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◆ 1 April, 2018 – 10:30 a.m. ◆

Easter Communion Service

MELROSE UNITED CHURCH

◆ SUNDAY, 1st APRIL, 2018 ◆

EASTER SUNDAY – SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

* 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 – Allein Gott in der Hoh sei Her, Op. 142

F. Schubert

RESURRECTING “HALLELUJAH”

LIGHTING OF THE PASCAL CANDLE

One: Christ is Risen!

All: Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Christ is Risen Indeed!

INTROIT – Alleluia

N. Duncan (MV 50)

* 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 – *Christ is Alive*

VU 158

A TIME WITH CHILDREN AND THE CHILD WITHIN US

◆ SERVICE OF THE WORD ◆

ANTHEM – Sing for Joy

J. Willcocks

Reader: Tim Webb

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE: Acts 10: 34-43

One: The Word of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL: Mark 16: 1-8

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

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

HOMILY: "Terror and Amazement"

ANTHEM - I Know that My Redeemer Liveth
Soloist: Allana Stevenson

L. Dengler

◆ **SERVICE OF THE TABLE** ◆

THE PRESENTATION OF OUR OFFERING

OFFERING

OFFERTORY HYMN - *Now the Green Blade Rises*

VU 186

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

EASTER 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,

VU 936

*heaven and earth are full,
heaven and earth are full,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.*

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 whose who suffer loss through natural disaster or human wrongdoing, those who are constricted by fear and 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 Anthem: Love Consecrates the Humblest Act arr. B. Ellingboe

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!*
Amen! Amen! Hallelujah, Amen! (3X)

VU 974

POSTLUDE – Prelude from *Five Bagatelles*

G. Finzi

Easter Flowers in Loving Memory of:



- ✠ Ruth McQueen
- ✠ Betty and Blake MacFarlane
- ✠ Wm. Blakely MacFarlane & Audrina MacFarlane
- ✠ Janet Fawcett, Ernest Fawcett, Dr. Paul Fawcett, Mary Briggs, Louisa and Freeman Furry, Antonio and Benina Miscione, Laura Miscione
- ✠ Robert Grant, Eleanor Westwood, Ruth McQueen
- ✠ Parents of David and Carolyn Duff
- ✠ William & Kathleen MacFarlane, Harold & Gladys Saunders
- ✠ 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 Korytko, Violet MacInnis,
- ✠ Harold, Anne & Connie MacInnis, Goldie MacInnis, Mary Martin, Caroline Meronyk, Olita Vattay
- ✠ Alex and Mary Ann McRae, parents of Lucy-Jane Hannaford
- ✠ Norman and Edna Hannaford, parents of Roy and Allan Hannaford
- ✠ Anne Gilmore's grandmothers--Margaret Kaine, Hilda Little
- ✠ Grandparents of Matthew and Elora Winninger
- ✠ George & Helen Laidman
- ✠ Bruce & Ida (Toffelmeyer) Carr, parents of Kathy North Ross
- ✠ Elsie (North) Johns, precious mother-in-law of Kathy North Ross
- ✠ Elizabeth Sharp (mother of Gwyn Xagoraris, mother-in-law of Mathew and grandmother of Eleanor and Alethea), Nicole Salfko, Tina Whitte
- ✠ Roy Hannaford, Helen and Rod Cassels
- ✠ Brian Morison, Bill and Jean Foster
- ✠ Kenneth, Lillian and David Gardner
- ✠ In loving memory of Henry, Florence, Arthur, and Rosemary Harker (donation made on behalf of Evelyn Brown, Shirley Bates, and Irene Horsley)
- ✠ Verner & Edna McNeely by their daughter Ruth
- ✠ Thomas and Kathleen Ferrie
- ✠ Barb Farnhana and Jack Cullen

◆ **Worship Next Week** ◆

On the first Sunday following Easter we will examine an interesting passage in the Book of Acts (4: 32-35). This narrative describes how the early community of Christ-followers arises in response to the experience of Pentecost and thereafter devotes itself to worship, instruction, fellowship, and sharing. Luke's depiction of communal unity and radical sharing would certainly have appealed to prevalent virtues in antiquity -- whether these are the principles of historic Israel, Greek ideals of friendship or the Mediterranean practices of hospitality. In addition, many early Christian writings express strong convictions about the importance of sharing material goods, especially on the part of wealthy believers with those in need. These portrayals of a Christ-following community often raise red flags for many first world readers of Scripture. Some even liken what they find in the fourth chapter of Acts to a kind of "Christian communism." They label the notion of such extensive sharing not only unrealistic, but also dangerous. Nevertheless, the passage does call for the church to walk the walk and not just to talk the talk. We are meant both to preach Jesus' message and also to *live* it as well as to seek to embody it in our lives together as a faith community.

