

LUKE: JESUS FOR PAGANS & SKEPTICS
JESUS ON KARMA

First Reading
Ephesians 4:17-32

The Gospel
Luke 13:1-21

*Free Bibles available on
stage near Besserer door.



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

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NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

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

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 third worship song.

LEADERSHIP TEAM

Rev. Canon George Sinclair
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FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Giving

If you are visiting, please feel free to let the plate go by.
If you would like to donate, there are two ways to give:

- 1) Place cash or cheques payable to "Church of the Messiah" in the offering plate on Sunday, or mail to the church office.
- 2) Visit messiahchurch.ca/give to donate online via CanadaHelps.

Financial Update / January - September 2014

Actual Offering: \$197,185
Target Offering: \$237,187

Dear friends,

On Wednesday, some of us were locked-down, but all of us were probably captivated by the events transpiring on Parliament Hill, the War Memorial and downtown Ottawa. For followers of Jesus, what happens after Wednesday? How shall we then live? Here are some initial thoughts.

First, pray for our city. Pray for the prosperity and safety and freedom and flourishing of Ottawa. Pray that God will guide you and teach you how to pray for Ottawa. We belong to the Sovereign God and He is always more willing to hear and answer than we are to pray.

Second, be willing to pray with others about their hopes and fears. This will stretch me as much as it may stretch many of you. Consider offering to pray for people - either on the spot or afterwards. Many of us will have conversations with friends and neighbours about events. Ask God to help you step out of your comfort zone and say something like, "I do not want to intrude or insult, but I pray about what is on my heart. I am praying for Ottawa, can I pray for you about what you have shared?"

Third, we will hear much about "living without fear." This is a good thing to say, but there is more for a follower of Jesus to say and do. Prior to Wednesday, a friend of mine said, "Secular people have a hard time with what is happening with ISIL. Muslims will die for Islam. Christians will die for their faith. Secularists are unlikely to die for secularism." Many will say to "live without fear" when they feel safe. We need to pray for courage to follow Jesus and live without fear. We need to pray that God will fan into flame within us a deep longing for Heaven and a deep confidence that "the New Heaven and Earth" is real. Grippled by the gospel, as disciples of Jesus, let us live for God's glory, by living without fear.

Fourth, the world will try to squeeze us into its mold. Whether Ottawa goes "left" or "right," too tolerant or harsh, capitulate or militarize, live in denial or live in paranoia. We do not know how our city will change, but we do know, "Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect." Romans 12:2, read verse 1 as well!

Please pray for Messiah. Please pray for me.

George +

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) God, make me a disciple gripped by the gospel living for Your glory.
- 2) I desire to have God's word written form my mind and heart.
- 3) God, please make our church a prayerful, Bible teaching evangelical church with a heart for Ottawa and the world.

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, thank You for Your Son's death upon the cross for me. Thank You that Jesus Christ crucified is Your power for salvation to all who believe. Please grip me with this gospel and help me to present myself to You as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to You. In Jesus Name, Amen.

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

"Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will."
(Romans 12:1-2 ESV)

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 _____."

MON / OCT 27 Women's Home Group

7:00pm @ 205 Bolton St.

TUE / OCT 28 Messiah Prayer Meeting

7:00pm @ Messiah Office / 315 Lisgar St.

The House (Home Group)

7:00pm @ 148 Augusta St.

Lowertown Home Group

7:00pm @ 110 Nelson St.

Marriage Alpha Course

6:45pm @ 315 Lisgar St.

WED / OCT 29 Church on Wednesday

7:00pm @ uOttawa, Agora

The Wurtemberg Home Group

7:30pm @ 111 Wurtemberg St.

THU / OCT 30 40 Days for Life Vigil

7:00am - 7:00pm @ Across from 65 Bank St.

Email Andrea (nexttpossible@hotmail.com) to sign-up for a one hour slot.

FRI / OCT 31 Men's Gathering

8:00pm @ 584 Tweedsmuir Ave.

Email Victor (vndihoku@gmail.com) for more info.

FRI / OCT 31 CANDYFEST 2014 / Revive Youth

7:00pm @ Sainte Anne's School / 340 York St.

WED / NOV 4 ANiC Synod Workshops

Email info@messiahchurch.ca for more info.

MESSIAH MEN'S GATHERING THIS SATURDAY!

All men are invited to the home of Victor Ndiokubwayo this Friday, October 31 at 8:00pm. RSVP to vndihoku@gmail.com. If you have any questions, feel free to email Victor or call 613.235.0596.

SAMARITAN'S PURSE OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Church of the Messiah will be collecting shoeboxes full of gifts to help reach children worldwide with the good news of God's love and the true meaning of Christmas. Pick-up your shoebox in the lobby today! Boxes will be collected on **November 16**.

JOIN MESSIAH'S CHOIR

The choir is looking for more singers, including soprano, alto, tenor and bass! Rehearsals take place every Sunday at 9:00am at the Ottawa Little Theatre. For more information, email heidij7jost@hotmail.com.