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◆ April 21, 2019 – 8 a.m. ◆
Easter Sunrise Service

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EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE, 21st APRIL, 2019

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

◆ GATHERING ◆

INTROIT – Impromptu in Ab major, *Op. 90 no.4*

F. Schubert

* GREETING AND CALL TO WORSHIP

One: God be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: There was darkness over the earth before creation;

All: There is darkness in the womb before birth;

One: The seed grows in darkness before it meets the light;

All: There is darkness in the tomb before resurrection.

One: But now Christ is risen!

All: The dawn has come

One: A new creation has commenced

All: The world is born anew.

One: Christ is Risen.

All: HE IS RISEN INDEED!

One: Thanks be to God!

All: ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA!

* LIGHTING THE PASCHAL CANDLE

One: Behold the light of the world!

All: The light no darkness can overcome!

* OPENING HYMN – *Morning Has Broken*

VU 409

PRAAYER OF APPROACH

One: God of uprisings, God of the rising sun, the rising tide, the

rising wind, the rising mist, the rising crocuses; you have raised Jesus Christ from the dead, raising our hopes to the skies, opening up glorious new possibilities for our living, for our dying, for our living again. Raise us to new life here and now, that we may walk in faith and love every day; in Jesus' name we pray.

All: Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: Holy God, like the first witnesses of the Resurrection, we too come to the empty tomb with a variety of responses. We hear the good news that Jesus has risen, but so often the evidence of this is difficult to detect in our lives.

All: Forgive us when we fail to make the risen Christ evident through our words and actions.

One: As we come to the empty tomb seeking forgiveness for all our faults and shortcomings, help us to re-order our priorities so that we put the risen Christ first in our lives at all times.

All: Forgive us when we forget that the tomb is forever empty because Jesus is here and is wherever Christians live and worship.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

One: Jesus willingly died for us! God so loved the world that God gave God's only son Jesus to the world not to be its judge, but to be its saviour.
We are a loved and a forgiven people.

All: Thanks be to God! We are an Easter people! Alleluia!

★ HYMN – *Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Give Thanks*

VU 179

◆ SERVICE OF THE WORD ◆

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

RESPONSIVE PSALM: Psalm 118 (Parts I, II, III)

VU 837

THE GOSPEL: Luke 24: 1-12

One: The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

SUNG RESPONSE

VU 958

All: Halle, halle, hallelujah! (3x)

Hallelujah, Hallelujah!

HOMILY – “Simon Peter: An Easter Monologue”

◆ **RESPONSE** ◆

THE PRESENTATION OF OUR OFFERING

★ OFFERING HYMN – *Come, You Faithful*

VU 165

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (said together)

Majestic God, today we celebrate the miracle of our risen Lord.

Like the women at the tomb, we are surprised by joy.

We are reminded that our faith is connected intimately to your amazing, unwavering love.

Multiply these gifts so that your realm of shalom will become a reality in our world. Amen.

EASTER DIALOGUE

One: Christ is risen!

All: We walked the valleys and saw the people crying in need. Jesus reached out to them. He did not criticize or diminish their needs. He touched their lives and they were never the same. The love that flowed through him to them was God’s healing love.

One: Christ is risen!

All: We sat at table in the Upper Room as Jesus told of his death and we wanted to discount his words. How could he die? We did not want to believe it.

**It was easier to proclaim with bravado our faith
than to listen to his words.**

One: Christ is risen!

All: We waited in the Garden of Sorrows while he prayed
and watched in horror as he was betrayed with a kiss.
We followed at a distance and denied, with Peter, ever
knowing who he was. We were in the crowd that
clamoured for Barabbas' release and turned our backs
as Pilate washed his hands of the crime.

One: Christ is risen!

All: We followed him to the hill and cringed as they nailed
him to the Cross. We heard his words of forgiveness
and love from the cross and felt the ground tremble
as the sky darkened and he gave up his life, into God's
hands.

One: Christ is risen!

All: We ran from the empty tomb today, with the incredible
news that He is Risen! He was not captured by death,
but is risen from the dead, just as he said he would be.
We come with the joy in our hearts to this day.
As the flowers in our worship area burst with colour, so
we burst with the absolute joyous news:
**CHRIST IS RISEN! HE IS RISEN INDEED!
HALLELUJAH! AMEN.**

*** THE PEACE OF THE RISEN CHRIST**

One: The peace of the risen Christ be with you

All: **And also with you.** (*All share a word of peace*)

*** HYMN – *Jesus Christ is Risen Today***

VU 155

*** BLESSING**

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 week, the Second Sunday of Easter worship at Melrose will be led by two of our thoughtful lay members Ted Lowrey and Shari Saunders (Rev. Philip will be finishing a week of post-Easter study leave). Ted and Shari will focus on the theme of immigration (a timely subject given the anti-immigration stance of many conservative politicians). They will shed some biblical light on the subject and offer a gentle reminder that unless our ancestors are from the First Nations we are all, in some sense, relative newcomers to this land.

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

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

Thanks to all the volunteers, musicians and soloists who made the music recitals a great success. The final amount raised for the organ fund was \$2800!