◆ **Thank you** ◆

...to our coffee hosts this week –
Shari Saunders, Linda Saunders and Kathy Ross.

◆ **Social Justice thanks you...** ◆

Social justice committee and Jeni Hemu thank everyone at Melrose who contributed to our social justice Sunday for essential aid and family services. We filled Jeni's van! Check out the picture on our Facebook page! On top of the donations, \$70. In cash (from coffee hour)was provided so that infant formula can be purchased! Melrose is a wonderful giving place! Thanks!

◆ **The corner Shoppe is Gathering New Talent** ◆

Beginning June 1, 2018 Jeff Ogino will be managing The Melrose Corner Shoppe!

Helpers are needed to select, clean and price stock; sort and organize books; stock, dust and tidy shelves. Flexible hours and the opportunity to contribute creative ideas and talents to this successful fund-raiser make this an ideal volunteer position!

As well as generating revenue for church causes, The Corner Shoppe provides a fun venue for the congregation and the community to interact in a way that helps “green” our neighbourhood.

Remember “Many hands make light work” and please contact the church office if you would like to be part of this “New Team”!

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◆ **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.

◆ **Acoustic Blend Cafe** ◆

The big moment at our **Hamilton** location is here on **Saturday, April 14**. It’s the “**Tomorrow’s Headliners**” concert! Top students from the Greater Hamilton Area and Halton Region will perform. We held auditions last November and through tough decision making came up with the six students to present this year’s concert. Come and support these hard working young musicians and you can say you’ve seen Tomorrow’s Headliners”!

We offer advance tickets at a discount for both locations and can be purchased by visiting <http://www.eventbrite.ca>. Prices are \$12 in advance and \$15 at the door, which also includes complimentary coffee and tea.

WIT - Women In Touch potluck dinner

Wednesday April 11 at 6:30 pm
in the Melrose church parlour

Our guest this evening is

Elaine from
"GLEANERS"

(More information posted in the auditorium)

Come & share a meal with friends!!

MELROSE
COMMUNITY
PASSOVER SEDER

Pot Luck Supper
Thursday April 12th, 2018
6-9pm (times are approximate)

Please Bring: a main dish, salad or dessert
1 or 2 candles, wine if you'd like
Dinner begins after the Seder service
Pre-registration is preferred
Melrose Office: 905-524-1323

MELROSE WEEKLY CALENDAR

Monday – April 2

Building Closed

Tuesday - April 3

Yoga Class	7:00 p.m.	Norman Slater Room
Bach Elgar Rehearsal	7:30 p.m.	Auditorium
Tai Chi	7:30 p.m.	Parlour

Wednesday - April 4

HPL: Locke Street Storytime	9:00 a.m.	Parlour
Duet Club Rehearsal	9:00 a.m.	Sanctuary
Siva Yoga	10:30 a.m.	Norman Slater Room
Carpet Bowling	1:00 p.m.	Bowling Area
Pilates	6:30 p.m.	Norman Slater Room
Melrose Official Board	7:30 p.m.	Parlour

Thursday - April 5

Early Years Workshop	9:15 a.m.	Parlour
Melrose Bible Study	10:00 a.m.	Chapel
Early Years Workshop	10:30 a.m.	Parlour
Carpet Bowling	1:00 p.m.	Bowling Area
RSCDS Dancing	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
West Hamilton U12 Soccer	7:30 p.m.	Gymnasium

Friday – April 6

Fire Suppression Inspection	8:30 a.m.	Kitchen
Bookmobile: HPL	10:00 a.m.	Parking Lot

Saturday - April 7

Tom Schilling Master Class	7:30 p.m.	Chapel
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Sunday – April 8

Melrose Choir Practice	9:40 a.m.	Chapel
Melrose Worship	10:30 a.m.	Sanctuary
Melrose Worship Committee	12:00 p.m.	Auditorium

