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◆ **Sunday, March 10, 2019** ◆
First Sunday of Lent
Featured Window - *"The Temptation"*

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FEATURED WINDOW - "THE TEMPTATION"

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

◆ **GATHERING** ◆

PRELUDE

INTROIT - Let Thy Merciful Ears. O Lord

T. Weelkes

* OPENING HYMN - *Forty Days and Nights*

VU 114

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

One: Jesus said, "I am the Light of the World:

**All: who follows me will not walk in darkness,
but will have the light of life."**

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Welcome this day to the beginning of a journey.

All: Where will this journey take us?

One: It will take you to the Cross of Christ and beyond.

All: How much time do we have to get ready?

One: The time is now at hand for this journey.

All: Ready us, O God,

for Lent's hard, joyful pilgrimage begins.

PRAYER AND CANDLE FOR LENT I

**All: Compassionate God, look upon this community for which
Your beloved child, Jesus, suffered and died.**

**Help us during this season of Lent to change our way of
life to conform to Your will.**

May we follow in Christ's steps,

opening our hearts to his saving love,
that we may be blessed by his Easter victory.
Amen. (*a purple candle is lit*)

RESPONSE (sung)

MV 67

One: Kyrie eleison,
All: Kyrie eleison,
One: Christe eleison,
All: Christe eleison,
One: Kyrie eleison,
All: Kyrie eleison.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Place your feet on the path through the wilderness.
God is with you. You need not be afraid.
All: Amen.

WELCOME AND LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

* HYMN - *Draw the Circle Wide*

MV 145

A TIME WITH CHILDREN AND THE CHILD WITHIN US

ANTHEM - Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

G. Holst

◆ **SERVICE OF THE WORD** ◆

Reader: Sylvia Chitty

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

RESPONSIVE PSALM - Psalm 99

VU 819

WISDOM OF ISRAEL: Deuteronomy 26: 1-11

One: The Word of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL: Luke 4: 1-13

One: This is Good News of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

All: Praise to you, O Christ

HOMILY: "Give the Devil his Hue"

ANTHEM -Adoramus Te

Palestrina

We adore Thee Christ, our Lord;

And we worship Thy name, Jesu.

Who by Thy sacred cross and passion hast redeemed the world,

For our transgressions.

Thou hast suffered; We do praise Thee Christ forever.

◆ **SERVICE OF THE TABLE** ◆

THE PRESENTATION OF OUR OFFERING

OFFERING

★ OFFERTORY HYMN - *O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts*

VU 472

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (said by all)

We bring these gifts to you, O God,

in recognition and gratitude

for your loving provision.

We offer you our very lives and bow before you

in tribute to your many blessings.

Take us and use us,

that your will may be done on earth

as it is in heaven. Amen.

THE CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION
A Lenten Communion Service

The Invitation to Communion

One: In the name of the One who said,
 “I am the bread of life,”
I invite you to come and eat.
In the name of the One who said, “I am the true vine,”
I invite you to come and drink.
In the name of the One who said,
 “Love one another, as I have loved you,”
I invite you all to the table of Jesus Christ.

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

One: God be with you

All: And also with you

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

One: Thanks and praise be to you, O God,
 for you create life out of the dust,
 and sustain us even in the desert.

We thank you that in the face of every temptation and trial,
 every principality and power,

 You are present to direct and guide, to renew and revive.

We praise you for sending us Jesus,
 Your Suffering Servant,
 to walk before us the way of the cross,
 to turn us to you and to one another.

Therefore, we join your long procession of pilgrims
praising you along the way, singing:

All (singing): *Holy, holy, holy Lord
God of power and God of might,
heaven and earth are full,
heaven and earth are full,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.*

VU 936

Choir: Heaven and earth are full of your glory
Heaven and earth are full of your glory

All: *Hosanna, hosanna,
hosanna in the highest.*

Choir: Blessed is he
who comes in the name of the Lord.

All *Blessed is he
who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna,
hosanna in the highest.*

The Words of Institution and Prayer for the Spirit

One: We give you thanks that Jesus,
on the night before he died,
took bread,
and after giving thanks to you,
he broke it, and gave it to his friends, saying:
Take, eat.
This is my body, given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way he took the cup,
gave thanks and offered it to his friends, saying:
This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood,
which is shed for you and for many,
for the forgiveness of sins.
Whenever you drink it,

do this in remembrance of me.

