



## 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](mailto:messiahchurch.office@gmail.com) 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

### Quinquagesima

<b>First Reading</b>	<b>The Gospel</b>	*Free Bibles are available
Revelation 13	Luke 18:31-43	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

- MON/ MAR 3 Women's Prayer Group**  
8:30am @ Heidi Jost's
- TUE/ MAR 4 Lowertown Home Group**  
7:00pm @ Ian Murray's
- Messiah Prayer Meeting**  
7:00pm @ Messiah Office
- WED/ MAR 5 ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES**  
10:30am @ Messiah Office  
7:00pm @ Sandy Hill Community Centre
- Men's Bible Study**  
5:30pm @ Rideau Centre
- THU/ MAR 6 The House (Young Adults)**  
6:30pm @ The Giles'
- Old Ottawa South Home Group**  
7:15pm @ Ann Wilson's
- SAT/ MAR 8 ANNUAL VESTRY & POTLUCK**  
4:00pm @ St. P&P's (152 Metcalfe)
- Join us for a potluck dinner immediately following Vestry, simply bring something to share! Contact Lisa Moore Ede with questions at [lisa.mooreede@gmail.com](mailto:lisa.mooreede@gmail.com) or 613-247-9345.



### SPRING FORWARD!

Daylight Saving Time begins

- SUN/ MAR 9 ALTERNATE SERVICE LOCATION**  
**8am & 10am @ the University of Ottawa**  
Next Sunday's services will take place at the University of Ottawa. See handouts or visit website for details. Do NOT come to the OLT.

- WED/ MAR 12 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.

- FRI - SUN MAR 28-30 Messiah Women's Retreat**  
Bethesda Renewal Centre

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## 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 devil can only parody, bend and break, he cannot truly create.
- Attitude B) The question is never, "Will I worship?" The question is always, "Who or what am I worshiping?"
- Attitude C) God grant me a faith-filled endurance and an enduring faithfulness.

## 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, I confess that I forget that I am a worshiping creature who always worships. Please help me to worship You alone. Thank You that Jesus died on the cross to reconcile me to You. Thank You that when I turn to Him in repentance and faith, my name is written in the Lord's Book of Life. Please help me to live with an enduring faithfulness in You and please grant me to live with faith-filled endurance for You. In Jesus name. Amen.

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

"... that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death..." (Philippians 3:10 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,

He was an older man who attended another Anglican Church. We knew each other slightly and we were thrown together at some social event. He knew I was an evangelical and he had a surprising question for me.

"George, every Sunday that I get to read one of the Bible readings as part of the liturgy, when I finish reading, I say "This is the word of the Lord." Just recently, my parish priest took me aside and told me off. He told me that I could not say, "This is the word of the Lord." I had to say, "The word of the Lord."

I told him that this was surprising to me. I asked him if the priest told him why he could say one phrase, but not say a similar phrase. My friend said, "He told me that the Book of Alternative Services (BAS) tells us to say, "The word of the Lord." This is intentional. If we say, "This is the word of the Lord," then we are saying that this passage which we just read is the word of the Lord. If we say, "The word of the Lord," we are just making an acclamation and we are making no comment about the Biblical text actually being God's word written."

This incident happened many years ago, when I was still a part of the Anglican Church of Canada. It was a very eye-opening experience for me. I had not realized how subtly the BAS (an official service book of the Anglican Church of Canada) was written, so that those who did not believe in orthodox biblical Christianity could still "worship."

For your information, we do not use the BAS at Messiah for this and other reasons. I also want to encourage our readers to say, "This is the word of the Lord" after they read the Bible in public. Those who have spent many years in Anglican, Roman Catholic, Lutheran and United Churches might slip up and merely say, "The word of the Lord" - or the reader might get to the end of the text and get flustered and not remember what to say. That is fine. We do not expect verbal perfection. But we do gather as Jesus' people to hear God's word in the presence of Jesus; so it is great to respond to the Bible reading. "This is the word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!!"

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