

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, please bring children to the lobby before or during the service. For Sunday School, kids are invited to "follow the cross" during the last worship song.

LEADERSHIP TEAM

Rev. Canon George Sinclair Rector	Daniel Gilman Pastor of Evangelism and Discipleship
Jonathan Camiré Ministry Intern	Rev. Neil Stephens Pastor of Discipleship and Pastoral Care
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FINANCIAL INFORMATION

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- 1) Place cash or cheques payable to "Church of the Messiah" in the offering basket on Sunday, or mail to the church office. Please contact the office if you are interested in using offering envelopes.
- 2) Email your contribution to givings@messiahchurch.ca. Please use the security question: "What is the pastor's first name?" and the answer: "George"
- 3) You can use PayPal to donate to the church. Click on the "Give" tab (far right side) on our website (messiahchurch.ca)
- 4) Pre-authorized debit – You can authorize the church to debit your bank account for a fixed amount on a recurring basis of your choice. To get started, please contact the office: info@messiahchurch.ca

FINANCIAL UPDATE AT JULY 10, 2016

Target Offering: \$ 159,962

Actual Offering: \$ 146,948

OUR ROOTS: THE LOCAL CHURCH

Dear friends,

This blog is part of a series where I look briefly at some of the classic, or historic, or original Anglican teachings. Each week I look at one of the Articles in the Thirty-Nine Articles. By the way, these Articles are a key component in Messiah's Statement of Faith. I will quote the Article accurately, but I will modernize the language sometimes.

"Article XIX: Of the Church: The visible Church of Christ is a congregation of faithful men and women, in which the pure Word of God is preached, and the sacraments be duly ministered according to Christ's ordinance in all those things that of necessity are requisite to the same. As the Church of Jerusalem, Alexandria and Antioch have erred; so also the Church of Rome has erred, not only in their living and manner of ceremonies, but also in matters of faith."

First, notice the implied, biblical distinctions between the visible and the invisible church. The invisible church is made up of all people, living and dead, who have come to a saving faith in Jesus Christ. Only the Lord knows who are His. The visible church is a local congregation (or denomination). Every visible church is too small to be the invisible church. Every visible church will have in it people who have saving faith (and are part of the invisible church) and those who do not have saving faith.

Second, local congregations are to be formed, and there is nothing inherently wrong about denominations. God has not called His people to live private, isolated lives. He calls us to Himself and then He calls us to live the Christian life as part of a local church.

Third, the local, visible church has two simple tasks listed. The first is to preach the pure Word of God. The second is to administer the two sacraments (or ordinances) of Baptism and the Lord's Supper in the manner that Jesus intended. Please note that Article 25 clearly teaches that there are only two sacraments; not seven.

Fourth, Anglicanism is not a "middle-way" between Protestantism and Catholicism. It does not say that Eastern Orthodox and Roman Catholics are automatically not Christian. It does say that they have erred in some matters of faith (doctrine) and ceremonies (their liturgies and worship) and living (their instructions on how their members are to live their daily lives).

Fifth, it is a surprise to many people that the 39 Articles have no statement about dioceses or synods. The Articles only have a statement on the local church. This does not mean Anglicanism undervalues or dismisses denominations or dioceses. It wisely focuses on how the simple Christian will actually live his or her daily, weekly, yearly Christian walk. This article does stand as a caution to Anglicans who so exalt the diocese that the importance of the local church is lost.

George +

AMOS: LET JUSTICE ROLL DOWN

First Reading: Amos 5: 18-27 *Free Bibles available on stage near Besserer door.

Gospel Reading: Luke 18: 9-14

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UPCOMING EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

BETWEEN-SERVICE PRAYER continues each Sunday @ 9:30am in the OLT lobby. Join us as we pray for the world, the church and one another.

BISHOP CHARLIE MASTERS will visit Church of the Messiah on October 16. If you are interested in being Confirmed, OR would like to be officially received into Anglicanism, OR would like to renew/reaffirm your Baptism, by Bishop Charlie, please contact Shirley at info@messiahchurch.ca or 613 235 0596.

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



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