



## 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](mailto:info@messiahchurch.ca) or call **613.235.0596**. Also check out our website at [messiahchurch.ca](http://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](http://www.canadahelps.org), then search "Church of the Messiah Ottawa."

## TODAY'S SERVICE

### PALM SUNDAY

<b>First Reading</b>	<b>Second Reading</b>	*Free Bibles are available
Matthew 21:1-11	John 6:5-14	at the Besserer door.

## LEADERSHIP TEAM

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

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

## UPCOMING EVENTS + ANNOUNCEMENTS

- TODAY**      **Arise Children's Ballet Performance**  
Visit [arisedance.ca](http://arisedance.ca) to learn more!
- TUE/ APR 15**    **Lowertown Home Group**  
7:00pm @ Ian Murray's
- Messiah Prayer Meeting**  
7:00pm @ Messiah Office
- WED/ APR 16**    **Men's Bible Study**  
5:30pm @ Rideau Centre
- The Wurtemberg Home Group**  
7:30pm @ The van Hemmen's
- THU/ APR 17**    **The House**  
6:30pm @ The Giles'
- Old Ottawa South Home Group**  
7:15pm @ Ann Wilson's
- FRI/ APR 18**    **Good Friday**  
9:30am @ OLT - Children's Service  
10:30am @ OLT - Good Friday Service
- SUN/ APR 20**    **EASTER SUNDAY**  
8:00am & 10:00am @ OLT  
Light refreshments to follow 10am Service.
- WED/ APR 23**    **Jericho Road Coffeehouse**  
7:00pm @ St. Paul's Eastern United Church
- SAT/ APR 26**    **William Ndiokubwayo's Baptism**  
4:30pm @ St. Peter & St. Paul's (152 Metcalfe)

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### St. Joe's Food & Clothing Donations

During the Easter Season, we are collecting donations of food, clothing and money for St. Joe's. Bring your food and clothing donations to the blue bin at the Besserer door entrance on Sunday, April 20. If you'd like to make a financial donation, simply mark "St. Joe's" on your offering envelope or in the cheque memo.

### Financial Update - Operating Fund

	January - March 2014	
	ACTUAL	TARGET
Offering	\$67,083	\$67,962

## 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) The Cross shows my situations is far more desparate than I realize.
- Attitude B) The Cross gives me far more hope than I realize.
- Attitude C) In light of the Cross of Christ, today I will pick up my cross and follow Him.

## 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.

Jesus, You are the sinless one; You tasted every temptation to its full strength without giving in to the temptation; You represented me on the Cross; You died in my place; You traded places with me: Thank You! Because You are the Saviour, I want to be in You today and forever. Make me Your disciple gripped by His gospel living for Your glory. Amen.

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

"For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God."  
(2 Corinthians 5:21 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 \_\_\_\_\_."

Dear Friends,

While the words of our service are on the screen, the "logic" or "spirituality" or "order" of the service is not obvious. Let's look behind the scenes at how the service is structured, because the service is structured around a humble heartfelt approach to the living God through Jesus Christ.

First of all, in Anglicanese, today's service is called "Morning Prayer" - that is, a service without Holy Communion. Our service might or might not feel ancient, but we are actually closely following the content and order of a service developed in the 16th Century English Reformation. We have updated old words like thee, thou and doth. We have omitted some prayers. But apart from this, the service follows the order developed by the English reformer and martyr, Thomas Cramner.

I have grouped the service with titles to bring out the "logic" and "spirituality" of the service.

First, we begin with humility and repentance. We read Bible verses calling on us to come to God with humble, penitent, hungry hearts. There is an exhortation to come to God and then we talk to God confessing our sin and thanking Him for forgiveness in Jesus.

Second, we continue with humble, joyful singing of God's praises. There is a song set of three or four praise songs.

Third, we continue with humble, obedient hearing of God's word written, the Bible. In this section we will remember Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. This is a slight change we've made because it is Palm Sunday. We read Psalm 95 which calls on us to listen to God humbly and not with hard hearts. It is also in this section that a sermon is preached. The Bible is opened up for us.

Fourth, we continue with a humble offering of our time, talents, tithes and offerings. Several announcements are made to encourage people to follow Jesus.

Fifth, we finish with humble prayer and intercession, then we finish with a song of praise as we leave to live as disciples of Jesus gripped by the Gospel, living for God's glory. Today we have the Arise Children's Ballet Company with us, so the prayer time will be shortened and we will humbly hear and see the re-telling of Holy Week with music and dance.

So, ask God to both humble you and make you hungry for Him!  
George +