

Grief

FOLLOWING THE LAMB IN THE DYING DAYS OF THE DRAGON
REVELATION 18

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

Going Deeper

- ① GETTING TO KNOW ME** Would you rather go to a restaurant with a big menu, or a restaurant with a choice of only 4 or 5 main dishes?
- ② GETTING INTO THE BIBLE**

Please remember to pray, asking God to pour out His Holy Spirit upon you to make you good soil, so that His word will bear much fruit in your life.

 - 1) Read Revelation 18
 - 2) Read Rev. 18:1. Then read Exod. 34:29-35.
 - 3) Read Rev. 18:4. Then read Deut. 30:15-20; Josh. 24:14-15.
 - 4) Read Rev. 18:7-17. Then read James 4:13-5:6; 2 Cor 7:10.
 - 5) Read Rev. 18.
- ③ GETTING REAL** Has the Holy Spirit spoken to you during this time of Bible study?
Can you share with others so they can pray for you?



Welcome!

Helping ordinary people
**be confident, joyful disciples
of Jesus Christ.**

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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, 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

Fifth Sunday in Lent

First Reading	The Gospel	*Free Bibles are available
Revelation 18	Matthew 20:20-28	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/ APR 8** **Lowertown Home Group**
7:00pm @ Ian Murray's
Messiah Prayer Meeting
7:00pm @ Messiah Office
- WED/ APR 9** **Men's Bible Study**
5:30pm @ Rideau Centre
The Wurttemberg Home Group
7:30pm @ The van Hemmen's
Passover Seder
6:15pm @ Immaculata High School
(140 Main St.)
- THU/ APR 10** **The House**
6:30pm @ The Giles'
- SUN/ APR 13** **Palm Sunday & Arise Ballet Performance**
8:00am & 10:00am @ OLT
- FRI/ APR 18** **Good Friday**
9:30am @ OLT - Family Friendly Service
10:30am @ OLT - Good Friday Service
- SUN/ APR 20** **Easter Sunday**
8:00am & 10:00am @ OLT
Light refreshments to follow.

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

Easter Remembrance

If you would like to add names of loved ones who have passed to our Easter Remembrance list, contact the office by April 13.

St. Joe's Food & Clothing Donations

During the Easter Season, we are collecting donations of food, clothing and money for St. Joe's. Bring your food and clothing donations to the blue bin at the Besserer door entrance on Sunday, April 20. If you'd like to make a financial donation, simply mark "St. Joe's" on your offering envelope or in the cheque memo.

Financial Update - Operating Fund

	January - March 2014	
	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>TARGET</u>
Offering	\$67,083	\$67,962

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) Glory belongs only to the living God.
- Attitude B) True human glory is but God's glory reflected by a person.
- Attitude C) Being self-centered has a bitter end.
- Attitude D) Jesus, help me be gripped by the gospel and live by Your glory!

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 help me to be in the world, but not of the world. Please help me to love Your people, but not live in a Christian ghetto. Please help me to love the world on Your terms, not on the world's terms. Please make me Your child, gripped by the gospel. Please help me to live for Your glory. In Jesus' Name. Amen.

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

"For godly grief produces a repentance that leads to salvation without regret, whereas worldly grief produces death." (2 Corinthians 7:10 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,

We enter the Jesus Way one-by-one, but we walk the Jesus Way with Jesus and others. "Walk" is one word, but it means "living our day-to-day life." Modern life often seems to push us towards a solitary life, but we still crave meaning, purpose and connection. The modern world's push towards solitary life means it can be easy for us to drift into a solitary Christian life. But the Jesus Way is walking with Jesus and others, so we need to make intentional choices to connect with Jesus in the presence of His people; we need to make intentional choices to connect with Jesus while connecting with other people. Here are a few things to consider.

Next Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week. On Sunday, we will have the Christian Arise Youth Ballet Company with us. On Good Friday, we will have a moving service based on seven brief reflections on each of Jesus' last words from the cross. Before this, we will have a brief Children's Service. On Easter Sunday, we gather to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus. Plan to attend! Prayerfully plan to invite others to one or more of these services.

Consider coming out to the Tuesday evening prayer meeting. This is a great opportunity to pray for our church and our community; to connect with others from Messiah and from other churches. Or, consider joining one of our home groups. These are great ways to connect with Jesus while connecting with His people.

Consider coming out on Wednesday, April 23 as a team from Messiah serves and feeds the poor at the Jericho Road Coffee House. There will be info about this in the lobby after church.

Consider initiating something new in our church community. Our mission is, "Making disciples gripped by the gospel, living for God's glory." Our vision is, "Building a prayerful, Bible-teaching evangelical church in the heart of the city with a heart for the city and the world." As you pray into this mission and vision, maybe the Lord will lay on your heart some new initiative or endeavour to help us live the mission and grow into the vision. Come talk to one of the staff about what the Lord seems to be laying on your heart.

Consider connecting with a new person at Messiah. Just walk across the room and say "hi" in welcome. Consider introducing the person to someone you already know. Please pray. Thank you for praying!

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