

◆ MELROSE UNITED CHURCH ◆

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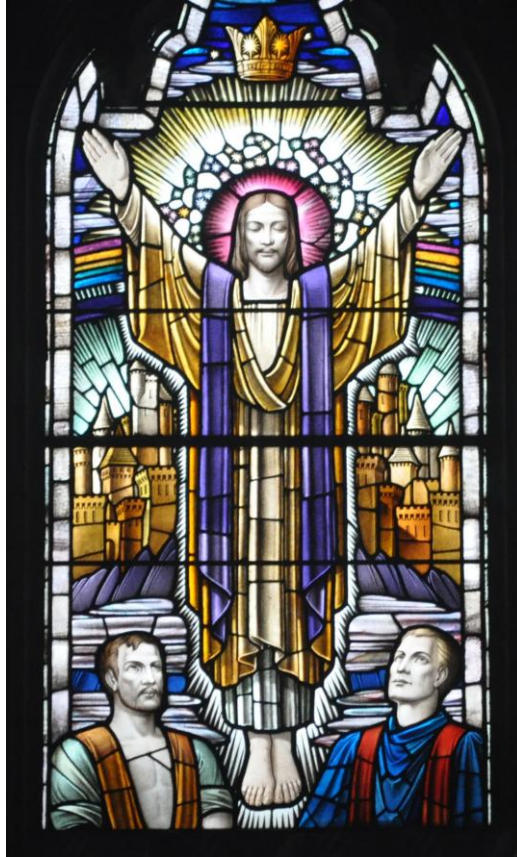
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Sunday, April 21st, 2019

Easter Sunday

Communion and Reception of New Members

MELROSE UNITED CHURCH
◆ SUNDAY, 21st APRIL, 2019 ◆
EASTER SUNDAY
COMMUNION AND NEW MEMBER RECEPTION

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

◆ All are welcome for coffee and conversation in the parlour after worship ◆

◆ **GATHERING** ◆

PRELUDE

UNBURYING "HALLELUJAH"

INTROIT – Alleluia, from *Organ Concerto in F major*

G.F. Handel

LIGHTING OF THE PASCAL CANDLE

One: Christ is Risen!

All: Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Christ is Risen Indeed!

* OPENING HYMN – *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today*

VU 155

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Rejoice, heavenly powers! Sing, choirs of angels!
Exult, all creation around God's throne!

All: Jesus Christ, our King, is risen!
Sound the trumpet of salvation!

One: Rejoice, O earth, in shining splendour
Radiant in the brightness of your King!

All: Christ has conquered death! Darkness vanishes forever!

One: Rejoice, O holy church! Exult in glory!
The risen saviour shines upon you.

**All: Let this place resound with joy, echoing
the mighty song of all God's people!**

PRAYER (said by all)

Holy and Living God,

like a tomb's darkness that gives way to light,
open us this day to newness of life;
open us to your love, to your acceptance,
to your forgiveness, to your peace;
open us to one another, and to the possibilities
you have in store for us. Give us hope for the future
and a passion for life here and now.
We pray in the name of the One who destroyed death,
Jesus Christ, our Saviour. Amen.

WELCOME AND LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

* HYMN – *Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Give Thanks*

VU 179

◆ **WELCOMING OUR NEW MEMBER** ◆

EPISTLE: 1 Corinthians 12: 4-11

One: The church is a community of people with varied gifts,
united by the Holy Spirit.
We gather to celebrate God's presence,
to discern God's truth,
and to follow the way of Jesus.
By our baptism we are made members of Christ's church.
We exercise this membership
in the denomination to which we belong,
which for us is the United Church of Canada,
and within the context of a local community of faith.
We are now to welcome into this congregation
one who is already a member
of the church of Jesus Christ.

Cheryl Evans:

On behalf of the Melrose congregation
I present Tabitha Marshall
whom we welcome into the membership

of this community of faith.

One: Tabitha, will you join with us
as together we celebrate God's presence,
live with respect in creation, love and serve others,
seek justice and resist evil?

We will, with God's help.

(the congregation stands)

One: Dear friends in Christ,
let us pledge to Tabitha our support and care.

**All: As your sisters and brothers in Christ,
we rejoice in the gifts you bring to us.
We pledge to you our love and our support.
With God's help, we will together live out
the mission and ministry of Christ's church.**

One: Together, let us profess our faith:

**All: We are not alone,
we live in God's world.
We believe in God:
who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus,
the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others
by the Spirit.**

We trust in God.

**We are called to be the Church:
to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.**

In life, in death, in life beyond death,

God is with us.

We are not alone.

Thanks be to God. (*the congregation is seated*)

One: In the name of Jesus Christ,
we welcome you to the privileges and responsibilities
of membership in this congregation.

We give thanks to God for your witness among us.

