

JESUS ON SIGHT & INSIGHT
LUKE : JESUS FOR PAGANS & SKEPTICS

First Reading

2 Corinthians 11:19-31

The Gospel

Luke 18:18-43

*Free Bibles available on stage near Besserer door.



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

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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, 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.

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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.

PLEASE PRAY!

Dear friends,

February is the month that we have our Annual Meeting. In Anglican-speak it is called vestry. Since we receive financial reports for 2014 and pass a budget for 2015, it is a key decision making time for the congregation. To give you a "head's up," we will have Vestry on Saturday, February 28 at 4:00pm. In another blog, I'll talk about what happens at a vestry and who can attend and vote. But, our prayer before Vestry is key! Even if you have never attended Vestry and have no interest in attending Vestry this year, please pray for Church of the Messiah. The following are some suggestions for prayer.

First and foremost, please pray that we as a church will seek God's will and seek to bring God glory and honour in all we do. In light of this, pray that we seek God's guidance and direction. Please pray that we will recognize the "assignments" God has for us and please pray that we will discern these assignments with humble faith. It is too easy for a church to "evaluate" a leading from God on the basis of our resources. But the Bible teaches that when God gives an assignment He will also give the resources. So please pray that as we seek to bring glory to God and know His will for us we will step out in faith, trusting His resources. Hudson Taylor put it well, "God's word done in God's way will receive God's supply." So please pray that we will make wise and godly decisions that bear fruit to the glory of God.

In light of this basic direction in prayer, please pray that we will know what new things God would have us do, what current things He would have us continue, and what current things we are doing that we should stop.

Please pray the church's mission and vision statements. They are written to be remembered and prayed! Please pray that God will make you a disciple of Jesus gripped by the gospel and living for God's glory. Please pray that God will work in our church and through our church to make disciples of Jesus gripped by the gospel and living for God's glory. Please pray that God will build us into a prayerful, Bible-teaching evangelical church with a heart for the city and the world. Please pray that God will use us to build up many prayerful, Bible-teaching evangelical churches with a heart for their city and the world.

Thank you for praying!

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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) God can break the spells that grip my heart.
- 2) Jesus always has time to show compassion.
- 3) God's true grace leads me to true self-knowledge.

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.

Lord Jesus Christ, blessed Saviour, I confess to You that by nature I am spiritually blind. I do not recognize the idols on the throne of my heart. Thank You for dying on the cross for me. You are the power of God for salvation for all who come to You in repentance and faith. Please save me! Day-by-day sit on the throne of my heart and expel all idols. By Your grace, may all that is within me bless Your holy name. Amen.

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

"But he said, "What is impossible with man is possible with God."
(Luke 18:27 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 _____."

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Getting to know me.

Who is your favorite super-hero?

Getting into the Bible.

Please ask God to pour out His Holy Spirit upon you to make His word written come alive.

- 1) Read Luke 18:18-43.
- 2) Read 1 Corinthians 1:24-31.
- 3) Read Lk. 18:25-27. Then: Rom. 1:16-17; 3:21-26; Eph. 2:1-10; Phil. 3:7-11.

Getting real.

What has God "brought home" to you as you read and prayed and discussed?
Can you share something of this so others can pray for you?

- TUE / FEB 10** **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.
- WED / FEB 11** **Church on Wednesday**
7:00pm @ uOttawa, Agora
The Wurtemberg Home Group
7:30pm @ 111 Wurtemberg St.
- THU / FEB 12** **Church on Thursday**
7:30pm @ Algonquin
Visit churchonthursday.ca for details.
- FRI / FEB 13** **Men's Gathering**
8:15pm @ 584 Tweedsmuir Ave.
Email Victor for more info: vndihoku@gmail.com.
- SUN / FEB 15** **Dessert Sunday**
Join us for desserts and snacks after the 10AM Service in lieu of "Shrove Tuesday."
- MON / FEB 16** **Family Day**
Church of the Messiah's office will be closed.
- WED / FEB 18** **Ash Wednesday**
10:00am @ Messiah Office / 315 Lisgar St.
7:30pm @ Jules Morin Park Fieldhouse
- SAT / FEB 28** **Messiah Annual Vestry & Potluck**
4:00pm @ St. Peter & St. Paul's / 152 Metcalfe St.
- FRI / MAR 6** **Against Critical Thinking by Dr. RR Reno**
Weston Lecture (Augustine College)
7:30pm @ Saint Paul University Auditorium
223 Main Street

In this free public lecture, Dr. Reno will argue that the life of the mind is based on our capacity to know and affirm truth.
- SUN / MAR 8** **Daylight Savings Time starts (spring forward) Early Service**
9:00am @ Ottawa Little Theatre
The regular 10:00am Service will take place at 9:00am on Sunday, March 8.