

# ◆ MELROSE UNITED CHURCH ◆

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◆ March 30, 2018 - 10:30 a.m. ◆  
Good Friday

**MELROSE UNITED CHURCH**  
◆ **GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE, 30<sup>th</sup> MARCH, 2018** ◆

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

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◆ **GATHERING** ◆

PRELUDE – Lamentations

B. Solomons

CALL TO WORSHIP AND COLLECT

A PRAYER OF CONFESSION FOR GOOD FRIDAY (said by all)

**Eternal God, our judge and redeemer:**

**we confess that we have tried to hide from you,  
for we have done wrong.**

**We have lived for ourselves.**

**We have refused to shoulder the troubles of others  
and turned from our neighbours.**

**We have ignored the pain of the world, and passed by  
the hungry, the poor and the oppressed.**

**O God, in your great mercy,**

**forgive our sins and free us from selfishness,**

**that we may choose your will and obey your commandments;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\* HYMN – *O Come and Mourn with Me Awhile*

VU 136

**The Extinguishing of the First Candle & Removal of Paraments**

Psalm 32

The First Word – “Father, forgive them; for they know not what they  
are doing”

*(a candle is extinguished)*

Choir – There Is a Green Hill Far Away

J. Adamson

### **The Extinguishing of the Second Candle & Removal of Offering Plates**

Psalm 102

The Second Word – “Today you shall be with me in paradise.”  
*(a candle is extinguished)*

Choir – Deep River

R. Shaw, A Parker

### **The Extinguishing of the Third Candle & Removal of Chalice and Plate**

Psalm 143

The Third Word – “Woman, behold your son!”  
*(a candle is extinguished)*

Reflection

★ HYMN: *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

VU 149

### **The Extinguishing of the Fourth Candle & Removal of Bible**

Psalm 38

The Fourth Word - "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"  
*(a candle is extinguished)*

Instrumental Solo: Improvisatory Meditation

Chris Palmer, guitar

### **The Extinguishing of the Fifth Candle & Removal of Altar Candles**

Psalm 51

The Fifth Word - "I thirst."  
*(a candle is extinguished)*

Solo – Pie Jesu from *Requiem*  
Soloist: Allana Stevenson

G. Fauré

### **The Extinguishing of the Sixth Candle & Veiling of the Cross**

Psalm 6

The Sixth Word - "It is finished."

*(a candle is extinguished)*

Choir: Ave verum corpus

W. Byrd

### **The Extinguishing of the Seventh Candle**

Psalm 130

The Seventh Word - "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit."

*(a candle is extinguished)*

\* HYMN: *O Sacred Head*

VU 145

#### THE SOLEMN REPROACHES

One: O my people, what have I done to you? How have I  
offended you? Answer me! I led you forth from the land of  
Egypt and delivered you by the waters of baptism;

**All: But you have prepared a cross for your Saviour.**

One: I led you through the desert forty years and fed you with  
Manna. I brought you through tribulation and gave you  
my body, the bread of heaven,

**All: But you have prepared a cross for your Saviour.**

One: O my people, O my church, what more could I have done  
for you that I have not done? Answer me! I went before  
you in a pillar of cloud,

**All: But you led me to the judgement hall of Pilate and  
you have prepared a cross for your Saviour.**

One: I gave you a royal sceptre, and bestowed on you the keys of the kingdom,

**All: But you have given me a crown of thorns and you have prepared a cross for your Saviour.**

One: O my people, what have I done to you? How have I offended you? Answer me! I gave you my peace which the world cannot give,

**All: But you draw the sword to strike in my name.**

One: I washed your feet as a sign of my love and offered you my body and blood,

**All: But you scatter and deny and abandon me and you have prepared a cross for your Saviour.**

One: I prayed that all may be one in the Father and me, and you continue to quarrel and divide, casting lots for my clothing,

**All: And you have prepared a cross for your Saviour.**

One: I came to you as the least of your brothers and sisters, but I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, a stranger and you did not welcome me. I was naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me,

**All: And you have prepared a cross for your Saviour.**

One: O my people, what have I done to you? How have I offended you? Answer me!

(As the Bell Tolls, the Christ Candle is carried out).

*Please leave the sanctuary in silence when you feel ready to do so.  
Thank you to our reader today, Gillian Webster.*

## TENEBRAE

*Tenebrae ("shadows") is the name popularly given to services in the medieval church held on evenings preceding Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday. Tenebrae combines the chief elements of the ancient services, namely the extinguishing of candles during scripture readings balanced with responses of musical beauty. Because the primary emphasis is penitence, the Seven Penitential Psalms are read in sequence with the Seven Last Words from the cross. The music reflects on the events and emotions described in the readings with appropriate drama and poignancy. The service ends with the light of the only remaining candle being carried, in procession, out of the sanctuary, awaiting its eventual restoration in the light of the Easter flame.*