Mt. 26:26-29, Luke 22:14-23,
1 Cor. 11:23-26 on the Lord’s Supper and thankfulness.
- ③ **GETTING REAL** In light of today’s reading and discussion, how can others pray for you?



Welcome!

Helping ordinary people
**be confident, joyful disciples
of Jesus Christ.**

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WELCOME TO CHURCH OF THE MESSIAH!

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, you are welcome to bring children to the north side of the lobby before or during the service. For Sunday School, children are invited to "follow the cross" during the third worship song.

The Offering Plate

If you are visiting, please feel free to let the plate go by. If you would like to donate, please make cheques out to "Church of the Messiah." If you prefer to donate online, go to www.canadahelps.org, then search "Church of the Messiah Ottawa."

TODAY'S SERVICE

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

First Reading	The Gospel	*Free Bibles are available
1 John 3:13-24	Luke 14:16-24	at the Besserer door.

LEADERSHIP TEAM

Rector Rev. Canon George Sinclair	Worship Leader & Young Adults Leader Jeremiah Smith
Administrative & Communications Manager Amy van Hemmen	Ministry Interns Jeremy Giles & Daniel Gilman

Wardens: Dick Butler, Gary Graber, John Rayson
Shannon Ripley, Karl Ruban, Natasha Wallace

UPCOMING EVENTS + ANNOUNCEMENTS

- WED / JUL 2** **Men's Bible Study**
5:30pm @ Rideau Centre
- THU / JUL 3** **The House (Young Adults)**
7:00pm @ The Giles'
- Old Ottawa South Home Group**
7:15pm @ Ann Wilson's
- FRI / JUL 4** **Men's Gathering**
8:00pm @ Don Seabrooke's Home
Email dgseab@rogers.com for directions.
- TUES / JUL 8** **Meet Robbie**
6:00pm @ 30 Melgund Ave. (Diane Scharf's)
Meet Robbie Palmer and learn about his ministry with Kwagala International in Uganda.
RSVP to info@messiahchurch.ca.
- SUN / JUL 29** **Distributing Invitations to Messiah**
12:00pm @ Byward Market / Major's Hill
Join Brian Crook for a light lunch after church, followed by an opportunity to reach out to our local community and invite them to Church of the Messiah. RSVP to ricepost@gmail.com.

For more info, visit messiahchurch.ca, call **613.235.0596**, or email Amy at amy@messiahchurch.ca.

New Mailing Address

The mailing address for Church of the Messiah has changed to:
315 Lisgar St.
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Prayer Meeting Cancelled for July 1 & July 8

The weekly Messiah Prayer Meeting on Tuesdays will be cancelled for July 1 and July 8. The meeting will resume on July 15 at our new office location.

Office on Holidays July 10 - 27

Church of the Messiah's office will be closed from July 10 - 27. Email and voicemail will be checked once a day.

Financial Update - Operating Fund

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	ACTUAL	TARGET
Offering	\$115,731	\$131,770

① I NEED TO DEVELOP GODLY ATTITUDES

First steps to developing godly attitudes are:

- A) Pray for godly attitudes in general & certain attitudes in particular.
- B) Ask others to pray the same thing for you.
- C) Say the attitude again and again to help it sink in.

Do this in conjunction with A & B!

- Attitude A) When Jesus is my Saviour, He will walk with me in the furnace.
- Attitude B) Popular power of positive thinking is gratitude without God or the Saviour.
- Attitude C) As a disciple of Jesus, I am called to true and truthful gratitude.

② 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.

Blessed Jesus, You are my Shepherd. I shall not want. You make me lie down in green pastures. You lead me beside still waters. You restore my soul. You lead me in the paths of righteousness for Your names sake. Even when I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for You are with me. Your rod and Your staff comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil and my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life and I shall dwell in Your home forever. Amen.

③ I NEED TO GET GOD'S WORD IN MY MIND & HEART

"Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for You." (1 Thessalonians 5:18 ESV)

④ 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 _____."

Is your church Catholic?

Dear Friends,

My answer is going to make some people unhappy, so please grant me grace and pray for me.

We regularly say one of the three great creeds in our Sunday morning worship services: the Apostles Creed, the Nicene Creed or the Athanasian Creed. These creeds say that "we believe in the catholic church." This troubles some people and they ask if Messiah is "catholic." The simple answer is, "no, we are not a catholic church." Let me explain and unpack this simple answer.

First of all, in common Canadian usage, when virtually anyone says they are "catholic," what they technically mean is that they are a member of the Roman Catholic Church. So in this sense of "catholic," we are clearly not a catholic church. The spiritual stream that we are a part of is that shaped by the English Reformation. Denominationally, we are a founding congregation of "ANiC," the Anglican Network in Canada.

Secondly, when the creed says something like, "I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic church," it is not calling us to believe in the Roman Catholic Church. In the creed, the word "catholic" means something like "universal." We are saying that God's true church is planet-wide and has existed on earth ever since the day of Pentecost. By saying that the church is "catholic," we are also saying that it is "varied." If someone says they have "catholic" tastes in literature, they mean that they have wide and varied tastes. So it is with God's true church, it is wide and varied. So, in this sense, Messiah cannot be a "catholic" church, because we are not universal but particular. We could, in this sense, say that by God's grace we are part of God's catholic church. This would mean that we desire to be part of God's true, wide and varied church.

Thirdly, the creeds are not making an institutional claim. They are making a spiritual claim with institutional consequences. Anglicans believe that the visible church is to be a congregation of faithful men and women where the word of God is truly preached and where the two sacraments (Baptism and the Lord's Supper) are administered as Christ commanded. God's true church, the Body of Christ, is invisible and is not perfectly identifiable with any human institution. However, each local church and denomination is to seek to bring people to saving faith and to fulfill God's purposes for His church. This is what we affirm in the creeds.

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