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◆ 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.

◆ Worship Next Week ◆

Next week on Trinity Sunday, the Old Testament reading takes us back to the beginning of creation, the first of two creation stories recorded in Genesis. Six days of exceptional labour followed by a day of rest. Each day God proclaimed the results of his creation "good."

Day one - light to differentiate from the darkness;

Day two - the sky above and the waters below and evening and morning;

Day three - earth and the sea, vegetation and fruit;

Day four - sun for the day and moon and stars for the night;

Day five - population of fish in the seas, and birds in the air;

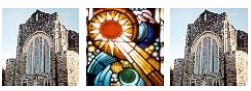
Day six - animal life and humankind in the image of God reference to "our" image;

Day seven - a day of rest, reflection and appreciation.

"Be fruitful and multiply" fill the earth and *subdue* it and have *dominion* over all. I will pick up on these thoughts in the reflection itself.

"God is in a perpetual act of creation, loving, sustaining and caring for the universe and all its inhabitants day by day." Thus, we can be assured that God didn't wash God's hands and say, there now, I'm finished, and walk away. God has stayed around to enjoy and watch over the progression.

The second scripture in the gospel also provides a reassurance that Jesus once finished with his work of reconciliation did not choose to abandon his



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followers, he said “Lo, I am with you always until the end of the Age.” In the beginning, and throughout time, we have a triune God represented in the Father, Son and the Holy Spirit, working together as *One* to create, build up, care for God’s vast creation. *We are not alone. Thanks be to God!*

◆ Donations - Now accepting E-transfers ◆

Our treasurer, Ralph, set up the ability for E-transfer donations over the past couple weeks.

The Melrose staff team (and volunteer base) continues to do work behind the scenes even though we cannot use the building to worship together. If you are looking to support the ongoing work of the church you can:

1. Sign up for P.A.R. (preauthorized remittance) through the office.
2. Make a one time or ongoing donation through CanadaHelps.Org
3. Send a donation through e-transfer to donations@melroseunited.ca.

All donations are tax receiptable. The office team or treasurer will notify you that your donation has been received and can answer any questions about tax receipts or use of your donation.