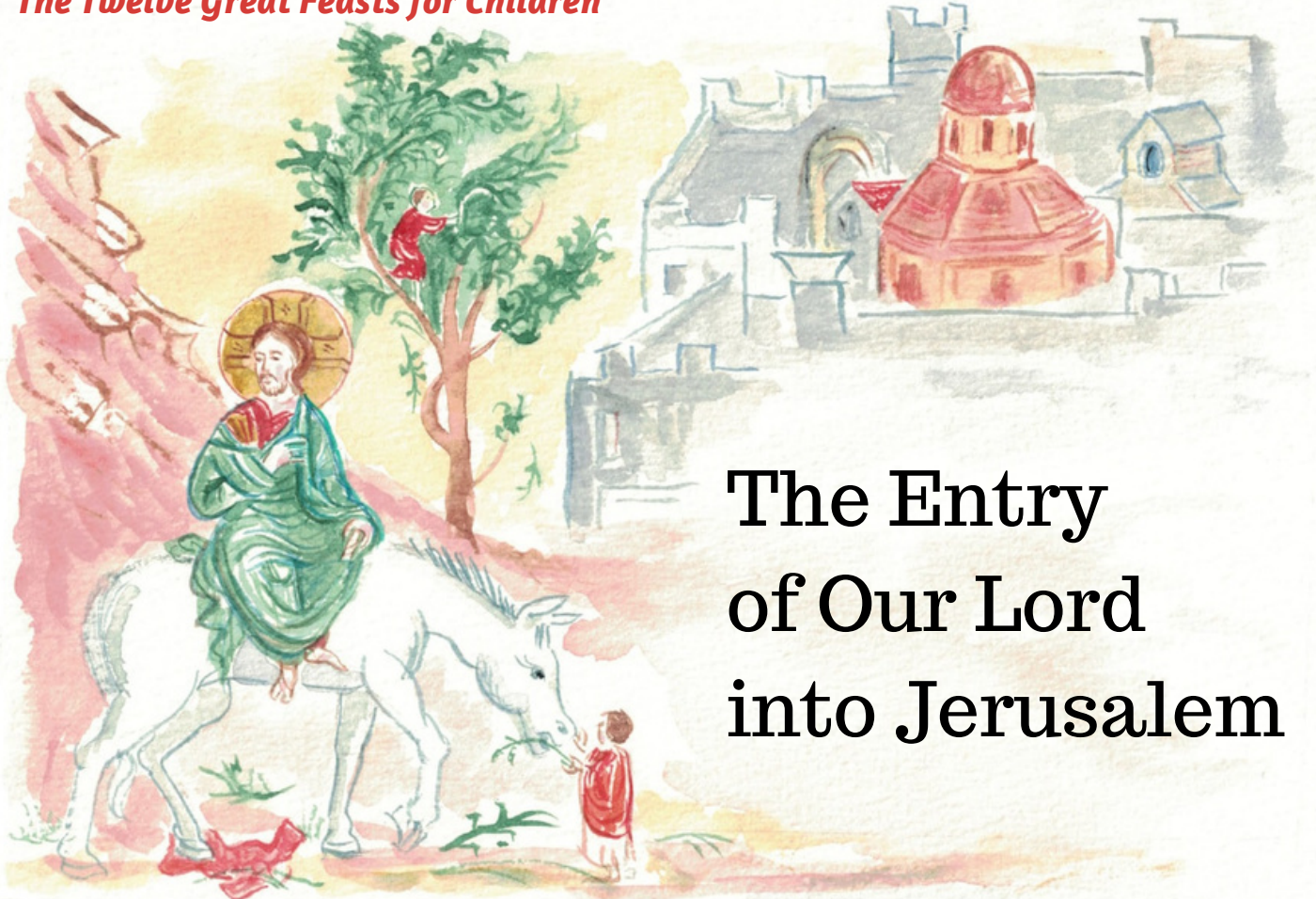


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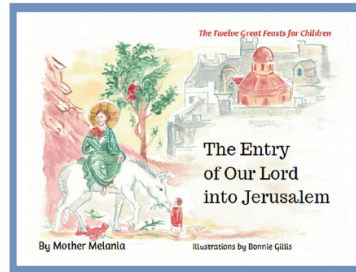
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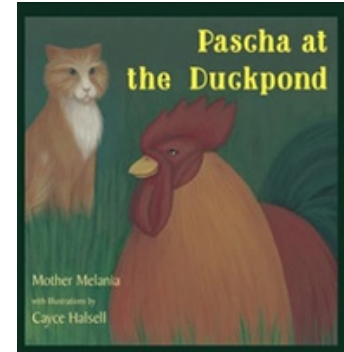


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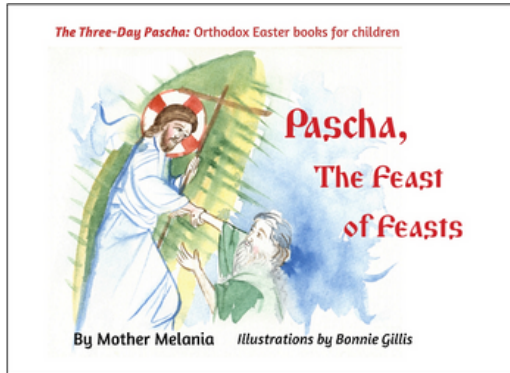
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Be glad today! Be glad! Rejoice!  
With all creation, lift your voice,  
For Christ has died, but lives again –  
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In the Orthodox Church Year, the Feast of Feasts, in a class by itself, is the Resurrection. After the Resurrection in importance come the twelve Great Feasts. These feasts are the Church's celebration of, and participation in, key events leading to our salvation. The Great Feasts are often separated into Feasts of the Lord and Feasts of the Theotokos.