Let us pray:

God of mercy and love,

you welcome all who turn to you,

and give your Holy Spirit to those who ask.

Grant that Tabitha may continue to grow
into the fullness of the stature of Christ.

Equip her with the gifts of your Holy Spirit,

and fill her with faith in Jesus Christ

and with love for all your people

in the service of your realm of Shalom.

All: Amen.

One: Go out into the world in the power of the Spirit.

Pursue justice, faith, love, patience, and humility,
for to this you are called.

All: Amen.

◆ **SERVICE OF THE WORD** ◆

ANTHEM – Rise Up My Love, H. Willan

Reader: Ian Brisbin, Annika Brisbin

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE EASTER GOSPEL: Luke 24: 1-12

One: This is the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

All: Thanks be to God.

HOMILY: "The Empty Niche"

ANTHEM - The Whole Bright World Rejoices

E. Hill

◆ **SERVICE OF THE TABLE** ◆

THE PRESENTATION OF OUR OFFERING

OFFERING

OFFERTORY HYMN - *The Risen Christ*

VU 168

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (said together)

**Generous God, by your grace, accept the fruit of our labour
and the offering of our lives in union with our risen Lord
who lives and reigns with you forever.**

THE CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

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 this Easter feast.

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 family 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: It is truly right and our greatest joy
to give you thanks and praise
eternal God, creator and ruler of the universe.

At your word the earth was made
and spun on its course among the planets.

Your hand formed us from the dust of the earth
and set us among all your creatures
to love and serve you.

When we were unfaithful to you
You kept faith with us, your love remained steadfast.

When we were slaves in Egypt,
You broke the bonds of our oppression,
brought us through the sea to freedom,
and made a covenant to be our God.

By a pillar of fire you led us through the desert
to a land flowing with milk and honey,
and set before us a way of life.

You spoke of love and justice in the prophets,
and in Jesus, the Word made flesh, you lived among us,
manifesting your glory.

He died that we might live,
and is risen to raise us to new life.

Therefore we praise you,
joining our voices with angels and archangels
and with all the faithful of every time and place,
who forever sing to the glory of Your name:

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.*

One: You are holy, O God of majesty,
 and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.
 He came with healing in his touch,
 and was wounded for our sins.
 He came with mercy in his voice,
 and was mocked as one despised.
 He came with peace in his heart,
 and met with violence and death.
 By your power he broke free from the prison of the tomb,
 and at his command the gates of hell were opened.
 The one who was dead now lives.
 The one who humbled himself is raised
 to rule over all creation, the Lamb upon the throne.

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 he gave you thanks
 He broke it and gave it to his friends saying,
 "Take, eat, this is my body which is given to you;
 do this in remembrance of me."
 In the same way, after supper
 he took the cup and gave you thanks.
 He gave the cup to his friends, saying,
 Drink this, all of you;
 This is the blood of the New Covenant
 which is shed for you and for many,

for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of me.
Remembering all your mighty acts,
we take this bread and this wine
from the gifts you have given us,
and celebrate with joy
the redemption won for us in Jesus Christ.
Accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving
as a living and holy offering of ourselves
that our lives may proclaim the One crucified and risen:

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

VU 939

One: Look with kindness on your people
gathered here before you.
Send the power of your Holy Spirit upon us
and upon these gifts, that all who share in this loaf and cup
may be the body of Christ: light, life, and love in the world.

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

VU 939

The Peace

One: The Peace of Christ be with you.

All: **and also with you.** (all are invited to share the Peace)

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
who suffer loss through natural disaster or human
wrongdoing, those who are constricted by fear or

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.

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 **multi-coloured** chalices contain **grape juice**, the **dark green** chalices contain **wine**. If you are unable to come forward, servers will gladly come and serve you in the pew. Please help them to locate you.)*

Communion Solo: With Verdure Clad, from *The Creation*
Allana Stevenson, soprano

J. Haydn

The Prayer of Thanksgiving after Communion

One: Nourished at this table, O God,
may we know Christ's redemptive love
and live a new life in him.
Help us to recognize our Lord in the breaking of bread
to see and serve him in all whose lives are broken.
Keep us faithful in your service
until that time when we shall feast with all your saints
in the joy of your eternal realm.

**All: Through Christ,
all glory and honour are yours, Holy God,
with the Holy Spirit in the holy church,**

now and forever. Amen.

★ CLOSING HYMN – *Thine is the Glory* VU 173

★ COMMISIONING

One: We have seen the Lord this day!

Now go into the world to spread this news.

All: The power of death shall no more oppress us.

One: Live the good news:

All: we are free to love as he loved us.

★ BENEDICTION

★ CHORAL RESPONSE – *Amen! Amen! Hallelujah, Amen!* VU 974
Amen! Amen! Hallelujah, Amen! (3X)

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 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!

◆ **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

◆ **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.

<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



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 aand 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