

# ◆ MELROSE UNITED CHURCH ◆

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◆ **Sunday, April 14, 2019** ◆  
**Palm Sunday**

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◆ SUNDAY, APRIL 14, 2019 ◆

PALM SUNDAY

\* indicates a time to stand, if you are able  
congregational responses are in **boldface type**

## ◆ GATHERING ◆

PRELUDE - Prelude

J.S. Bach

WELCOME AND LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

### \* THE PARADE OF PALMS

*When They Heard That Jesus Was Coming*

MV 128

1. When they heard that Jesus was coming  
*Sing hosanna to the chosen one!*  
All the people went out to meet him  
*Sing hosanna to the chosen one!*  
*Sing hosanna, sing hosanna, sing hosanna to the chosen one!*
2. Spread their cloaks and branches before him, *Sing ...*  
Children sang with palm branches waving. *Sing ...*
3. Blest is he, like David before him. *Sing ...*  
Blest is he, God's blessing upon him. *Sing ...*
4. Guiding cloud and pillar of fire, *Sing ...*  
Satan's foe and friend of the sinner. *Sing ...*
5. Word of God, and first born of people, *Sing ...*  
Promise kept, the crown of creation. *Sing ...*
6. Vision blest, and hope for the future, *Sing ...*

God's beloved, radiant with glory. *Sing ...*

7. Wondrous bread, and stream in the desert, *Sing ...*  
Holy thirst, and God's living water. *Sing ...*
8. Eye of God, who see to the heart of us, *Sing ...*  
Healing touch, the sight of our blindness. *Sing ...*
9. Rising sun, the light of the world, *Sing ...*  
Word of life, who give us your Spirit. *Sing ...*
10. Friend in death, who weep for our dying, *Sing ...*  
Friend in death, who roll back the stone for us. *Sing ...*
11. Friend in death, who wake us to new life, *Sing ...*  
Friend in life, we sing glad hosannas. *Sing ...*

#### LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

One: Christ is in the midst of us.

**All: Christ is, and Christ shall be.**

ANTHEM – Benedictus qui venit

Palestrina

#### PRAYER AND CANDLE FOR LENT VI

**All: Glorious God, you are the source of life everlasting.  
Just as you bring new life to the earth  
after a long winter's wait,  
may you bring new life to our hearts this Easter.  
May we be reborn in love and renewed in faith.  
On this Palm Sunday, we come closer to the cross  
but we also look forward to the commemoration of the  
Son's rising; may we come into the everlasting  
joy of your realm of *shalom*. Amen.**

*(five purple candles and one pink candle are lit)*

RESPONSE (sung)

MV 67

One: Kyrie eleison,

**All: Kyrie eleison,**

One: Christe eleison,

**All: Christe eleison,**

One: Kyrie eleison,

**All: Kyrie eleison.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

One: Jesus rode into the Holy City of Jerusalem proclaiming the arrival of God's realm of *shalom*, a realm where our wrongdoings are forgiven and where we are cleansed and renewed.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

\* HYMN – *Sanna Sannanina*

VU 128

◆ **SERVICE OF THE WORD** ◆

Reader: Imogen and Jonathan Clase

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

RESPONSIVE PSALM – Psalm 118 (parts 1, 3, 4 *no refrain*) VU 837

WISDOM OF ISRAEL: Isaiah 50: 4-9a

One: The Word of God.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

THE GOSPEL: Luke 19: 28-40

One: This is Gospel of Jesus Christ.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

\* HYMN – *All Glory, Laud and Honour*

VU 122

SERMON: "Tone it Down, Dude!"

ANTHEM – Lord, we beseech thee

A. Batten

◆ **RESPONSE** ◆

THE PRESENTATION OF OUR OFFERING

OFFERING

★ OFFERTORY HYMN – *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

VU 149, Verse 4

*Were the whole realm of nature mine,  
that were a present far too small:  
love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (said by all)

**What can we offer that you have not already offered us?**

**What can we do that you have not already done for us?**

**Lord Jesus, in your gifts to us,**

**you have provided us the way to live and serve you.**

**Through the gifts we now offer, we express our longing to serve  
and to follow wherever you go. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND CONCERN

(concluding with singing of Prayer of Jesus – VU 959)

★ CLOSING HYMN – *What Wondrous Love is This*

VU 147

SENDING FORTH

One: As we enter the week of Christ's passion, we remember that our Redeemer suffered death, was buried and rose again for our sake. Christ our teacher, for us you were obedient even unto death:

**All: Teach us to obey God's will in all things.**

One: Christ our life, by dying on the cross

you destroyed the power of evil and death:

