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◆ **Sunday, April 7, 2019** ◆
Fifth Sunday of Lent

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◆ SUNDAY, APRIL 7, 2019 ◆

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

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

◆ GATHERING ◆

PRELUDE - Let Thy Merciful Ears, O Lord T. Weelkes

INTROIT - Lord, We Beseech Thee A. Batten

* OPENING HYMN - *Throughout These Lenten Days and Nights*
VU 108

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

One: With the cross of Christ before us,

All: we sing our praise to God's eternal love.

One: With the cross of Christ before us,

All: we pray for God's supporting love.

One: With the cross of Christ before us.

All: we commit ourselves to live that love.

One: With the cross of Christ before us,

All: we come in worship.

PRAYER AND CANDLE FOR LENT V

**All: Saving God, may we live simply and humbly,
burying our old selves and awaiting your
transforming work in our lives.**

**Grant us the peace which the world cannot give,
as we trust in your power to bring light from darkness,
triumph from trials and blessings from burdens.**

Amen. *(four 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: Steadfast love surrounds those
who put their trust in God,
God's mercy endures for ever!

All: Amen.

WELCOME AND LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

* HYMN - *Now Quit Your Care*

VU 109, Verses 1, 2, 5

A TIME WITH CHILDREN AND THE CHILD WITHIN US

◆ **SERVICE OF THE WORD** ◆

Reader: Bob Ross

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

RESPONSIVE PSALM - Psalm 67

VU 786

WISDOM OF ISRAEL: Isaiah 43: 16-21

One: The Word of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL: John 12: 1-8

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

All: Praise to you, O Christ

* HYMN – *Judas said to Mary*

VU 129

SERMON: “The Man Who Kissed the Door of Heaven”

ANTHEM – *Ain’t Got Time to Die*

H. Johnson

◆ **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)

**We ask your blessing, God,
on all who are gathered here and upon these gifts:
that all may be transformed
and the world made new again.
In Jesus’ name we ask it. Amen.**

* CLOSING HYMN – *Hope of the World*

VU 215

COMMISSIONING AND BLESSING

CHORAL RESPONSE –
Amen, Amen, Amen.

VU 967

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 ♦

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Next Sunday is Palm Sunday which marks the beginning of the holiest week of the Christian calendar. Waving our palm branches, we will begin in festivity as we re-create some of the joyous, carnival-like atmosphere that attended Jesus' entry into Jerusalem "in humble pomp." By the conclusion of our worship, however, we will have moved onto a very different plane as the terrible events of the Passion begin to come into focus. As a meditation resource, here is a beautiful prayer from the Book of Common Prayer that invites us attentively into a Holy Week pilgrimage: *Almighty and ever living God, in your tender love for the human race you sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to take upon him our nature, and to suffer death upon the cross, giving us the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may walk in the way of his suffering, and also share in his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.*

♦ Thank you... ♦ Thank you to coffee hosts this month *Cheryl Evans and Patti Varey*

◆ Membership At Melrose ◆

Our Easter communion celebration on April 21st 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.

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

◆ 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.

◆ Easter and Chancel Flowers and Gifts ◆

Memorial donations for Easter and Chancel Flowers and Gifts will be accepted until **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 on **Easter Sunday, April 21**, 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.

◆ 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!

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, de Falla, 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 – April 8**

Carpet Bowling	12:30 p.m.	Bowling Alley
Quilting	12:30 p.m.	Parlour
Brownies and Guides	5:30 p.m.	Parlour

Tuesday - April 9

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.	Auditorium, Sanctuary
Tai Chi	7:30 p.m.	Parlour
Pick up Basketball	7:45 p.m.	Gym

Wednesday - April 10

Duet Club Rehearsal and Meeting	9:30 a.m.	Sanctuary
Siva Yoga	10:30 a.m.	Norman Slater Room
Pilates	6:30 p.m.	Norman Slater Room
Hamilton District Christian HighConcert	7:00 p.m.	Sanctuary

Thursday - April 11

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 12

Youth Event TBD

Saturday - April 13

Acoustic Blend Café	7:30 p.m.	Auditorium, kitchen
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Sunday – April 14

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