### **Feasts of the Lord**

Exaltation of the Cross

Nativity of Our Lord (Christmas)

Theophany of Our Lord (Epiphany)

Entry of Our Lord into Jerusalem (Palm Sunday)

Ascension of Our Lord

Pentecost

Transfiguration of Our Lord

### **Feasts of the Theotokos**

Nativity of the Theotokos

Entry of the Theotokos into the Temple

Meeting of Our Lord\*

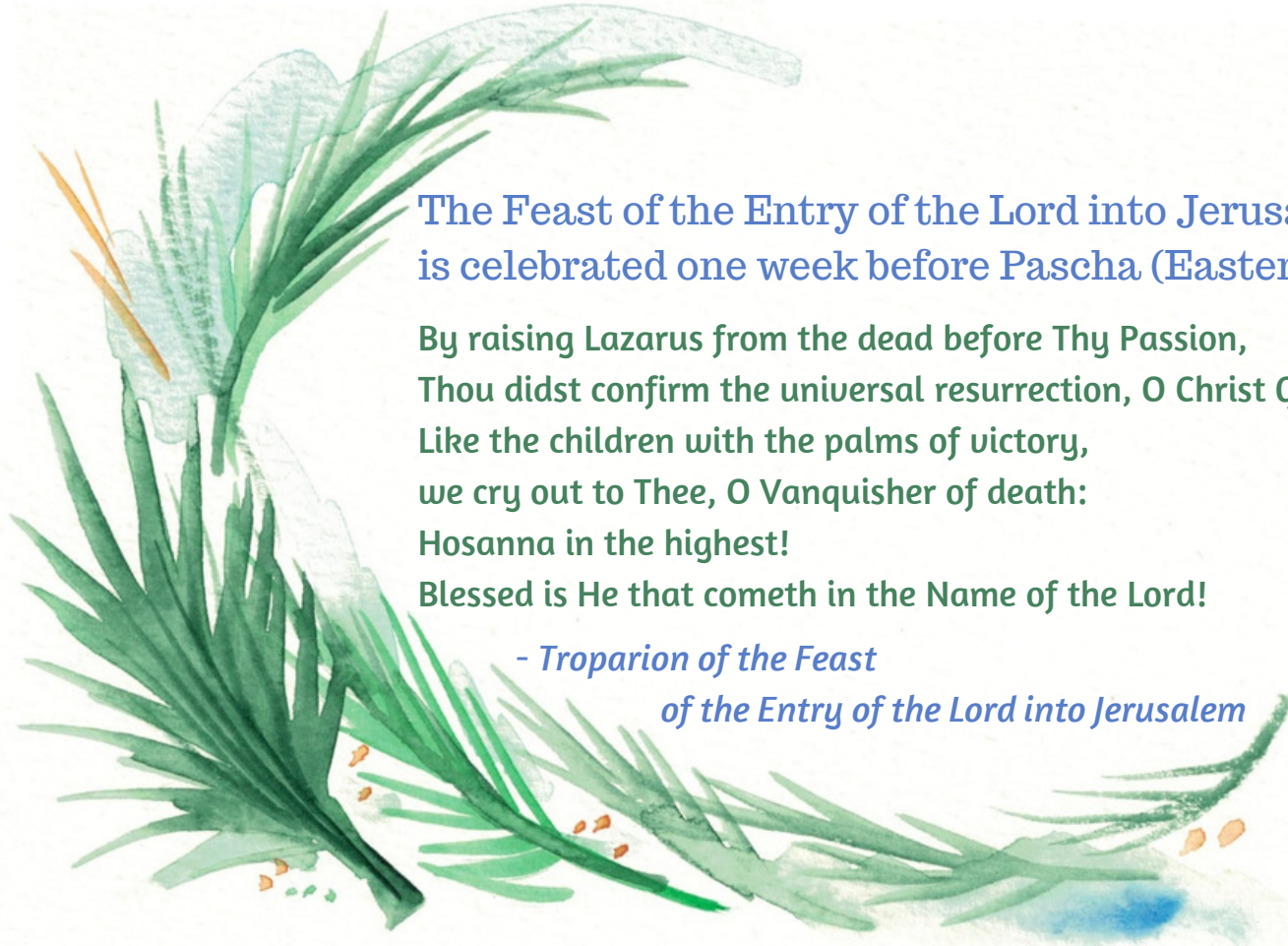
(Presentation of Christ in the Temple)

Annunciation

Dormition of the Theotokos

\* The Meeting of Our Lord is also considered a Feast of the Lord

**A final note** - Theotokos, an ancient title for the Virgin Mary, means "birthgiver of God." Used since at least the third century, this title guards the truth that Mary's Son is not only fully human, but fully God.



The Feast of the Entry of the Lord into Jerusalem  
is celebrated one week before Pascha (Easter)

By raising Lazarus from the dead before Thy Passion,  
Thou didst confirm the universal resurrection, O Christ God!  
Like the children with the palms of victory,  
we cry out to Thee, O Vanquisher of death:  
Hosanna in the highest!  
Blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord!