◆ **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

◆ **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 was held on April 14 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

◆ **Reminder : Prayer Shawl Ministry** ◆

NEXT Prayer Shawl is May 25th at 9:30 am.

◆ **Garden Cleanup** ◆

Volunteers are welcome to help tidy up the gardens at Melrose on Saturday April 27 and May 4, from 10am-12pm weather permitting. Some gardening equipment will be provided; however, gardeners may wish to bring their own preferred tools and a yard waste bag or two!

◆ **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. Please share this info with visitors and those who have expressed interest in supporting the work of the church of the maintenance of the building.

◆ Thank you... ◆

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

◆ Melrose Potluck Seder ◆

Melrose Potluck Seder

Experience the significant & inspiring meaning of the Passover Seder.

Thursday May 2nd,

6-9pm (times are approximate)

Pre-registration is preferred -

Contact the Melrose Office: 905-524-1323

Please Bring:

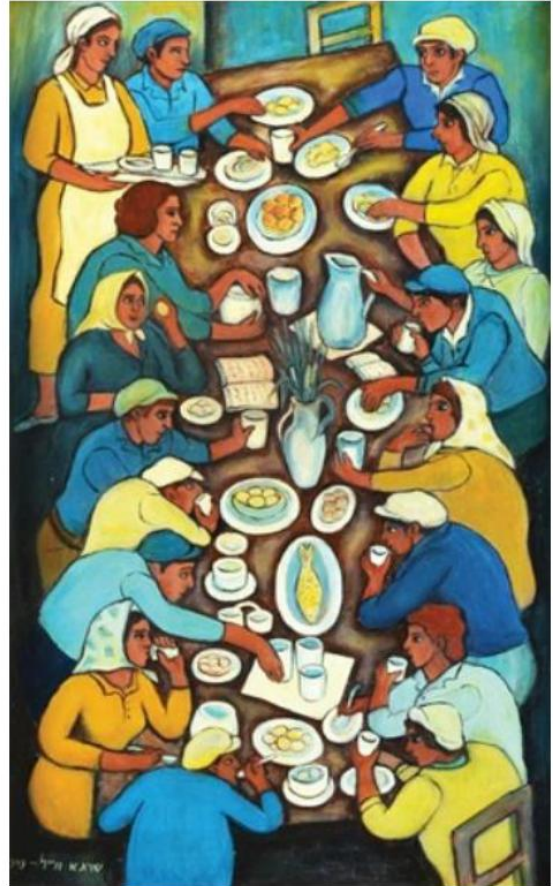
A main dish, salad or dessert,

2 candles, wine (optional)

Dinner begins after the Seder service



The only time of year that it's okay to have 4 glasses of wine with dinner.



Shraga Weil, Passover Seder 1949



EASTER FLOWERS IN LOVING MEMORY OF

Helen Krick
Gladys & Harold Saunders
Kathleen & William Macfarlane
Ruth Mcqueen
Doris Barker
Lorne Brisbin
Alex and Mary Ann McRae, Parents of Lucy-Jane Hannaford
Norman and Edna Hannaford, Parents of Roy and Allan Hannaford
The Parents of Carolyn and David Duff
George and Helen Laidman
The Grandmothers of Anne Gilmore - Margaret Kaine
and Hilda Little
The Parents of Cathryn and John Urbanek
Brian Morison
Jean and Bill Foster
Rosemary Harker
Henry Harker
Florence Harker
Arthur Harker
Robert Grant
The Parents of Ruth McNeely
The Grandparents of Matthew and Elora Winninger
Elizabeth Sharp
Bruce and Ida J. Carr, Parents of Kathy North Ross
Rod and Helen Cassels
Roy Hannaford
Elsie Ahearn
Woodie Anderson
Doreen Blain
Harry & Clara Boothe
Wes & Carmela Evans
Jim, Edna and Joan Evans
Sharon Easton
Jim & Brian Hand
Frieda Harrett
Murray Korytko
Stevie and Fred Korytko
Violet MacInnis,
Harold, Anne & Connie MacInnis
Goldie MacInnis
Mary Martin
Caroline Meronyk,
Olita Vattay
Eileen Dudley
Dr. Larry and Barbara Cowan
Kenneth, Lillian and David Gardner

<u>MELROSE WEEKLY CALENDAR</u>		
Monday – April 22		
Melrose Closed		
Tuesday - April 23		
Melrose Bible Study	10:00 a.m.	Chapel
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.	Chapel
Locke Street B.I.A.	7:00 p.m.	Auditorium, Sanctuary
Tai Chi	7:30 p.m.	Parlour
Pick up Basketball	7:45 p.m.	Gym
Wednesday - April 24		
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
Ontario Families for Public Ed.	7:00 p.m.	Auditorium
Thursday - April 25		
Mother Goose Classes	8:45 a.m.	Parlour
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 April 26		
WrapAround Executive	9:30 a.m.	Parlour
Saturday - April 27		
Garden Clean up	10:00 a.m.	Outside
Wedding and Reception	2:30 p.m.	Sanctuary, Aud., Kitchen
Sunday – April 28		
Melrose Choir Practice	9:40 a.m.	Chapel
Melrose Worship	10:30 a.m.	Sanctuary
Duet Club of Hamilton Concert	2:30 p.m.	Sanctuary