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◆ February 18, 2018 - 10:30 a.m. ◆

Lent I - Communion

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◆ February 18, 2018 ◆

LENT I -- 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 - String Quartet #2

excerpt, F. Schubert

INTROIT - Adoramus te, Christe

F. Roussel

Translated from Latin:

We adore you, Christ, and we bless you:

For by your holy cross and passion you have redeemed the world.

O Lord, have mercy upon us.

* OPENING HYMN - *Forty Days and Forty Nights*

VU 114

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

One: Jesus said, "I am the Light of the World:

**All: Who follows me will not walk in darkness,
but will have the light of life."**

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Welcome this day to the beginning of a journey.

All: Where will this journey take us?

One: It will take you to the Cross of Christ and beyond.

All: How much time do we have to get ready?

One: The time is now at hand for this journey.

**All: Ready us, O God,
for Lent's hard, joyful pilgrimage begins.**

PRAYER AND CANDLE FOR LENT I

**All: Compassionate God, look upon this community for which
Your beloved child, Jesus, suffered and died.**

**Help us during this season of Lent to change our way of life
to conform to Your will.**

**May we follow in Christ's steps,
opening our hearts to his saving love,
that we may be blessed by his Easter victory.**

Amen.

(a purple candle is lit)

RESPONSE (sung)

MV 67

One: Kyrie eleison,

All: Kyrie eleison,

One: Christe eleison,

All: Christe eleison,

One: Kyrie eleison,

All: Kyrie eleison.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Place your feet on the path through the wilderness.

God is with you. You need not be afraid.

All: Amen.

WELCOME AND LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

★ HYMN- *God, Who Touches Earth With Beauty*

VU 310

A TIME FOR CHILDREN AND THE CHILD WITHIN US

◆ **SERVICE OF THE WORD** ◆

Reader: Penelope Ferrie

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

WISDOM OF ISRAEL: Genesis 9: 8-17

One: The word of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL: Mark 9: 1-15

One: This is the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

All: Thanks be to God.

HOMILY - "A Bow in the Sky"

ANTHEM - Deep River

arr. Shaw-Parker

◆ **SERVICE OF THE TABLE** ◆

THE PRESENTATION OF OUR OFFERING

OFFERING

OFFERING HYMN - *Let Us Break Bread Together*

VU 480

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (said together)

We bring these gifts to you, O God,

in recognition and gratitude

for your loving provision.

We offer you our very lives and bow before you

in tribute to your many blessings.

Take us and use us,

that your will may be done on earth

as it is in heaven. Amen.

THE CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

A Lenten Communion Service

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.
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 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: Thanks and praise be to you, O God,
for you create life out of the dust,
and sustain us even in the desert.

We thank you that in the face of every temptation and trial,
every principality and power,
You are present to direct and guide, to renew and revive.

We praise you for sending us Jesus,
Your Suffering Servant,
to walk before us the way of the cross,
to turn us to you and to one another.

Therefore, we join your long procession of pilgrims
praising you along the way, singing:

All (singing): *Holy, holy, holy Lord
God of power and God of might,
heaven and earth are full,
heaven and earth are full,*

VU 936

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.*

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 giving thanks to you,
he broke it, and gave it to his friends, saying:
Take, eat.
This is my body, given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way he took the cup,
gave thanks and offered it to his friends, saying:
This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood,
which is shed for you and for many,
for the forgiveness of sins.
Whenever you drink it,
do this in remembrance of me.

Remembering all your mighty and merciful acts,
we break bread and share the cup,
giving thanks for your saving love in Jesus Christ.
As you raised Jesus from death

and call us with him from death to life,
we give ourselves to you
to live for him in joy and grateful praise.