**All: Enable us to die with you, and to rise with you in glory.**

One: Christ our strength, you were despised and humiliated  
as a condemned criminal:

**All: Teach us the humility by which you saved the world.**

One: Christ our Saviour, on the cross you embraced all time  
with your outstretched arms:

**All: Gather the scattered children of God into your  
realm.**

CHORAL RESPONSE

VU 148

*Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.*

*Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.*

**(sung three times)**

POSTLUDE – Mache dich, from *St. Matthew Passion*

J. S. Bach

## **Melrose Vision ♦**

To respond to God's call by being a people of faith who open our hearts and minds to the true power and love of Jesus Christ. To live our faith by providing within our changing community a welcoming environment which encourages all people to care for and accept one another.

## **♦ Newcomers and Visitors ♦**

Welcome to Melrose United Church!

Please feel free to fill in the form in the Welcome Binder located by the Name Tag boxes which are located on the tables by the east doors on each side of the chancel steps.

## **♦ Worship Next Week ♦**

At the very heart of the Christian Holy Week observance is the celebration of what is called the *triduum*, a Latin word that refers to a three day worship event that begins on the evening of Maundy Thursday, moves through the observance of God's suffering love on Good Friday, and comes to its joyful conclusion on Easter Sunday morning. At Melrose, we will begin with our congregational pot luck dinner and communion service on Thursday (beginning at 6:15). On Friday morning, we will mark the journey to the cross through the ancient liturgy of Tenebrae (which means 'shadows'). On Sunday (Easter), we will celebrate by coming the empty tomb sensibly a little past sunrise (8:00 a.m. in the chapel), having a tasty Easter breakfast (at 9:00 a.m. -- with a free will offering toward a needed maintenance project and then joining together for Holy Communion (at 10:30 a.m.). Worship at 10:30 will also feature, as always, the joyful sounds of our excellent Melrose choir under the direction of Alex Cann.

## **♦ Membership At Melrose ♦**

Our Easter communion celebration on April 21<sup>st</sup> will include the reception of new members. Have you been thinking about becoming a member of Melrose? In addition to having your say on

“matters spiritual,” there’s swag! Speak to Rev. Philip about this excellent opportunity.

◆ **Note from the office** ◆

**During Easter weekend the church building hours** are as follows: **Friday April 19: 9am-12pm** for Good Friday Service; **Saturday April 20: Closed** ; **Sunday April 21: 7:30am-1pm** – 8:00am Early Service, 9am Breakfast, 10:30am Easter Worship; **Monday April 22: Closed**  
If you have any questions please contact the office @ 905-522-1323 or melrose@melroseunited.ca

◆ **Our Faith Journey: Next Steps** ◆

We are now ready for the next steps in our journey, as outlined at the Annual General Meeting in February. A congregational meeting will be held following the service today, for the purpose of approving the Living Faith Story and appointing a Search Committee. The following Melrose congregants have graciously volunteered their time and talent to form the 2019 Search Committee: Sylvia Chitty, Margaret Duff, Bob Ross, James Young, and Cathryn Urbanek. We are grateful to each of them for their leadership in this important work. Rev. Lynn Godfrey and Bob Brunner have also been appointed as Regional Council representatives in the search process. They are familiar with Melrose through their participation on the transition team.  
*Cheryl Evans, Chair, Official Board*

◆ **Easter and Chancel Flowers and Gifts** ◆

Memorial donations for Easter and Chancel Flowers and Gifts will be accepted until today **Palm Sunday, April 14**. Celebrate the memory of someone special to you and your family with a donation to the Easter and Chancel Flower and Gift Fund. The flowers will be used to decorate the sanctuary next week on **Easter Sunday**, and on other special Sundays throughout the year. Special donation envelopes are available in the narthex and in the sanctuary, with a label on the back for writing memorial names.



## **Calling all members of Melrose - Your help is needed...**

M&P committee is putting together a volunteer group

1. To help at special events
2. To cover custodial/office work on short notice in the case of illness or unexpected absences  
(be in church office to direct people, answer questions & for locking up)

We are setting up an email list of people to contact

If you are interested & available

please send your email with

**"Volunteer" in subject line to [melrose@melroseuntied.ca](mailto:melrose@melroseuntied.ca)**

### **◆ Supper in the Sanctuary ◆**

There will be a potluck supper in the Sanctuary at 6:15pm on **April 18**. This is an intergenerational celebration of Maundy Thursday. All families and friends of Melrose are welcomed to attend. Come and share in the spirit of the season.

### **◆ Easter Sunday Sunrise Breakfast ◆**

*Back by popular demand!*

April 1st 9am- Parlour - Suggested donation: \$15.00/family

Come and enjoy a wonderful cooked breakfast immediately following Easter Morning Service. And you don't even have to do the dishes!

