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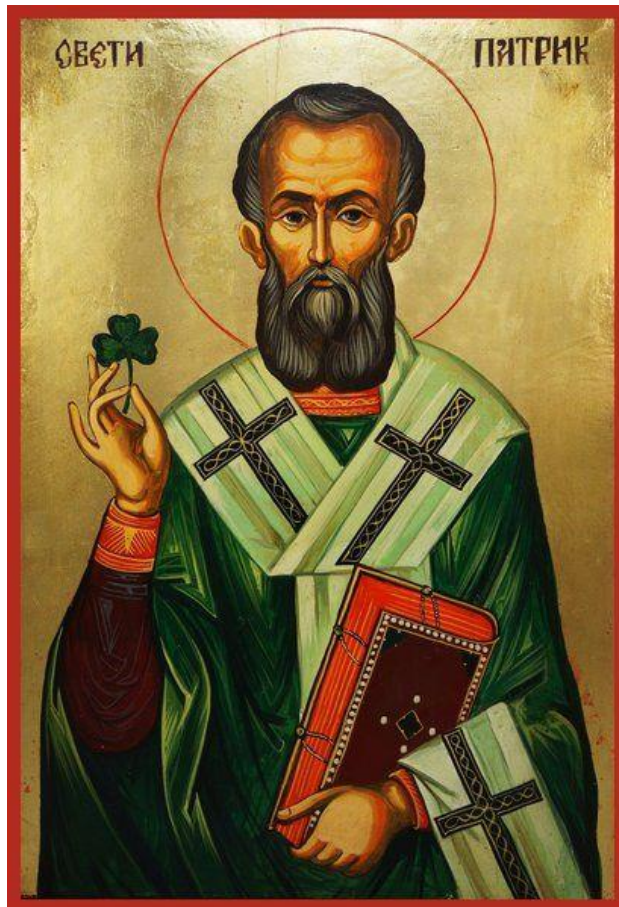
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◆ **Sunday, March 17, 2019** ◆
Second Sunday of Lent
A Celtic Service of Lent

MELROSE UNITED CHURCH
◆ SUNDAY, MARCH 17 2019 ◆
SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT
A CELTIC SERVICE OF WORSHIP

* 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 – *I Bind unto Myself* – the Lorica of St. Patrick

VU 317

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

One: We light a light in the name of God,

All: Who is the Creator of all life.

One: We light a light in the name of the Son,

All: Who gives us new life.

One: We light a light in the name of the Spirit,

CALL TO WORSHIP (Iona Abbey Worship Book)

One: The world belongs to God,

All: The earth and all its people.

One: How good it is, how wonderful,

All: To live together in unity.

One: Love and faith come together,

All: Justice and peace join hands.

One: If Christ's disciples keep silent

All: These stones would shout aloud.

One: Open our lips, O God,

All: And our mouths shall proclaim your praise.

PRAYER AND CANDLE FOR LENT II

All: Create a clean heart within me, O God,
so that it may become your chosen shelter
and the resting place of the Holy Spirit.
I make the cross of Christ upon my breast,
over the tablet of my heart,
and I beseech the living God of the universe:
may the Light of lights
come to my dark heart
so that I may live in the power of your love.
(two purple candles 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: Pour down upon us
the rich blessing of your forgiveness.
Grant to us, O Saviour of Glory,
the fear of God, the love of God and God's affection,
and the will of God to do on earth at all times
as saints and angels do in heaven.
In the name of the Blessed Trinity,
All: Amen.

WELCOME AND LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

◆ **SERVICE OF THE WORD** ◆

* HYMN - *Like a Child*

VU 366

A TIME WITH CHILDREN AND THE CHILD WITHIN US

Reader: Marilyn Wright

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

PSALM – Psalm 84

VU 801

WISDOM OF ISRAEL: Genesis 15: 1-12, 17-18

One: The Word of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL: Luke 13: 31-35

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

All: Praise to you, O Christ

* HYMN – *Be Thou My Vision*

VU 642

A CREED:

One: Together let us affirm our faith in the words of Tírechán,
7th century Irish bishop and Patrick's biographer:

**All: Our God is the God of all humans,
the God of heaven and earth, the God of sea and rivers,
the God of sun and moon, the God of all heavenly bodies,
the God of the lofty mountains, the God of the lowly
valleys.**

**God is above the heavens, and beneath the heavens,
God inspires all things, gives life to all things,
stands above all things, stands beneath all things.**

**God enlightens the light of the sun,
strengthens the light of the night and the stars,
makes wells in the arid land and dry islands in the sea,
and places the stars in the service of the greater lights.
God's Son is co-eternal and similar to God in all respects;**

**and neither is the Son younger than the Parent,
nor is the Parent older than the Son;
and the Holy Spirit breathes in them.
And the Creator, Redeemer and Holy Spirit are inseparable.
Amen.**

SERMON: "The Cry of the Deer"

ANTHEM - Like As the Hart Desireth the Waterbrooks H. Howells

◆ RESPONSE ◆

THE PRESENTATION OF OUR OFFERING

OFFERING

★ OFFERTORY HYMN - *Giver of the Perfect Gift* VU 116, Verse 1

*Giver of the perfect gift,
only hope of human race,
hear the prayer our hearts uplift,
gathered at thy throne of grace..*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (said by all)

**God, grant us simplicity of faith
and a generosity of service
that gives without counting cost.
A life overflowing with Grace
poured out from the One
who gave everything,
that we might show
the power of love to a broken world,
and share the truth from a living Word.
God, grant us simplicity of faith,
and a yearning to share it. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND CONCERN
(followed by Prayer of Jesus)

the following response may be used:

One: God, in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.**

Thy kingdom come,

Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread;

and forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us;

and lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

★ CLOSING HYMN – *Will You Come and Follow Me*

VU 567

COMMISSIONING:

One: Wherever we go,
may the joy of God the gracious

All: Be with us.