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**Be glad today! Be glad and sing  
The glories of our wondrous King,  
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Pure hearts to Him in offering.**

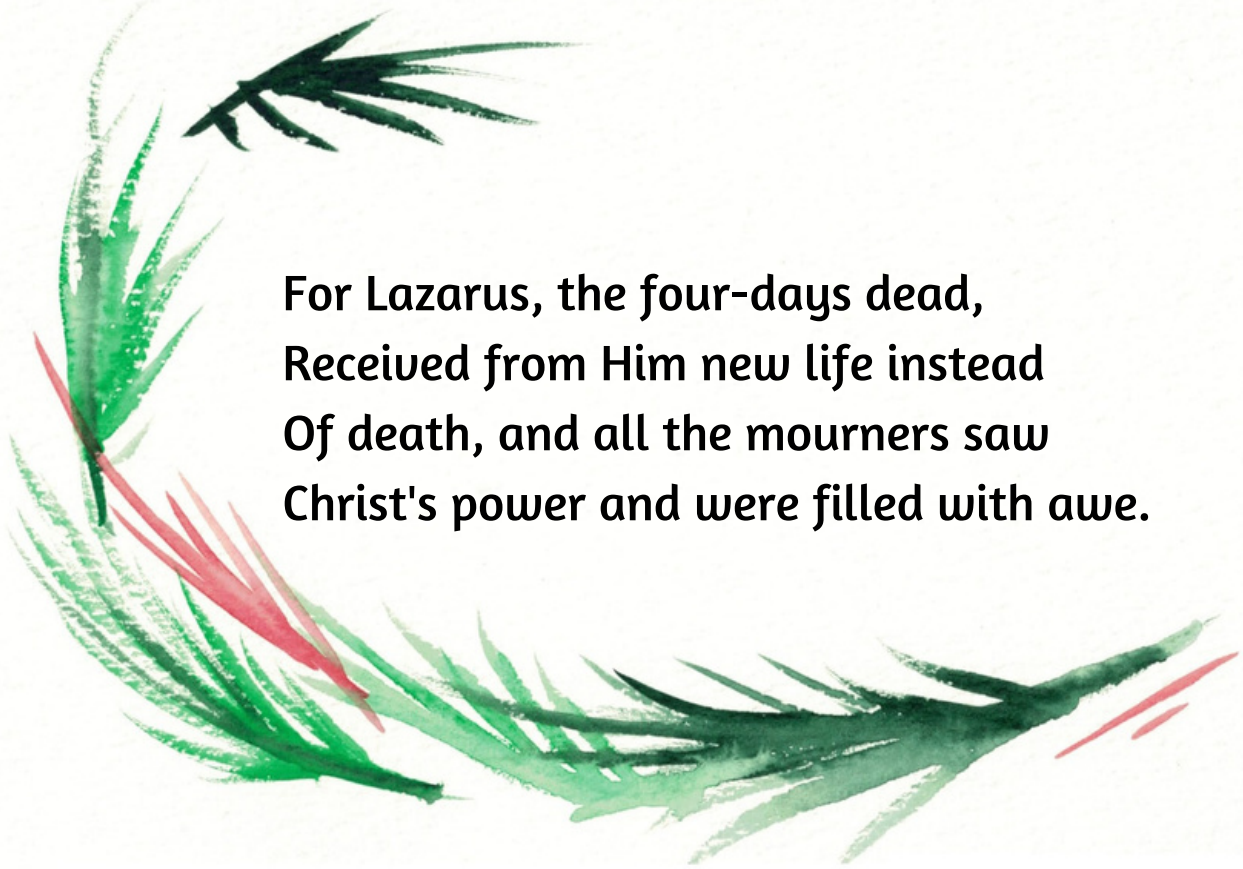






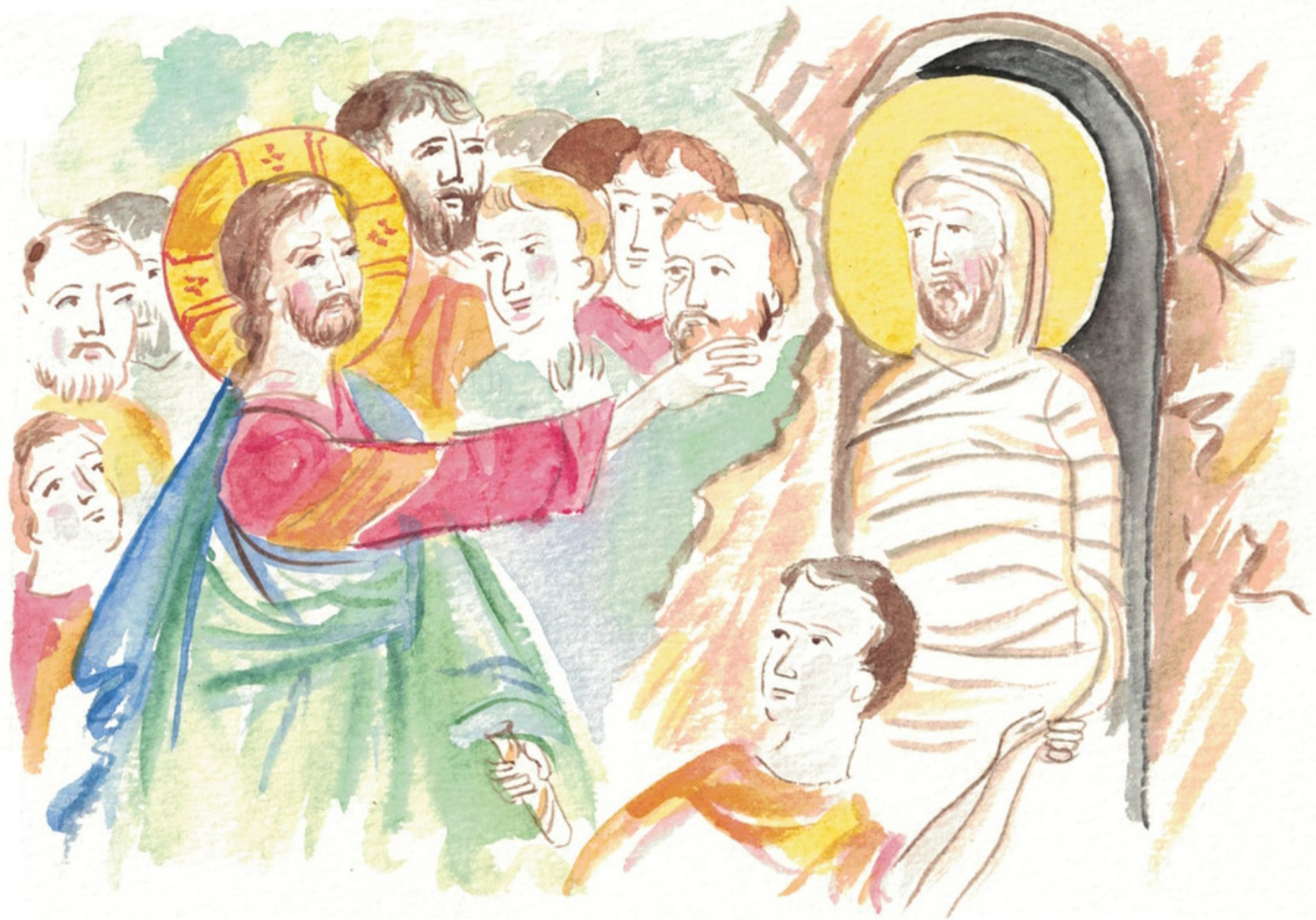


**Yes! Join the faithful as they raise  
Their voices to the Lord in praise  
For Christ has shown Himself to be  
The God of grace and majesty.**

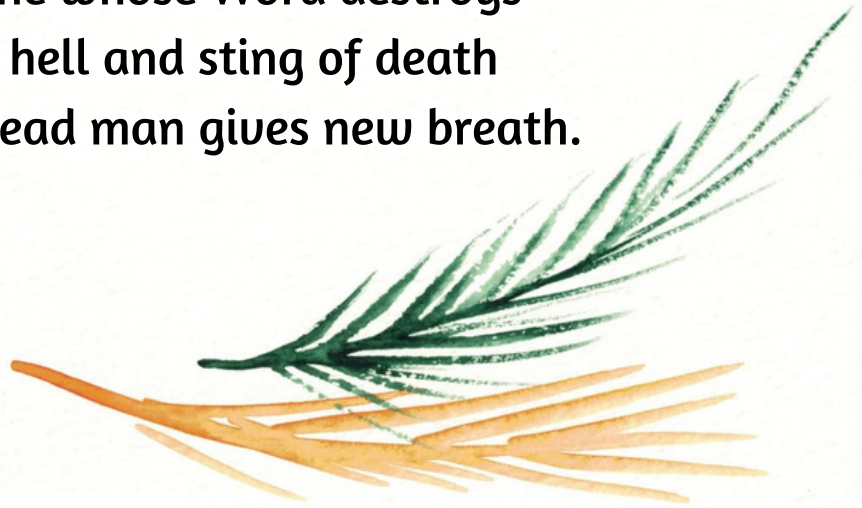
A watercolor illustration of a laurel wreath, composed of green and red leaves, framing the text. The leaves are painted with soft, blended colors, giving it a delicate and artistic appearance. The wreath is positioned around the text, with some leaves extending to the top and others to the bottom and sides.

**For Lazarus, the four-days dead,  
Received from Him new life instead  
Of death, and all the mourners saw  
Christ's power and were filled with awe.**