Great is the mystery of faith of which we sing:

All (singing): *Christ has died*
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

VU 939

One: Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us
and upon these your gifts of bread and wine.
Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ
that we may be for the world
the body of Christ.
Send us out in the power of the Spirit
to live for others, as Christ lived for us.
By your Spirit draw us together into one body
and join us to Christ the Lord,
that we may remain his glad and faithful people.
Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honour are yours, almighty God,
forever and ever.

All (singing): *Amen, amen, amen.*

VU 939

The Peace

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

(you are invited to share the Peace with one another)

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 by 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.*

* CLOSING HYMN – *Touch the Earth Lightly*

VU 307

* INVITATION TO OBSERVE A HOLY LENT

* BLESSING

CHORAL RESPONSE – *Ubi caritas*

Where there is charity and love, God is there.

POSTLUDE – Sonata pathétique, Adagio cantabile

L. Von Beethoven

Melrose Events ♦

♦ Worship Next Week ♦

On the second Sunday of the Lenten season, our gospel lesson will be Mark 8: 31-18 where, once again in Mark's version of events of Jesus' life, the disciples (especially Peter) are proving to be a group of bunglers who "just don't get it." In this passage, however, Jesus calls to all who would

hear him and challenges them to deny themselves, take up their cross, and follow him in a life of “doing justly, loving mercy, and walking humbly with our God.” If, however, we are inclined to reject the path of discipleship because the price is too high or because Jesus asks too much of us, he warns that we will lose our very souls. If, on the other hand, we choose to follow him, we may very well face significant losses. That’s the down side. But Jesus also promises that if we follow him we will actually have gained our very souls because the path of self-giving is the way to freedom, and true joy, and to all the life that God wants to give us each and every day.

◆ **Thank you** ◆

...to our coffee hosts this week – Cheryl Evans and Patti Varey

◆ **Melrose Tax Receipts Available** ◆

Tax receipts are available in the church office for pick up. You can pick up today after worship or during regular building hours.

◆ **Upcoming Holiday** ◆

Just a reminder that the Melrose Church office and building will be closed on Monday, February 19, 2018 for the Family Day holiday.

◆ **Melrose Annual General Meeting** ◆

The Melrose Annual General Meeting is February 25th directly following the service. Hard copies of the Annual Report will be available Sunday, February 18th at worship.

At the Melrose Annual Meeting on February 25th, the following motion will be presented for the consideration of the congregation:

Motion: that the congregation approve the withdrawal of up to \$27,000 from the capital of the Sustaining Fund to meet the needs of the 2018 operating budget.

◆ Proposed Committee Restructuring ◆

The Official Board has reviewed our obligations with respect to appropriately overseeing the considerable property management functions of the church. Over time, we have evolved to have responsibility for substantial leasing and renting functions, which frankly were never anticipated within typical church governance structures, and which don't fit comfortably within a usual Property Committee framework. Successfully managing our property and leasing/rental issues is vital to our sustainability and a key responsibility of the Board. With the support of the Property Committee, the Official Board is recommending a change to our current committee structure. We are proposing that the Property Committee be replaced with a Resource Management subcommittee of the Official Board. This subcommittee would have responsibility for oversight of the broad property management functions and needs of the church, and would, through combining property, administrative, and financial expertise within its membership, help to ensure clear and timely decision-making and oversight of our property management functions. Additional information regarding this proposal is included in my submission within the Annual Report.

Procedurally, the congregation must approve changes to committee structures. This approval will be sought at our upcoming AGM. Please feel free to contact me (cheryl.rn@sympatico.ca) if you have any questions about this proposal.

Cheryl Evans, Chair, Official Board

◆ Melrose Corner Shoppe ◆

The Melrose Corner Shoppe is bursting with inspiration this Spring. You'll find style, entertainment, home accessories and gifts for every age and taste! New items are added each week so be sure to stop in and browse regularly. All proceeds go to repairing the Stained Glass Windows.



◆ **WrapAround Families are in need of...** ◆

the following items: 1. Towels and bed linens, 2. Storage totes, 3. Bus tickets, 4. Gift cards for groceries, 5. A replacement cell phone
Thank you in advance! Contact Libby for more information.