One: Wherever we go,
may the face of Christ the kindly

All: Be with us.

One: Wherever we go,
may the compassing of the Spirit of grace

All: Be with us.

One: Wherever we go,
may the presence of the Trinity be around us

All: To bless and to keep us.

BLESSING

CHORAL RESPONSE -

VU 967

Amen, Amen, Amen.

POSTLUDE

The ancient Celts populated Europe prior to the rise of the Roman Empire. They were known for their creativity, art, and inventions. Eventually they were assimilated into the Roman Empire, except for a small remnant who lived in the British Isles and were never conquered by the Romans. St. Patrick and other missionaries brought Roman Catholic Christianity to the Celtic lands in the mid-fifth century. As Christianity replaced the indigenous religious traditions, the Celts creatively blended the two into a unique set of Christian traditions and practices known as "Celtic Christianity." During the dark ages of Europe, Celtic monasteries served as refuges and centers of learning that preserved western civilization's intellectual heritage. Some Celtic saints honored in Christianity have proven to be as tenacious as the Celts themselves. Over the past 1,400 years, Celtic Christianity has survived as a living tradition, revered for its focus on spiritual formation around Christ, nature and community. The Celtic approach embraces innovation, which enables the incorporation of science and knowledge into the spiritual tradition.



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 (the third in Lent), the sermon time will address the legally and emotionally complex issue of MAID (medical assistance in dying). This is a subject of deep study in our denomination and a report should be available sometime in the future. Meanwhile, the Roman Catholic Church and many conservative Protestants have pronounced MAID to be morally and ethically reprehensible and they await the election of a government that will be more amenable to their persuasion. MAID is, however, currently legal in Canada under a very restricted and specific set of circumstances. Moreover, some within our own community have had the experience of accompanying loved ones who have exercised their legal right to seek medical help not just in relieving, but in fact in ending their suffering--so the subject is certainly timely. The gospel reading that will form the basis for our reflection is the Parable of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10: 25-37).

♦ 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.

◆ **Social Justice Update – Social Justice Sunday** ◆

Social Justice and Outreach Sunday: TODAY

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 recovery.

◆ **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 follow. Please see Patti or Jeff if you have any questions. Thank you for your support.



◆ **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.

Keeping Melrose alive takes a village

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Saturday MARCH 30TH at 9:30 in the church parlour.

Come & join us. Wool, knitting needles, crochet hooks and patterns supplied.

Coffee, tea & a light snack.

*** Rescheduled ***

(Please note - April 27th Prayer Shawl cancelled)

WIT - Women In Touch potluck dinner

Wednesday APRIL 3RD at 6:30 pm

in the Melrose church parlour

Our guest this evening is

Susan Ewert

Artist & Painter

Fundraising opportunity \$\$

towards repair of the Stain Glass windows

&

the chance to go home with a sample of Susan's art

◆ **Thank you...** ◆

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

◆ **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.

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

YOU'RE INVITED



TO A BABY SHOWER IN HONOR OF
Valerie and Seth

SUNDAY MARCH 24th 2019

IN THE CHURCH PARLOUR
12:30 PM

FOR MORE INFORMATION
TALK TO LIBBY, SALLY, MEG OR GWYN

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MELROSE RECITAL SERIES



Melrose United Church - 86 Homewood Avenue

March 17, 3:00 pm
Artsong and Aria

Songs by Schumann, Parry, and Handel.
Allana Stevenson, soprano

March 24, 3:00 pm
Music for Flute, Cello, and Piano

The music of Bach, da Felle, and Piazzola.
Kimberley Schemeit, flute; Monica Fedrigo, cello; Alexander Cann, piano

March 31, 3:00 pm
Carnival of the Animals

The enduring classic for children, by Camille Saint-Saens.
Krista Rhodes, piano; Alexander Cann piano

April 6, 3:00 pm
Celebrate Mel's 90th birthday!

Choral classics from ninety years of worship at Melrose.
The Melrose Chancel Choir; Alexander Cann, director
Refreshments and silent auction following the concert.

April 14, 3:00 pm
Bach's Passions

Aries and chorales from Bach's Passions of St. Matthew and St. John.
Chris Palmer, baritone

Free admission, pay what you can in support of the Melrose Organ Fund.
Come hear our 1931 Casavant, one of Hamilton's finest musical instruments!

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MELROSE WEEKLY CALENDAR

Monday – March 18

Carpet Bowling	12:30 p.m.	Bowling Alley
Quilting	12:30 p.m.	Parlour
Brownies and Guides	5:30 p.m.	Parlour
LeapYear Education	6:00 p.m.	Gym, Norman Slater Room

Tuesday - March 19

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

Wednesday - March 20

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
West Hamilton Soccer Club	7:00 p.m.	Gym

Thursday - March 21

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
Gardening Group	6:30 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 22

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Saturday - March 23

Bach Elgar Rehearsal	10:00 a.m.	Auditorium
Mother Goose Fundraiser	8:00 p.m.	Auditorium

Sunday – March 24

Melrose Choir Practice	9:40 a.m.	Chapel
Melrose Worship	10:30a.m.	Sanctuary
Melrose Recital Series	3:00 p.m.	Sanctuary
Tom Schilling: Master Class	7:00 p.m.	Chapel