Remembering all your mighty and merciful acts,
we break bread and share the cup,
giving thanks for your saving love in Jesus Christ.
As you raised Jesus from death
and call us with him from death to life,
we give ourselves to you
to live for him in joy and grateful praise.

Great is the mystery of faith of which we sing:

All (singing): *Christ has died*
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

VU 939

One: Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us
and upon these your gifts of bread and wine.
Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ
that we may be for the world
the body of Christ.
Send us out in the power of the Spirit
to live for others, as Christ lived for us.
By your Spirit draw us together into one body
and join us to Christ the Lord,
that we may remain his glad and faithful people.
Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honour are yours, almighty God,
forever and ever.

All (singing): *Amen, amen, amen.*

VU 939

The Peace

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

(you are invited to share the Peace with one another)

Intercessions

One: At this time, we also remember all with whom you would have us share your feast. We pray for all who are in sorrow or in pain. All who are ill or alone. We pray for all whose who suffer loss through natural disaster or human wrongdoing, those who are constricted by fear and anxiety. We pray for ourselves and for our church that we may always strive for justice, mercy and peace in the name of the one who taught us to pray together, singing (VU#959)... *Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil for the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and for ever.*

The Sharing of the Elements

One: The bread of life shared with you.

The cup of the New Covenant shared with you.

Come, for the meal is ready!

*(our communion today will be received by intinction. If you are able, please come forward up the centre aisle. Pick up a piece of bread from the tray, dip it in the cup and **consume it immediately**, returning to your seats via the side aisles. The **larger** chalices contain **grape juice**, the **smaller** dark*

green chalices contain wine. If you are unable to come forward, the servers will gladly come and serve you in the pew. Please help them to locate you.)

Communion Music Come in Love and Adoration A. Bruckner

The Prayer of Thanksgiving after Communion

One: Holy and gracious God,
We have encountered Jesus, your beloved child,
who was tempted as we are tempted.
He has refreshed our courage
by his word, his example and his body and
by the offering of the feast we have eaten this day.

**All: Lead us on our journey of forty days
And take us to the mountain of Easter,
that we may share in his risen power
as people renewed to love and trust you more
and to serve better our sisters and brothers.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

★ CLOSING HYMN – *O Jesus, I Have Promised*

VU 120

INVITATION TO OBSERVE A HOLY LENT

BLESSING

CHORAL RESPONSE –

VU 967

Amen, Amen, Amen.

POSTLUDE

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 ♦

Next Sunday is the second Sunday of Lent, and co-incidentally St. Patrick's Day (for any of you who have given up beer for Lent, good news – according to the wisdom of the church on Sundays you are actually exempt from your Lenten obligation, so feel free to improve your day as you see fit). In addition to singing the great creedal hymn known as "St Patrick's Breastplate" (VU 317) worship this week will honour a Celtic saint with a distinctly Celtic flavour in music and prayer. Here is what J. Philip Newell has to say about the nature of Celtic worship. It is "characterized by the expectation of finding God within, of hearing the living voice of God speaking from the very heart of life, within creation and within ourselves."

♦ Thank you... ♦

Thank you to coffee hosts this month *Denise and Phil Farrauto*

♦ Greening our Sacred Space ♦

Each month we receive an update on the number of trees our solar panels have "saved" through our carbon offset.

In January 2019 we offset 5 trees!

◆ **Let's Celebrate!** ◆

Help us celebrate our personal milestones as we prepare to celebrate the 90th of our Church building. Over the next few weeks, please sign the birthday calendar during coffee hour, on your birthdate. We are not asking for the year, just the date. Thank you.

◆ **Celebrating our stained glass windows in Worship** ◆

2019 marks the 90th anniversary of the completion of our beautiful sanctuary designed by renowned Scottish architect John Gibb Morton, who used the ruin of Melrose Abbey as his creative inspiration – hence our church name. In honour of the anniversary, and in anticipation of our forthcoming celebration weekend in late March, elements of worship on each of the forthcoming Sundays will feature themes from one of the glorious stained glass windows that adorn the sanctuary walls.

