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◆ 9 April, 2017 – 10:30 a.m. ◆

Palm Sunday

MELROSE UNITED CHURCH

◆ Sunday, April 9th, 2017 ◆

PALM SUNDAY

* 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

WELCOME AND LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

* PARADE OF PALMS – *When They Heard That Jesus Was Coming*
(vs. 1, 2, 3, 5, 6) MV 128
Choir sings first line of verse

All: Sing hosanna to the chosen one!

Choir sings next line of verse

All: Sing hosanna to the chosen one!

Sing hosanna, sing hosanna, sing hosanna to the chosen one!

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Blessed is the One who comes in God's name!

All: Hosanna in the highest! Let us worship God!

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

One: Christ is in the midst of us.

All: Christ is, and Christ shall be.

PRAYER AND CANDLE FOR LENT VI

All: Glorious God, you are the source of life everlasting. Just as you bring new life to the earth after a long winter's wait, may you bring new life to our hearts this Easter. May we be

reborn in love and renewed in faith. On this Palm Sunday, we come closer to the cross but we also look forward to the commemoration of the Son's rising; may we come into the everlasting joy of your realm of *shalom*. Amen.

(five 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: Jesus rode into the Holy City of Jerusalem proclaiming the arrival of God's realm of *shalom*, a realm where our wrongdoings are forgiven and where we are cleansed and renewed.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

ANTHEM - *Ride on, King Jesus*

arr. M. Hogan

Children go out to their programme

◆ **SERVICE OF THE WORD** ◆

Reader: Aric Rankin

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

RESPONSIVE PSALM: Psalm 118 (part 1, 3, and 4 no refrain)

VU 837

THE WISDOM OF ISRAEL: Isaiah 50: 4-9a

One: The Word of God
All: **Thanks be to God.**

THE GOSPEL: Matthew 21: 1-11

One: This is the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

* HYMN—*All Glory, Laud and Honour*

VU 122

SERMON - “Blessed and Broken”

ANTHEM - *All in the April Evening*

H. S. Robertson

◆ **RESPONSE** ◆

PRESENTATION OF OUR OFFERING

OFFERING

* OFFERTORY HYMN—*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* (vs. 4)

VU 149

*Were the whole realm of nature mine,
that were a present far too small:
Love so amazing, so divine,
demands my soul, my life, my all.*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (said together)

**What can we offer that you have not already offered us?
What can we do that you have not already done for us?
Lord Jesus, in your gifts to us,
you have provided us the way to live and serve you.
Through the gifts we now offer,
we express our longing to serve
and to follow wherever you go. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND CONCERN

concluding with singing of The Prayer of Jesus, VU 959

* CLOSING HYMN—*There in God's Garden*

VU 346

★ SENDING FORTH

One: As we enter the week of Christ's passion, we remember that
our Redeemer suffered death,
was buried and rose again for our sake.

Christ our teacher,
for us you were obedient even unto death:

All: Teach us to obey God's will in all things.

One: Christ our life, by dying on the cross
you destroyed the power of evil and death:

All: Enable us to die with you, and to rise with you in glory.

One: Christ our strength, you were despised and humiliated
as a condemned criminal:

All: Teach us the humility by which you saved the world.

One: Christ our Saviour, on the cross you embraced all time
with your outstretched arms:

**All: Gather the scattered children of God into your
realm.**

CHORAL RESPONSE

VU 148

Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

(sung three times)

POSTLUDE

◆ Melrose Events ◆

◆ **Worship Next Week** ◆

At the very heart of the Christian Holy Week observance is the celebration of what is called the *triduum*, a Latin word that refers to a three day worship event that begins on the evening of Maundy Thursday, moves through the observance of God's suffering love on Good Friday, and comes to its joyful conclusion on Easter Sunday. We will celebrate Easter at Melrose as we come to the empty tomb at sunrise (8:00 a.m.), have a tasty Easter breakfast (at 9:00 a.m. -- with a free will offering in support of the Canadian

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Foodgrains Bank), and join together for Holy Communion (10:30). Worship at 10:30 will also feature, as always, the joyful sounds of our excellent Melrose choir with instrumentalists under the direction of Alex Cann. Be sure to come for Easter worship to celebrate the gifts and promises of Christ's Resurrection!