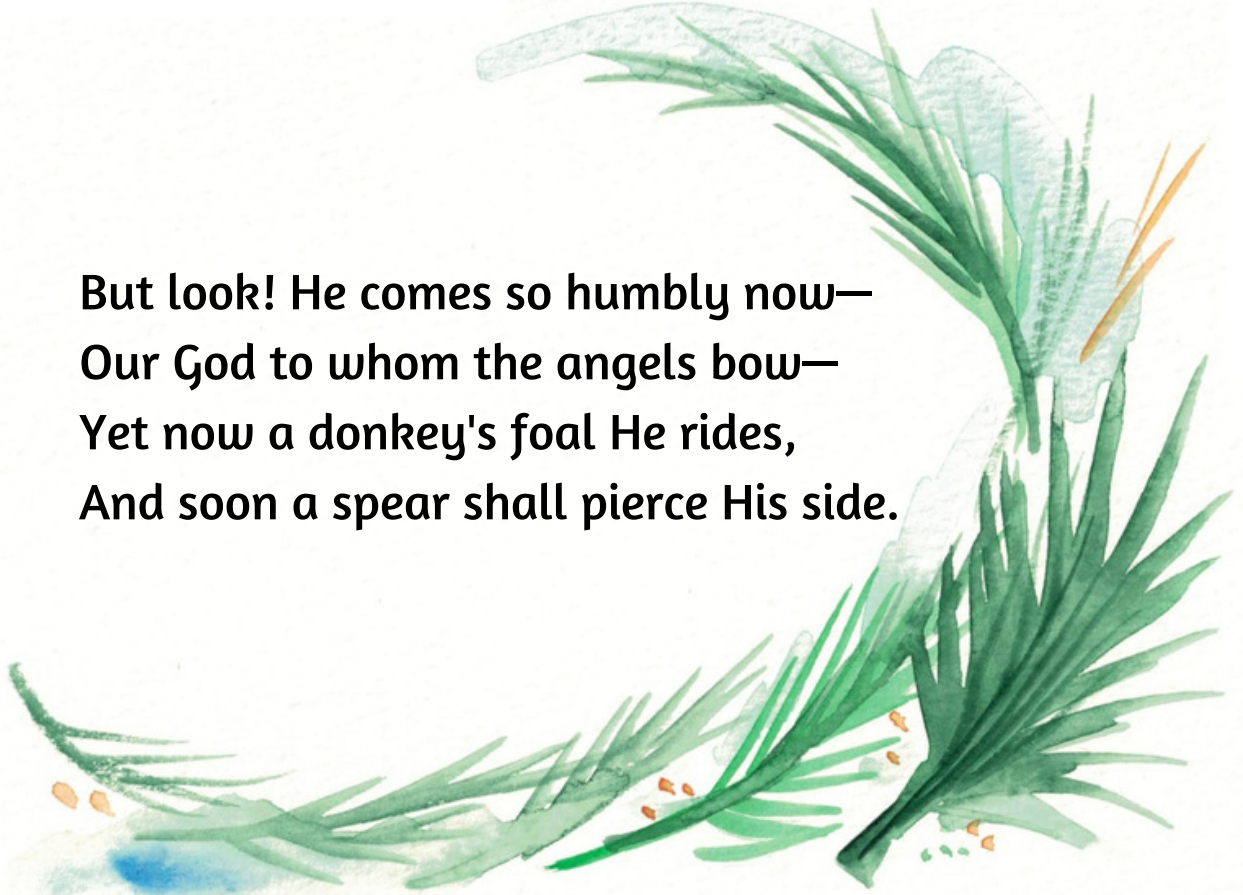
**Then all the people rushed with joy  
To see the One whose Word destroys  
The gates of hell and sting of death  
And to the dead man gives new breath.**