◆ **Corner Shoppe Update** ◆

As spring slowly approaches and you are thinking about spring cleaning, please remember the Corner Shoppe for your donations of household items, art, books and more. We look forward to passing them on to others for their enjoyment and use. Donations can be left inside the auditorium behind the door marked for that. Thank you for your ongoing help and support.

◆ **Social Justice Update - Social Justice Sunday** ◆

Social Justice and Outreach Sunday: March 24th
Come to the Parlour after church and enjoy some Filipino Desserts and egg rolls. All money raised will go to support United Church Mission Services to the outreach work in areas hit by earthquake, tsunami and monsoons.

From UCC Website:

Japan, China, Hong Kong, and the Philippines have all sustained major damage as massive typhoons swept across their countries last fall. In

addition, Indonesia experienced two significant earthquakes that cost thousands of lives, many lost in the tsunami that followed the latest earthquake. These disasters also destroyed vital transportation and communication links making emergency response challenging.

In the midst of this, United Church Mission & Service partner ACT Alliance, working with other partners in the region, is responding to these devastating events with medical teams to treat the injured, damage assessment teams, food, shelter, and agricultural support to replant crops. They are concentrating their resources to reach the most remote and underserved communities. United Church donations will support this critical work.

Please include the people of the Asia Pacific Region in your prayers as they face the long and difficult journey from emergency response to reconstruction and recover.

MELROSE WEEKLY CALENDAR

Monday – March 11

Carpet Bowling	12:30 p.m.	Bowling Alley
Quilting	12:30 p.m.	Parlour
Brownies and Guides	6:00 p.m.	Gym, Norman Slater Room Chapel

Tuesday - March 12

Martial Arts Class	6:00 p.m.	Norman Slater Room
Bach Elgar Rehearsal	7:00 p.m.	Auditorium, Sanctuary
Tai Chi	7:30 p.m.	Parlour
Pick up Basketball	7:45 p.m.	Gym

Wednesday - March 13

Duet Club Rehearsal and Meeting	9:30 a.m.	Parlour
Siva Yoga	10:30 a.m.	Norman Slater Room
Pilates	6:30 p.m.	Norman Slater Room

Thursday - March 14

Parent Child Mother Goose Class	9:00 a.m.	Parlour
Melrose Bible Study	10:00 a.m.	Chapel
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
Melrose Choir Practice	7:30 p.m.	Chapel
Tai Chi	7:30 p.m.	Parlour

Friday March 15

Executive Meeting WrapAround	9:30 a.m.	Parlour
Reid Rehearsal	1:00 p.m.	Sanctuary
Reid Concert	7:30 p.m.	Sanctuary

Saturday - March 16

WrapAround Training	10:00 a.m.	Auditorium
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Sunday – March 17

Melrose Choir Practice	9:40 a.m.	Chapel
Melrose Worship	10:30a.m.	Sanctuary
Melrose Recital Series	3:00 p.m.	Sanctuary

MELROSE RECITAL SERIES



Melrose United Church - 86 Homewood Avenue

An offering will be collected at each free concert to raise funds for the Organ Repair Fund.

March 17, 3:00 pm Artsong and Aria
Songs by Schumann, Handel, Parry, Verdi.
Allana Stevenson, soprano; Alexander Cann, piano

March 24, 3:00 pm Music for flute, cello, and piano
Featuring the music of J.S. Bach, de Falla, and Piazzola.
Kimberley Schemeit, flute; Monica Fedrigo, cello;
Alexander Cann, piano

March 31, 3:00 pm Carnival of the Animals
A classical favourite for a young audience.
Krista Rhodes, piano; Alexander Cann, piano

April 6, Time:4 pm Celebrate Mel's 90th birthday!
Favourite selections from ninety years of worship
at Melrose United.
Melrose Chancel Choir
Alexander Cann, director

April 14, 3:00 pm Bach's Passions
Arias from the St. Matthew Passion and the St. John
Passion, by J.S. Bach.
Chris Palmer, baritone; Alexander Cann, piano

