Palm Sunday Evening

MURFREESBORO



APRIL 2, 2023

Honor God. Welcome All. Embody Christ's Reign.

#### Order for the Worship of God

# April 2, 2023 Palm Sunday Evening Service

#### Prelude

\*Call to Worship

Rev. Mitchell Carter

PASTOR: Light and peace are in Jesus Christ our Lord!

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God!

PASTOR: Bless the Lord who rides in glorious humility and who forgives us of

all our sins.

PEOPLE: His mercy endures forever! Amen.

#### \*Prayer of Adoration

PASTOR: O Lord God of our salvation, assist us with your help, that we may

enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts, whereby you have given us life and immortality; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

\*Hymn of Adoration

"Rejoice, the Lord Is King"

Confession of Sin

Ryan Hudson

PASTOR: Let us confess our sins together:

ALL: Almighty and most merciful God, kindle within us the fire of

your love, that by its cleansing flame we may be purged from all our sins and made worthy to worship you in Spirit and in Truth;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Silent Confession

Song of Confession

"Kyrie"

#### \*Assurance of Pardon and Comfort

PASTOR: He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to

sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed.

1 Peter 2:24

All: Hallelujah!

\*Song of Response

"O Lord, My Rock and My Redeemer"

#### \*Prayer of Faith

Pastor: Let us pray:

ALL: O gracious Light, pure brightness of the ever-living Father in

Heaven, O Jesus Christ, holy and blessed! Now as we come to the setting of the sun, our eyes behold the vesper light, we sing your praises, O God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. You are worthy at all times to be praised by joyful voices, O Son of God, O Giver of

Life, and to be glorified through all the world.

\*Doxology

Scripture Readings

Psalm 31:9-16 & Philippians 2:5-11

Scriptural Meditation (followed by a time of silent meditation)

The Prayers of the People

PASTOR: It is right to praise you, Almighty God for the acts of love by

which you have redeemed us through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. On this day he entered the Holy City of Jerusalem in triumph, and was proclaimed as King of kings by those who spread their garments and branches of palm along his way. Let these branches be for us signs of his victory, and grant that we who bear them in his name may ever hail him as our King, and follow him in

the way that leads to eternal life.

PEOPLE: Amen

PASTOR: Let us now pray the prayer our Lord Jesus taught us to pray:

PEOPLE: Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy

Kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the Kingdom,

and the Power, and the Glory forever. Amen.

(A moment of Silent Prayer will follow)

PASTOR: With faith and love, and in union with Christ, let us offer our

prayer before the Throne of grace:

PEOPLE: Lord, have mercy!

PASTOR: Have mercy on your people, for whom Your Son laid down His

life:

PEOPLE: Lord, have mercy!

PASTOR: Bring healing and wholeness to people and nations, and have pity

on those torn apart by division:

PEOPLE: Lord, have mercy!

PASTOR: Strengthen all who are persecuted for Your Name's sake, and

deliver them from evil:

PEOPLE: Lord, have mercy!

PASTOR: Look in mercy upon all who suffer, and hear those who cry out in

pain and desolation:

PEOPLE: Lord, have mercy!

PASTOR: Into your hands, O Lord, do we commend our spirits;

PEOPLE: For you have redeemed us, O Lord, O God of truth.

PASTOR: Keep us, O Lord, as the apple of your eye;

PEOPLE: Hide us under the shadow of your wings.

PASTOR: Lighten our darkness, we beseech you, O Lord, and by your great

mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of your only Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. He is the one who went not up to joy but first suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: Mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life

and peace.

PEOPLE: Amen.

#### A Prayer for the Journey through Holy Week

PASTOR: Lord, hear us as we seek Your face:

ALL: O Lord and Master of my life! Take from me the spirit of sloth, faintheartedness, lust of power, and idle talk. But give rather the spirit of chastity, humility, patience, and love to Thy servant. Yes, O Lord and King! Grant me to see my own faults, and not to judge my brother. For blessed art Thou unto ages of ages. O God, cleanse me, a sinner. Amen.

Prayer of St Ephrem the Syrian

#### \*Benediction

PASTOR: Blessed be our King who rode to the cross for our salvation! May he

bless us with the life he gained through his death.

PEOPLE: Amen.

Pastor: Let us go forth in peace.

PEOPLE: In the name of Christ. Amen.

### Rejoice, the Lord Is King

After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven. Heb. 1:3



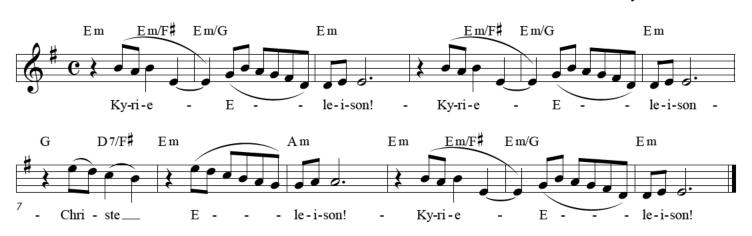
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### **KYRIE**

Words by Anonymous

Music by Isaac Wardell



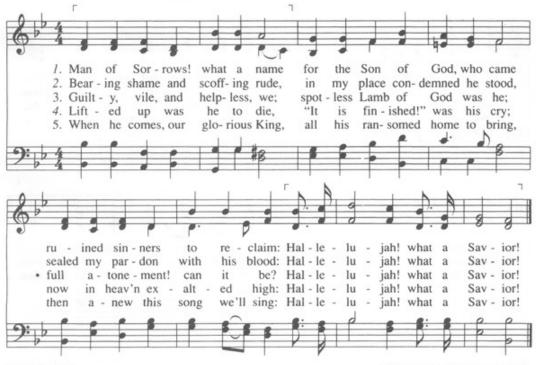
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## O LORD, MY ROCK AND MY REDEEMER



#### Man of Sorrows! What a Name

He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows, and familiar with suffering. Is. 53:3



Philip P. Bliss, 1875

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