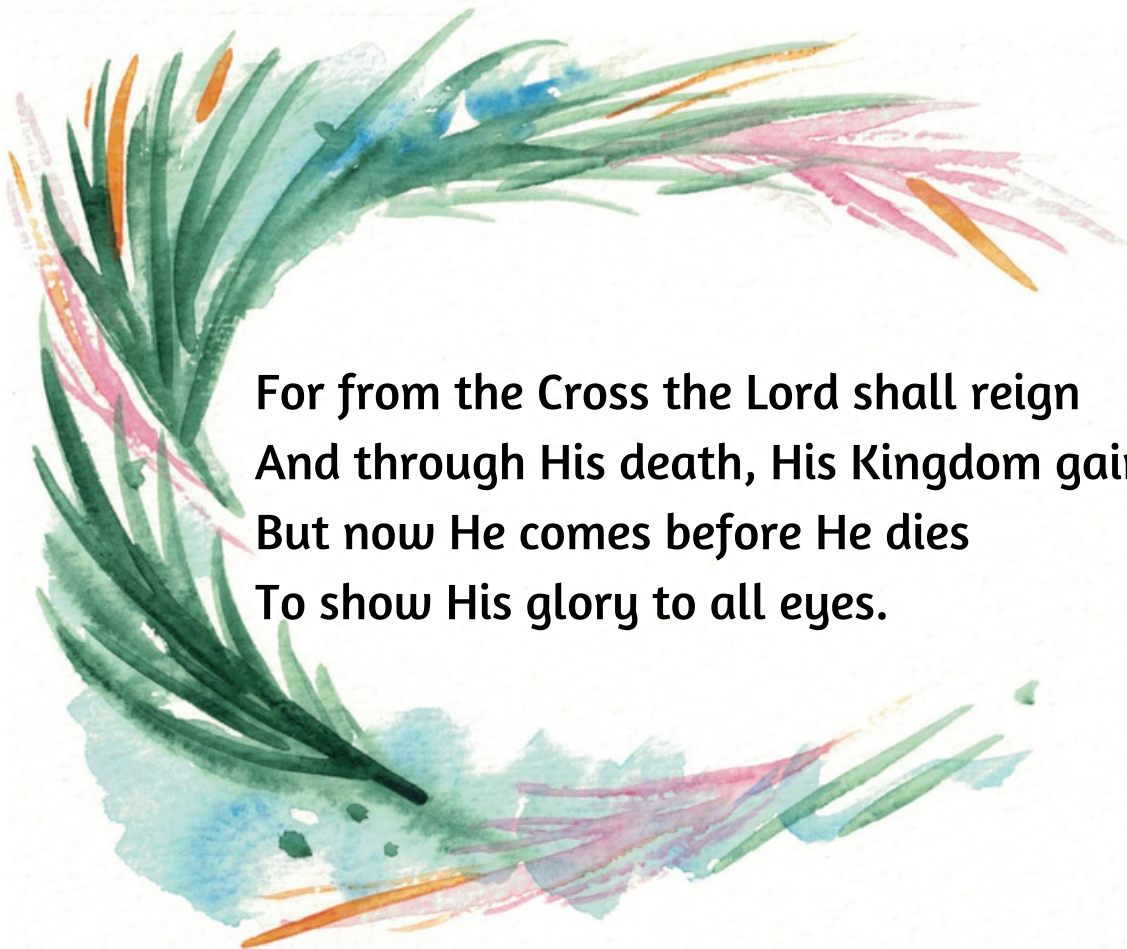




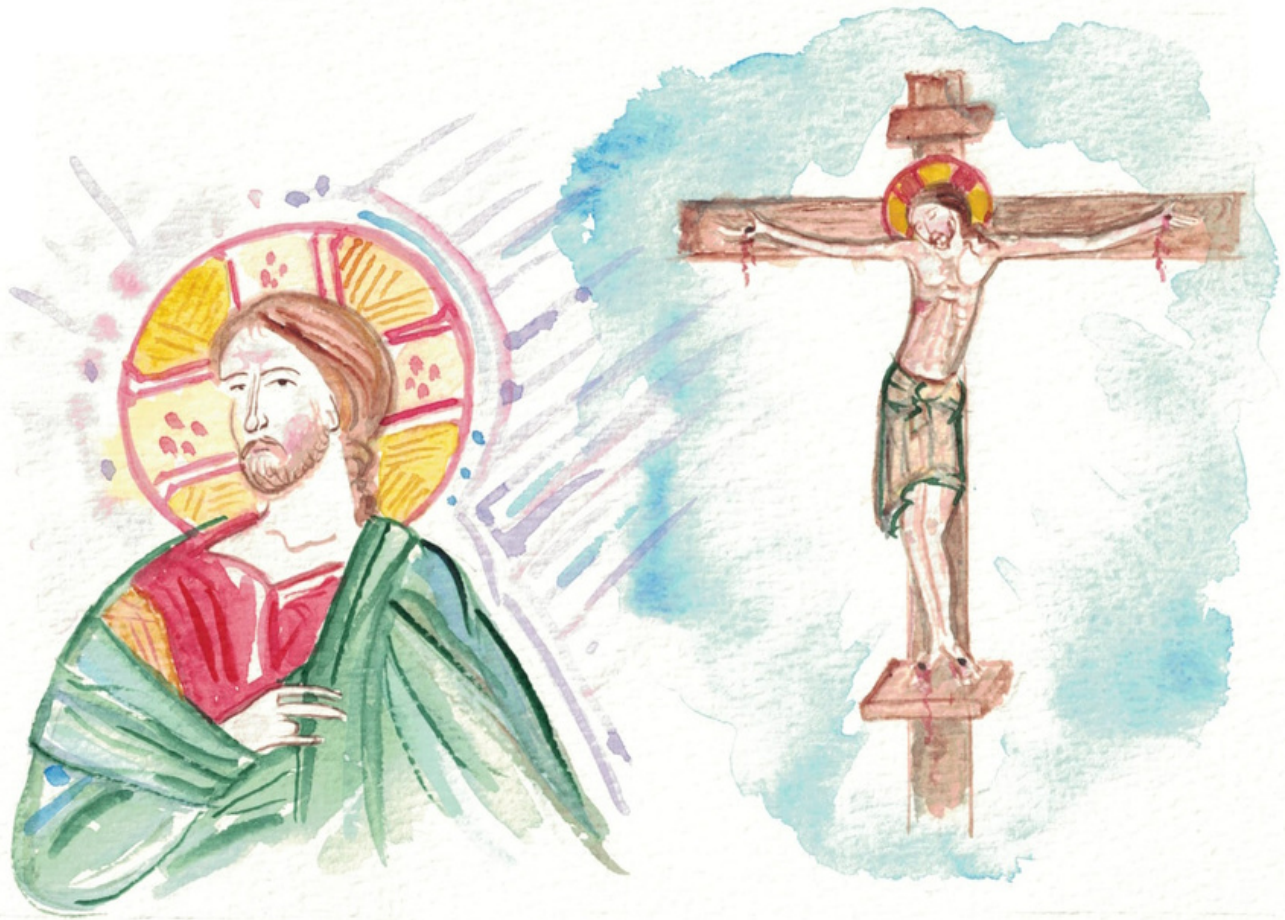


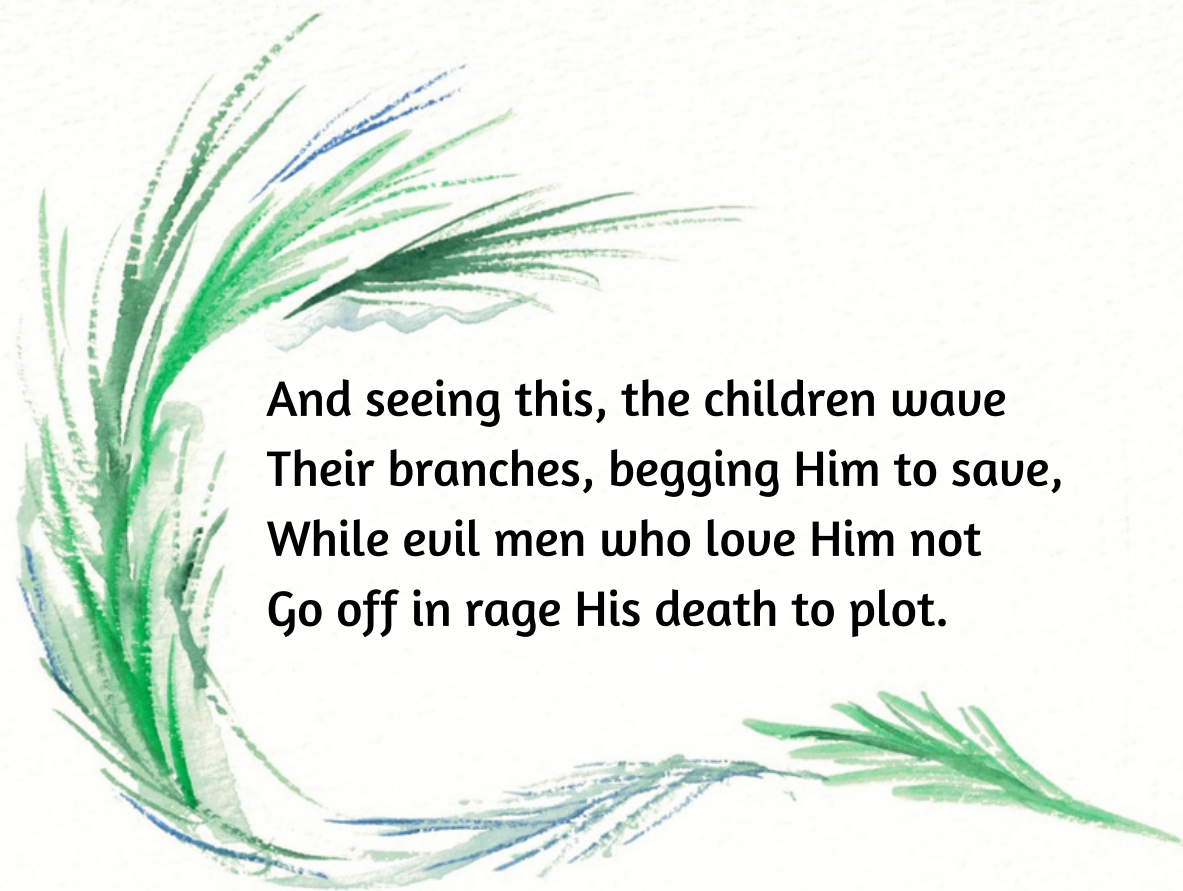
But look! He comes so humbly now—  
Our God to whom the angels bow—  
Yet now a donkey's foal He rides,  
