

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 messiahchurch.office@gmail.com 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

First Sunday in Lent

First Reading	The Gospel	*Free Bibles are available
Revelation 14	Matthew 4:1-11	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

TUE/ MAR 11 Lowertown Home Group
7:00pm @ Ian Murray's
Messiah Prayer Meeting
7:00pm @ Messiah Office

WED/ MAR 12 Men's Bible Study
5:30pm @ Rideau Centre
Jericho Road Coffeehouse
7:00pm @ St. Paul's Eastern United Church
Join a group of volunteers from Messiah as we support Coffeehouse. Bring food donations to the Messiah Office between 12-5pm, and/or join volunteers at St. Paul's after 6pm to serve food. Sign up in the lobby today.

THU/ MAR 13 The House (Young Adults)
6:30pm @ The Giles'

SUN/ MAR 16 OPUS Concert: Schubertaide
3:00pm @ All Saints Church (317 Chapel St.)
Featuring our own Heidi Jost, Mezzo-Soprano.
\$10 for students, \$20 for adults.

FRI - SUN MAR 28-30 Messiah Women's Retreat
Bethesda Renewal Centre
Pick up a registration form today in the lobby.

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

BIBLICAL PRINCIPLES OF FINANCE

Are you interested in learning more about Budgeting, Investment & Saving or Money & Children? Karl Ruban, CA, CFP, RFP, CPCA is offering group or family sessions on the Biblical Principles of Finance. If you're interested, Karl will be available after the 10:00am service on **March 16** to receive your input and answer questions.

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) There is one gospel which is to be proclaimed in every heart language.
- Attitude B) Self-giving never earns God's grace. Receiving God's grace forms self-giving.
- Attitude C) If I choose the dragon I will suffer the dragon's doom.

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.

Dear God, please make me a disciple gripped by the gospel of Jesus living to bring Your glory. Please help me to live a life of purity and truth. Please teach me to have a godly fear of You. Please help me to keep Your commandments. Please help me to grow in trusting faith in Your Son Jesus. Please help me to endure in the gospel till I see You face-to-face. In Jesus' name. Amen.

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

"And I heard a voice from heaven saying, "Write this: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on." "Blessed indeed," says the Spirit, "that they may rest from their labors, for their deeds follow them!" (Revelation 14:13 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,

It is subtly easy for us to become one step removed from Jesus. One way this happens is when we focus on the service (or the liturgy) rather than what the service / liturgy is supposed to point to. This problem of moving "one step away" is deepened when there are strong liturgical habits which influence language. The communion service is a classic example.

There are four Bible passages which teach that Jesus instituted the "Lord's Supper" or "Holy Communion." They are: Matthew 26:26-29; Mark 14:22-25; Luke 22:14-23; 1 Corinthians 11:17-34. There are several commands in these texts, but for now, the key one is "Do this in remembrance of me."

Thomas Cramner, was a key figure in the English Reformation and a martyr. He is the writer of the Book of Common Prayer, and his 1552 Book of Common Prayer has been the basis of orthodox Anglican worship ever since. All of the services at Messiah are based on that book.

Listen to what Cramner wrote for the Presbyter to say as he distributed the bread during Communion, "The body of our Lord Jesus Christ which was given for you, preserve your body and soul into everlasting life: Take and eat this in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on Him in your heart by faith, with thanksgiving." Listen to what the Presbyter is to say as he distributes the wine, "The blood of our Lord Jesus Christ which was shed for you, preserve your body and soul unto everlasting life: Drink this in remembrance that Christ's blood was shed for you, and be thankful."

These are biblically, theologically, spiritually rich sentences which keep us focused on Jesus and His once-for-all death. They are well worth remembering and thinking upon. At the 8:00am service, I say the full sentence as I distribute communion. I also usually leave my microphone on at the 10:00am service as I distribute communion to the helpers. If you listen, you will hear me say the full sentences.

Our current arrangement at the Ottawa Little Theatre makes it hard to say the full sentences as communion is distributed. To say, "the body of Christ" or "the blood of Christ" is common but not correct. It is not biblically correct and it also is unwise, because it is one step removed from Jesus, calling us to focus on the liturgy and not on Jesus. A better short form is, "Remember Jesus Christ crucified!"

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