

He's Coming!

"He's coming! He's coming! Look, there He is just as our forefathers told us it would happen." The people knew Zechariah had prophesied that Israel's King would come with justice, salvation and humility, riding on a young donkey. (read Zechariah 9:9)

The road into Jerusalem was crowded. Many Jews had come from all over the Roman Empire to celebrate the week-long Passover festivities, remembering the great exodus from Egypt led by Moses. Now they were looking for a king to deliver them from Roman rule. Many had heard of or seen Jesus' miracles. Some had been with Him when He raised Lazarus from the dead. The crowds were ecstatic. They "took branches of palm trees, and went forth to meet him, and cried, Hosanna: Blessed is the King of Israel that cometh in the name of the Lord" (John 12:13). Their cries of praise were the very words of Psalm 118:25–26.

Although we might think the word "Hosanna" is an exclamation of praise, it actually means "save us!" "Save now, I beseech thee, O LORD" (Psalm 118:25). And that is exactly what Jesus was on His way to do! He was about to be crucified for our sins and gloriously resurrected so that all who believe in Him might be saved from punishment for sin and have eternal life in heaven.

The palm branches so exuberantly waved and strewed upon the road were symbols of victory from ancient times as well as used in rejoicing before the Lord (Leviticus 23:40). In the temple Solomon built for the Lord, carvings of palm trees were abundant and overlaid with gold (1 Kings 6). Victory was coming—just not in the way the people expected.

Today we plead with God for peace and victory in our troubles. He is the Overcomer. He is all-powerful. His answers may not come in the way we want or expect, but we can trust Him to deliver us in ways more exceedingly abundant than we can ask or think (Ephesians 3:20).

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**BLESSED BE THE
KING THAT COMETH IN
THE NAME OF THE LORD.**

Luke 19:38a

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Call to Worship

Sounds of Hope

Invocation

Pastor Don Mauldin

Sing Unto the Lord

Hymn #104 O Worship the King

Welcome and Announcements

Ron Marks

Recognition of Guests

Mission Moment

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Worship in Song

Hymn # 105 We Will Glorify

Hymn #106 Worthy, You are Worthy

Offertory Prayer

Craig Alexander

Offertory

Rose Morgan

Special Music

Sounds of Hope

Sermon:

Pastor Don Mauldin

Hymn of Benediction

Hymn #763 The King is Coming

Covenant Ministries

Our ministry for April is King's Ministry in Africa. Closer to home, we will also be collecting supplies for Newberry High School. Deodorant, shampoo, and feminine products are especially needed. Please keep in mind that May is the last month of school and extras will probably be needed to send home with them over the summer.

Good Friday Service April 18 at 5:00



Next Sunday is Easter and we would like to encourage you to bring an Easter lily to church for display up front and in honor or memory of a loved one.

Palm Sunday

By Kay Hoffman

They waved palm branches as He passed and hailed Him as their King;

Yet, they knew not of the sorrow the coming week would bring.

The glad acclaim would soon give way to jeers and mockery; In Pilate's court He'd be condemned to a cross on Calvary.

But Jesus knew He was the price in God's redemptive plan, The Sacrificial Lamb come down To die for sins of man.

The centuries have passed and still He seeks those lost in sin, Pleading with unyielding hearts to repent and follow Him.

On this day we shout our praise, O, let us not delay; The palm-strewn path of long ago still leads to Him today.