And soon a spear shall pierce His side.





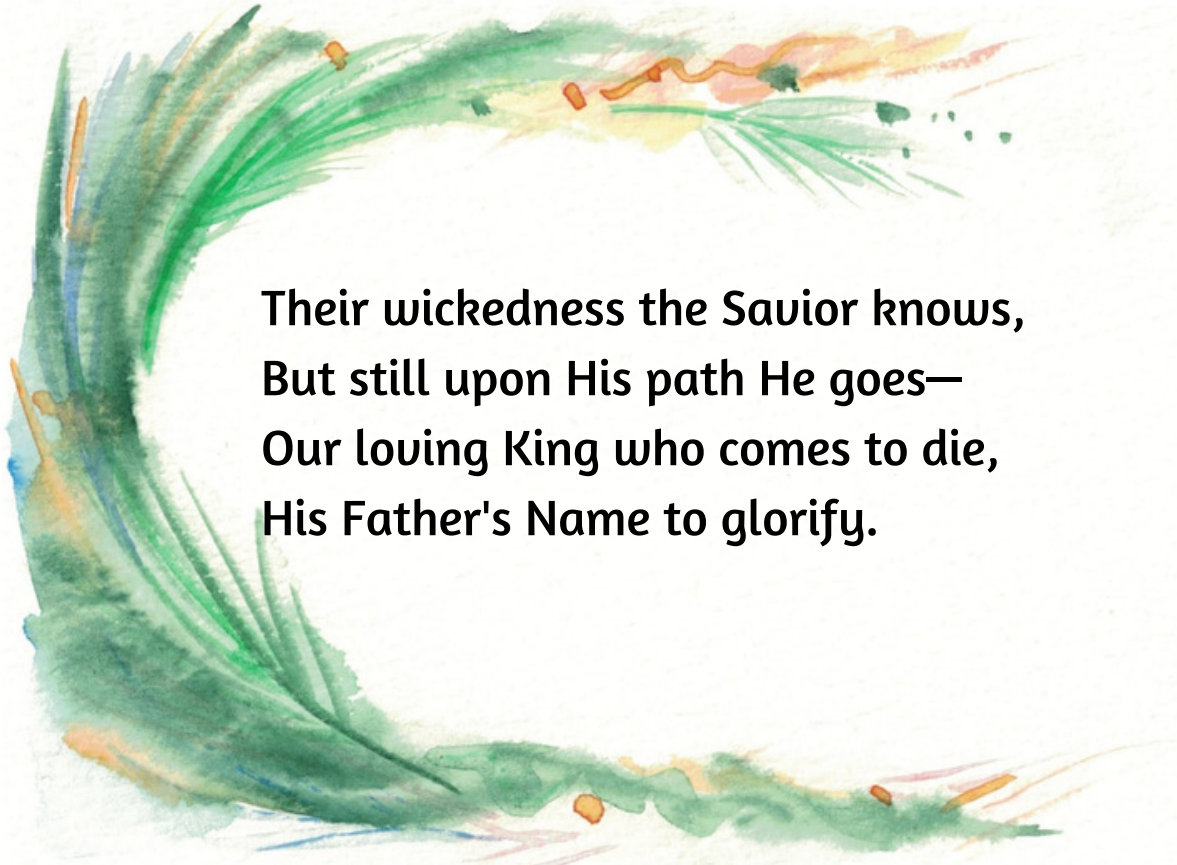
**For from the Cross the Lord shall reign  
And through His death, His Kingdom gain,  
But now He comes before He dies  
To show His glory to all eyes.**