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YOU'RE INVITED



TO A BABY SHOWER IN HONOR OF

Valerie and Seth

SATURDAY MARCH 24th 2019

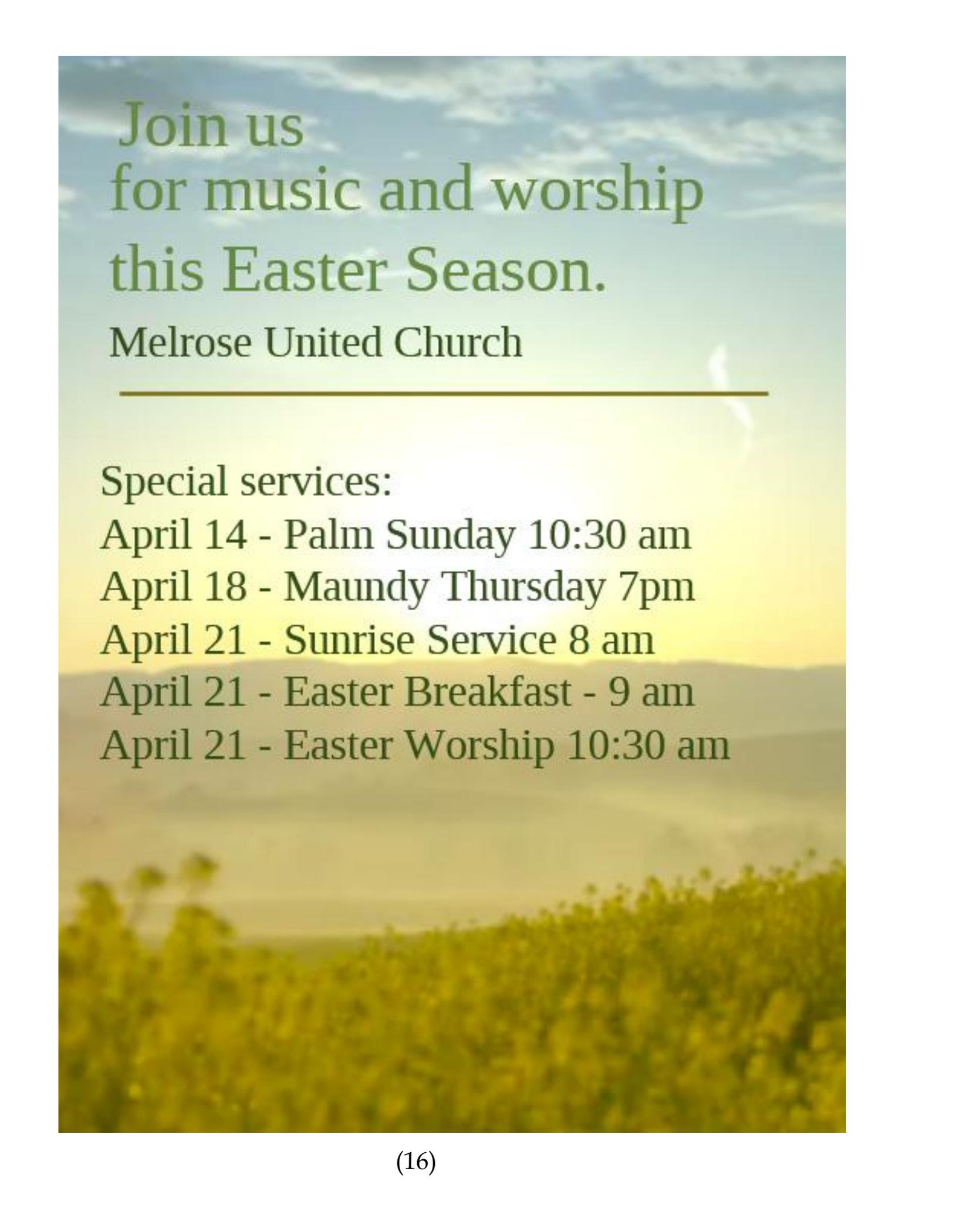
IN THE CHURCH PARLOUR

12:30 PM

FOR MORE INFORMATION

TALK TO LIBBY OR SALLY

SOUP AND SANDWICHES WILL BE SERVED



Join us
for music and worship
this Easter Season.

Melrose United Church

Special services:

April 14 - Palm Sunday 10:30 am

April 18 - Maundy Thursday 7pm

April 21 - Sunrise Service 8 am

April 21 - Easter Breakfast - 9 am

April 21 - Easter Worship 10:30 am