

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." Please contact the office if you are interested in using offering envelopes. If you prefer to donate online, go to www.canadahelps.org, then search "Church of the Messiah Ottawa."

Financial Update - Operating Fund

	JAN - JUN ACTUAL	JAN - JUN TARGET
Offering	\$135,083	\$153,555

LEADERSHIP TEAM

Rector

Rev. Canon George Sinclair

Worship Leader

Jeremiah Smith

Administrator

Shirley Allan

Ministry Intern

Daniel Gilman

Wardens:

Dick Butler, Gary Graber, John Rayson
Shannon Ripley, Karl Ruban, Dana Scherf

REFORMING PUBLIC WORSHIP: Begin with prayer!

Dear Friends,

At least once a month I share the flow of our 10am service when we have Holy Communion. I describe the flow as: First, Jesus gathers His people; then, God speaks to us by His Word written; then, we enter into Holy Communion; and then, the Holy Spirit leads us out.

The English Reformation, as seen in the 1662 Book of Common Prayer, emphasized the Biblical notion of prayer to God as the proper place to begin common/public worship.

The service begins with the Presbyter (the pastor or ordained elder) praying the Lord's Prayer. Jesus taught us to pray. He is the Christian's Saviour and Lord. It is very good that, as we enter into public worship, the leader of the congregation shows that he wants to listen to Jesus and obey Him and pray as He taught. At Messiah, prior to every public worship service, I pray with those who have a role in leading the service. We do not necessarily pray the Lord's Prayer, but we pray to the Lord for ourselves and for those who will gather in worship.

The Prayer Book then has the congregation pray a profound prayer. It is popularly known as The Collect for Purity. It goes like this. *Almighty God, unto whom all hearts be open, all desires known and from whom no secrets are hid; cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You and worthily magnify your Holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

When we pray this prayer, we are not only praying together in common, in public. We are also learning about prayer. We humble ourselves because we confess together that God, to Whom we are speaking, is Almighty God. We also humble ourselves by acknowledging that we come into God's presence knowing that He sees into our hearts and knows what is in and on our hearts. He knows my every desire. God knows my every secret. We further humble ourselves by acknowledging that the thoughts of our hearts need cleansing by God. We are not perfect. So, we ask God to pour out His Holy Spirit upon us to cleanse the thoughts of our hearts. At the same time, we ask for the same Holy Spirit, which cleanses us, to help us perfectly love God and to magnify His Name (which is Holy). Finally, we do not pray in our own name or strength. We pray through Jesus our Lord.

Come, let us worship!

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