

## Events and Announcements



### St Joe's Collection Bin and Memorial Names

The St. Joe's Collection Bin will be at the Besserer door every Sunday from today up until to Easter. Donations of non-perishable food, toiletries and feminine products will be given to St. Joe's Supper Table ministry.

If you would like to have a loved one remembered by name in the Easter bulletin, please submit those names to the office no later than April 15th. Flowers will be present on the stage in memory of our loved ones. [info@messiahchurch.ca](mailto:info@messiahchurch.ca)



# Easter

At Messiah

**GOOD FRIDAY**  
9:30AM | CHILDREN'S INTERACTIVE SERVICE  
10:30AM | THE LAST SEVEN WORDS SERVICE

**EASTER**  
8AM & 10AM SERVICES

Ottawa Little Theatre | 400 King Edward Ave | Ottawa, ON

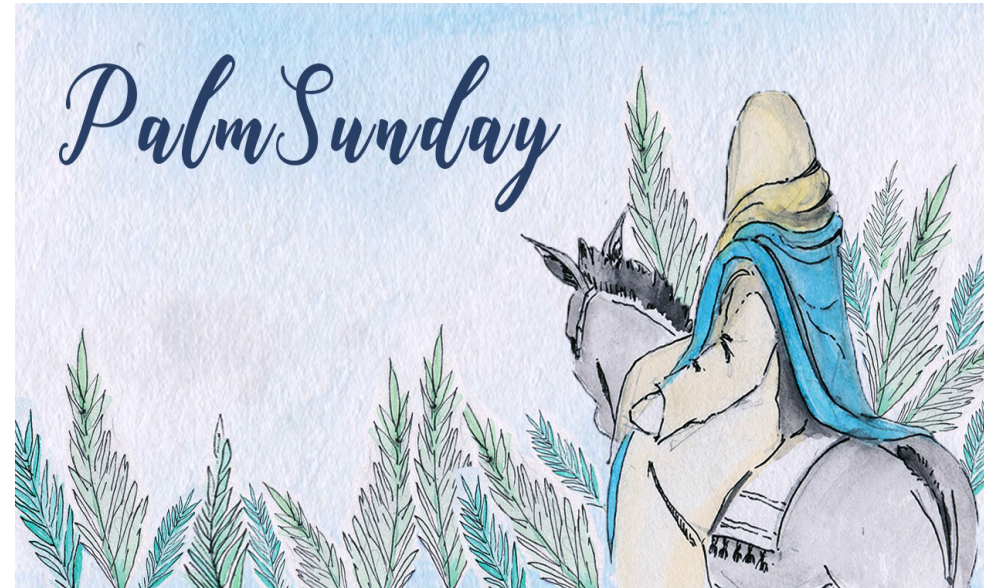


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**WELCOME TO CHURCH OF THE MESSIAH!**

**Sunday, April 14th, 2019**

*Making disciples of Jesus, gripped by the gospel, living for God's glory.*



Rev. Canon George Sinclair - Rector



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Today's service:  
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## GROWING IN GRACE

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### **I need to develop godly attitudes.**

- A) Pray for godly attitudes in general & certain attitudes in particular.
- B) Ask others to pray the same thing for you.
- C) Repeat the attitude to help it sink in. Do this in conjunction with A & B!

### **Attitudes.**

- 1. Because of the Gospel, I am learning to die to self-justification.
- 2. Because of the Gospel, I am learning to die to self-righteousness.
- 3. Because of the Gospel, I am learning to hope.

### **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:

Almighty God, it was Your word that created all things; it was Your word that saw me created; it is only Your word which matters in judging me. Thank You for Jesus. Thank You that He died as my substitute and bore the judgement I deserve. Thank You that by faith in Him, Your final word about me is "Welcome my forgiven child to my glory." Please bring these truths deep into my life. In Jesus' Name. Amen.

### **I need to get God's word in my mind and heart.**

"Christ suffered for our sins once for all time. He never sinned, but he died for sinners to bring you safely home to God. He suffered physical death, but he was raised to life in the Spirit."

1 Peter 3:18 NLT

### **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 \_\_\_\_\_."

## **A Good time to think about death**

Dear Friends,

Surely there have to be times to think about death. Both death in general and your own death. Holy Week is a good time to think about death.

First of all, death is unavoidable. Every living thing will die. Every human being will die. Whether we are thinking about science or spirituality or morality or ideology or politics; surely it is important to consider death and what death means for a system of science or morality or anything that human beings think about. When we ponder and think, we think about facts and intuitions and what other people have said or are saying - but we rarely think about death. But how can any system of thought or reflection fail to think through what death means? Shouldn't the reality of death critique and shape what we believe and understand?

Second of all, if death is unavoidable, then it must be natural, but we never feel it is natural. Why is it that death always seems unnatural, "out of place". Why is it we feel human death "doesn't belong" or "shouldn't be"? If we do not consider the reality and inevitability of death, we will not go on to consider our intuition that death is unnatural! Once again, how does our ideology or science account for this? Does our insight about death as unnatural change our science or philosophy?

Third of all, many people today and throughout history believe that death is not final, that life goes on in some form. This, in fact, is further evidence that we do not believe death is natural in some sense. Once again, how does an intuition that life follows death fit in with science and philosophy and morality and spirituality; in other words, with thoughtful thought? The hard-nosed evidence is that human death is final. If it is not, how does science and human thought have to change? Apart from intuition, what evidence is there that human death is not final?

Christians believe that on the original "Good Friday", the women and the soldiers and the enemies of Jesus and the curious and the idle were, in fact, witnessing the death of death in the death of Jesus Messiah. His full and complete entry into death on Friday and His full and complete defeat of death on Sunday is historical evidence that death is not final. It is also evidence that death is both natural and unnatural. God bears witness in human history that death was not meant to be the final word. Jesus told us that if we trust in Him and follow Him we will share in His defeat of death and in His unending life on the other side of death.

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