All Proceeds from the Breakfast will go towards an important maintenance project around the church.

### **◆ A big recital series Thank you! ◆**

Thanks to all the volunteers who made the music recitals a great success. Attendance at every Sunday was phenomenal. Thanks for making refreshments, serving and cleaning up! Thanks also to all the choir members who donated items for the silent auction. And thanks to the food servers, preparers, ushers and ticket sellers for the event. Your hard dedicated work made a wonderful cheery success of \$1400.00 for the organ restoration fund. Plan to come to the final

concert this afternoon at 3pm! A final fundraising number for the whole series will be available next week.

◆ **Save the Date** ◆

**Saturday May 11, 2019 from 1:00-4:00 p.m.** please join us for an afternoon at Melrose United Church for **“Pages, Pics and Pies”**. This is a book, art and tea room sale where you can pick up some new to you pictures, books and enjoy a relaxing dessert and assorted teas.

**We are asking for donations of books and art to make this a success.** Items can be left in the cornershoppe drop off area in the auditorium. More details to come!

◆ **Social Justice Updates** ◆

The social justice outreach committee thanks all of the folk who attended after service on March 25th. Contributions were \$311.00 . We are sending the money to Mission Services to meet the needs of the those people displaced by Cyclone Idai. We encourage members of Melrose to continue their outreach to Mission and Services to assist them in assisting efforts at recovery.

◆ **Doors Open Hamilton is Coming to Melrose** ◆

Melrose United Church is SHINING in 2019. We will be showcasing our beautiful sanctuary on May 4th 10am-4pm as part of Open Doors Hamilton. This is a PERFECT way to let folk come into our church and see the beauty of the building. So we need you! Spots available are:

**Time: 10am-12pm- 2 people; 12pm-2pm-2 people; 2pm-4pm- 2 people**

Volunteers will provide security to our building provide refreshments and also welcome folk in. We are not doing tours, but will be on hand to answer questions. If you have time to volunteer please let Michelle in the church office know or email Gwyneth directly at [gwynxag@gmail.com](mailto:gwynxag@gmail.com).

**◆ Now Accepting Online Donations ◆**

Did you hear? We now accept online donations! This is powered through CanadaHelps.Org. You can do a one time donation or set up a monthly donation. This is another option in addition to PAR.

**◆ Thank you... ◆**

Thank you to coffee hosts this month Shari Saunders, Linda Saunders & Kathy Ross

<b>MELROSE WEEKLY CALENDAR</b>		
<b>Monday – April 15</b>		
Carpet Bowling	12:30 p.m.	Bowling Alley
Quilting	12:30 p.m.	Parlour
Brownies and Guides	5:30 p.m.	Parlour
<b>Tuesday - April 16</b>		
<b>Melrose Bible Study</b>	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Chapel</b>
Martial Arts Class	6:00 p.m.	Norman Slater Room
Ancaster U12 Soccer	6:30 p.m.	Gym
Bach Elgar Rehearsal	7:00 p.m.	Auditorium, Sanctuary
Tai Chi	7:30 p.m.	Parlour
Pick up Basketball	7:45 p.m.	Gym
<b>Wednesday - April 17</b>		
Duet Club Rehearsal and Meeting	9:30 a.m.	Parlour
Siva Yoga	10:30 a.m.	Norman Slater Room
Wedding Rehearsal	6:00 p.m.	Sanctuary
Pilates	6:30 p.m.	Norman Slater Room
<b>Thursday - April 18</b>		
Mother Goose Classes	8:45 a.m.	Parlour
HWC Breakfast	9:30 a.m.	Auditorium
Carpet Bowling	12:30 p.m.	Bowling Alley
RSDCS Dancing Class	1:30 p.m.	Norman Slater Room
English Country Dancing	7:00 p.m.	Auditorium
<b>Maundy Thursday Potluck</b>	<b>6:15 p.m.</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
Gardening Group	6:30 p.m.	Norman Slater Room
<b>Melrose Choir Practice</b>	<b>7:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Chapel</b>
Tai Chi	7:30 p.m.	Parlour
<b>Friday April 19</b>		
<b>Good Friday Service</b>	<b>10:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
<b>Saturday - April 20</b>		
<b>Sunday – April 21</b>		
<b>Melrose Early Service</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
<b>Melrose Easter Breakfast</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Parlour</b>
<b>Melrose Choir Practice</b>	<b>9:40 a.m.</b>	<b>Chapel</b>
<b>Melrose Worship</b>	<b>10:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>