◆ **Spring Cleaning with the SJC** ◆

The Social Justice Committee can always find a good home for those little samples of shampoo, soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, etc. that hotels and dentists like to share. Please drop off any unopened personal hygiene products in the Helping Hands blue bin, located in the auditorium.

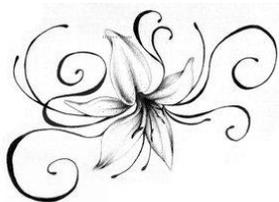
◆ **Thanks from the Social Justice Committee** ◆

The Social Justice Outreach Committee would like to thank absolutely everyone for the generous donations towards Micah House on this past Sunday. We raised \$260.00. Our committee will add an additional \$100.00 to send to Micah House to facilitate their ongoing work with refugees in Hamilton. THANKS!!!

◆ **Easter Sunrise Breakfast** ◆

Our breakfast this year will be held in the parlour on **Easter Sunday, April 16** at 9 a.m. sharp! A free will donation will be thankfully accepted to cover the cost of breakfast. Come and enjoy the food and fellowship.

◆ **Easter and Chancel Flowers and Gifts** ◆



Memorial donations for Easter and Chancel Flowers and Gifts will be accepted until **TODAY, Palm Sunday, April 9, 2017**. 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 16, 2017**, and on other special Sundays throughout the year. Special donation envelopes are available in the narthex and in the sanctuary, with an enclosed paper for writing memorial names.

◆ **A special note from Michelle** ◆

Effective June 12th I will be resigning from the Child and Youth position at Melrose United Church. In the fall I will be taking over for Pam in the office. The Christian Development Committee, in cooperation with the Ministry and Personnel Committee, have produced a job description that we will be posting this week. This decision was difficult to make, and I spent a lot of time in prayer and conversation before coming to a final decision.

As a member at Melrose I want to continue to be actively involved in the church and I felt that with both positions it would be too difficult to balance this.

It has been a blessing to work with everyone at the church - especially the children. The support I have received both professionally and personally during my time on staff here has been unlike any other place of employment. I am incredibly grateful for this.

I plan to be involved in the process to replace me and to assist my replacement as much as I can. I will still be around (in the office) and as a participant in programs with my family.

If you have any ideas of a person who you think would be a good fit please encourage them to check out our website and send in an application.

◆ **Supper in the Sanctuary** ◆



There will be a potluck supper in the Sanctuary at 6:15pm on **April 13, 2017**. This is an intergenerational celebration of Maundy Thursday. All families and friends of Melrose are welcomed to attend. Come and share in the spirit of the season.

◆ **Women in Touch** ◆

The WIT dinner is happening on **Wednesday, April 12**, starting at 6:30 pm in the parlour. Come join us for an evening of fun and bring a dish to share with all. Our guest for this date is **Corrine Hardie**, executive director of **Helping Hands Street Mission**. She will share with us changes that have occurred over the last few years and current needs for the mission. **If you wish to donate at the dinner the following items are some of the current needs of HHSM - razors, feminine products, kleenex, toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant.**

◆ **Bible Study Dates** ◆

This group meets on **Tuesday mornings at 10 a.m.** in the parlour. The current topic is "Women of the Old Testament" followed by "Women of the New Testament ". You are welcome to drop in and see if this interests you.

◆ **News from the Melrose Office** ◆

From **Thursday, April 20 to Friday, April 28** Pam and Michelle will both be on holidays. If you have any requests for bulletin announcements or space use, please forward them to the office by **Friday, April 14**. Further details for office coverage during this time will be posted as soon as decided.