**And seeing this, the children wave  
Their branches, begging Him to save,  
While evil men who love Him not  
Go off in rage His death to plot.**






**Their wickedness the Savior knows,  
But still upon His path He goes—  
Our loving King who comes to die,  
His Father's Name to glorify.**

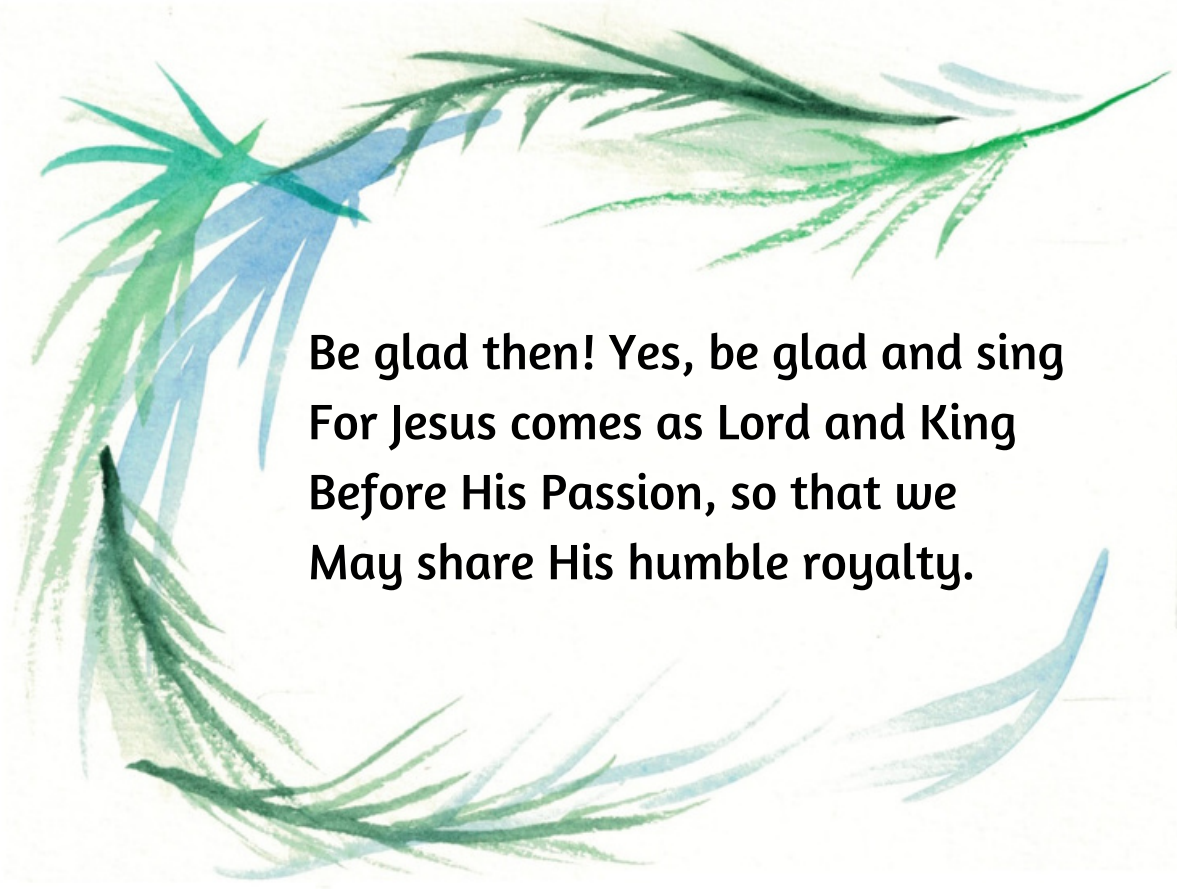








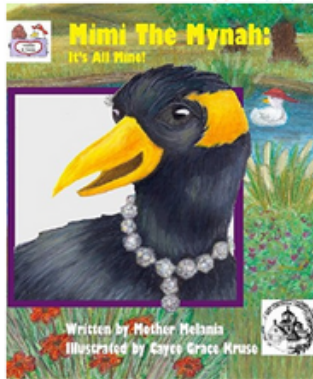
**And so it is that Christ our Lord  
Begins His reign not with a sword,  
But with divine humility  
That only childlike hearts can see.**

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Before His Passion, so that we  
May share His humble royalty.**



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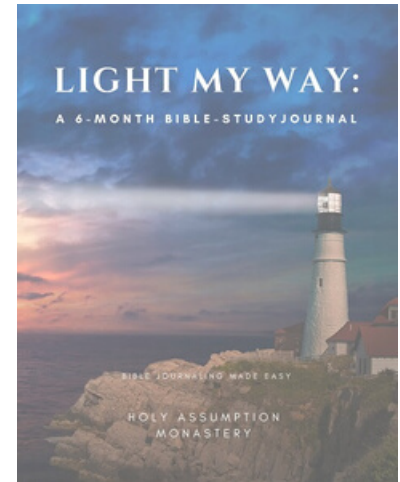
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