

Dear friends,

“All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned – every one – to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.”

–Isaiah 53:6

During this Holy Week, as we prepare our hearts for Good Friday and Easter Sunday, we wanted to touch base to share some important ministry updates.

### **Holy Week Devotionals**

To help focus our thinking on the Lord Jesus and his saving work at Calvary, we are producing a brief daily devotional video. The first of these has gone live on our [site](#) and social media channels. The others will be loaded each morning, Tuesday through Thursday. We trust these will be an encouragement to you.

### **Shareable Easter Invitations**

We are not able to gather in our usual way for Easter, but we know that many are hungry for truth and for hope during this time of crisis – and so we believe that this Easter is a very special gospel opportunity. Please be praying about who you would like to invite to join us online for these special virtual services. While we are not able to use our printed Easter invitations, we are providing shareable Easter invitations through our [virtual church page](#) on the website and through our Facebook and Instagram channels.

### **Good Friday and Easter Sunday Services**

We continue our Easter series in the passion narrative of John's Gospel on Good Friday and Easter Sunday. Both services will go live at 10 a.m. on our YouTube channel and on the church website. One major question we have had to address as an eldership is the question of the Lord's Supper on Good Friday. Is it possible to provide that “virtually”? We have given that matter some consideration and come to the conclusion that it will not be appropriate to attempt a virtual Lord's Supper. Some of the basic reasoning behind that decision is summarized in a brief article I wrote for the website of The Gospel Coalition Canada. If you are interested, please find the article [here](#).

### **Special Easter Offering**

And finally, let me share a message on behalf of our Treasurer:

One of our Easter traditions at the Met is to have a special offering to support Met ministry as a symbol of our gratitude to the Lord for his gift to us of eternal life through his death and resurrection. While we are not able to keep all our Easter

traditions this year, this is one that is still possible! As a church, we have been given opportunities to minister through this crisis that we could never have anticipated. While seeking to care for the church family, we are reaching an expanded digital audience through our media and we are reaching out to our community to provide practical and spiritual help in any way we can. Please consider joining many of the church family in making a special donation online through our [metbiblechurch.ca/give](https://metbiblechurch.ca/give) page, or mail a cheque to the Met. Just mark your gift "Easter" and it will be allocated to support ministry where it is most needed.

May the Lord encourage you as you remember the death and resurrection of our Saviour in these coming days.

Warmly, in Christ,

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