Pam's vacation will continue, into May with her return to work scheduled for **Tuesday, May 16**. During this latter period of time, Michelle will be in the office on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.

• **April at the Corner Shoppe** ◆

All of April 'Be Green' with The Melrose Corner Shoppe! We 'Re-Cycle' everything for another use!

~ **Re-Purpose** ~ any item you find in the Shoppe; this makes it personal!

~ **Reduce** ~ buy a reusable coffee mug, water bottle & shopping bag; this saves the land-fill!

~ **Re-Use** ~ buy our gift bags & greeting cards; this re-uses items others have discarded prematurely! All proceeds to Stained Glass Window repairs.

◆ **The Prayer Bear Ministry...** ◆

... at Melrose is sponsored through a generous gift in loving memory of Easton Carter Strongman, the infant son of Adam and Jessica Strongman, who died in 2013. If you know of anyone in need of some Prayer Bear cheer, you are invited to take one of the bears from the table near the south (right hand) sanctuary door. Please fill in the Prayer Bear registry book also located on the table so that we have some information about the bear's new home.



**You are invited to Holy Week and
Easter at Melrose**

Sunday, April 9 at 10:30– Palm/Passion Sunday - Procession with Palms

Thursday, April 13 at 6:15 p.m. – Maundy Thursday Potluck and

Communion in the Sanctuary

Friday, April 14 at 10:30 – Good Friday service – Choral Music from Bach’s

St. Matthew Passion

Sunday, April 16 at 8:00 – Easter Sunrise service in the chapel

Sunday, April 16 at 9:00 – Easter Breakfast – Free-will donations will be
accepted to benefit to the Canadian Foodgrains Bank

Sunday, April 16 at 10:30 – Easter Worship with Communion

Wednesday,

May 10 – Melrose Seder Dinner, details TBA

All are welcome!



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MELROSE WEEKLY CALENDAR

Monday – April 10

Carpet Bowling	1:00 p.m.	Bowling Area
Quilting	1:00 p.m.	Auditorium
Guides, Brownies	6:00 p.m.	Gym, Auditorium
M&P Meeting	7:00 p.m.	Chapel
Big Book	7:00 p.m.	Parlour, Auditorium
Big Book	7:45 p.m.	Auditorium

Tuesday - April 11

St. Joseph's Seder Dinner	6:00 p.m.	Aud., Kitchen
Tai Chi	7:30 p.m.	Parlour
Bach Elgar Rehearsal	7:30 p.m.	Sanctuary, Chapel
Rental Committee Meeting	7:30 p.m.	Nursery

Wednesday - April 12

Duet Club of Hamilton	9:00 a.m.	Parlour
Carpet Bowling	1:00 p.m.	Bowling Area
Starbucks Staff Meeting	4:00 p.m.	Norman Slater Room
Women In Touch	6:15 p.m.	Parlour, Kitchen

Thursday – April 13

Early Years: Newborn	9:15 a.m.	Parlour
Early Years: Family	10:30 a.m.	Parlour
Carpet Bowling	1:00 p.m.	Bowling Area
Maundy Thursday Potluck	6:15 p.m.	Sanctuary
English Country Dancing	6:45 p.m.	Auditorium
Tai Chi	7:30 p.m.	Parlour
Melrose Choir Practice	7:30 p.m.	Chapel

Friday – April 14

Good Friday: Office Closed		
Good Friday Service	10:30 a.m.	Sanctuary

Saturday - April 15

OnCOURSE Education	11:00 a.m.	OnCOURSE Rental Area
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Sunday – April 16

Choir Practice	9:40 a.m.	Chapel
Melrose Easter Early Service	8:00 a.m.	Sanctuary
Melrose Easter Breakfast	9:00 a.m.	Auditorium
Melrose Easter Worship	10:30 a.m.	Sanctuary