◆ **Social Justice Upcoming Coffee Hour and Fundraiser** ◆

Saturday February 24, 2018 at 9:30 in the church parlour.
Come & join us. Wool, knitting needles, crochet hooks and patterns supplied.
Coffee, tea & a light snack.

◆ **Social Justice Upcoming Coffee Hour and Fundraiser** ◆

Social Justice and Outreach Committee Welcomes Jeni Hemu to Melrose United church on March 11th. She is the Community Support Coordinator for Essential Aid and Family Services of Ontario, located on 100 Main Street East, here in Hamilton. She will briefly talk about Essential Aid and then at Coffee Hour meet, greet, and answer questions about the work that Essential Aid provides to families in Hamilton and area.

The Social Justice Committee is asking for donations of the following :
diapers, baby formula, baby wipes, baby food and pablum. Please bring your donation on March 11 and the donations will gladly be accepted by Jeni and put to immediate use! Come out and enjoy a special coffee hour!

◆ **Family Ministry Updates** ◆

March Break - We are looking at planning a morning of fun during the March Break on Wednesday March.14th. If you could please let Meg know if your kids are free on this day and are interested in participating that would be wonderful.

Sunday School Update - It has been wonderful to see so many kids of all ages joining us on Sunday mornings. In order to ensure all of our young people are getting the most out of the lesson time, we are looking at dividing Sunday School into two age groups for younger and older kids. In order to facilitate this, we are looking for volunteers! We will be launching a brand new curriculum in February called *What's in the Bible*. All volunteers

will be given a lesson plan and resources. Please let me know if you are interested in signing up for a Sunday.

◆ **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.



MELROSE WEEKLY CALENDAR		
Monday – February 19		
Family Day Holiday - Melrose Closed		
Private Event		
Big Book	3:00 p.m.	Gym
Bach Elgar Rehearsal	7:30 p.m.	Auditorium
	7:30 p.m.	Sanctuary
Tuesday - February 20		
Bach Elgar Rehearsal	3:00 p.m.	Norman Slater Room
Yoga Class	7:00 p.m.	Norman Slater Room
Bach Elgar Rehearsal	7:30 p.m.	Auditorium, Chapel
Tai Chi	7:30 p.m.	Parlour
Wednesday - February 21		
Duet Club Rehearsal	9:00 a.m.	Parlour
Siva Yoga	10:30 a.m.	Norman Slater Room
Carpet Bowling	1:00 p.m.	Bowling Area
Bach Elgar Rehearsal	3:00 p.m.	Norman Slater Room
Mindfulness Workshop	5:15 p.m.	Parlour
Pilates	6:30 p.m.	Norman Slater Room
Thursday - February 22		
Film Crew and Holding	5:00 a.m.	Auditorium/Chapel
Early Years Workshop	9:15 a.m.	Parlour
Melrose Bible Study	10:00 a.m.	Sanctuary
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
Bach Elgar Rehearsal	3:00 p.m.	Sanctuary
Bach Elgar Rehearsal	7:00 p.m.	Sanctuary
Tai Chi	7:30 p.m.	Parlour
West Hamilton U12 Soccer	7:30 p.m.	Gymnasium
Friday – February 23		
Film Crew and Holding	6:00 a.m.	Auditorium/Sanctuary
Saturday - February 24		
Prayer Shawl Ministry	9:30 a.m.	Parlour, Kitchen
Mother Goose Fundraiser	8:00 p.m.	Auditorium
Tom Schilling Master Class	7:30 p.m.	Chapel
Sunday – February 25		
Melrose Choir Practice	9:40 a.m.	Chapel
Melrose Worship	10:30a.m.	Sanctuary
Melrose Annual General Meeting	11:30 a.m.	Auditorium
Duet Club Concert	2:30 p.m.	Sanctuary, Parlour

