

Palm Sunday 2-4-23 (SB)

John 12:12-19

At the time of Passover,
Jerusalem increased
With people from all 'round the world
Who'd come to keep the feast.

Jesus and his friends were there.
They were surprised he chose
To ride upon a donkey
Through the crowded roads.

But later they would understand,
A prophet had foretold,
A humble king would come in peace,
Upon a donkey foal.

Excitement bubbled through the crowd.
They shouted out "Hosanna!"
They tore down branches from the trees
And used them like a banner.

"He raised up Lazarus from the dead"
The shout went up to greet him,
And looking for more miracles
They all came out to meet him.

"We must make him king" they said
"He must be the Messiah!"
"The King of Israel, blest is he"
Their voices rose up higher.

On hearing this, the Pharisees
With angry faces frowned.
"We must prevent this man" they raged,
"from ever being crowned".

"The whole world has gone after him"
The Jewish leaders wailed.
We must stop this nonsense now
Or we will have failed.

Jesus was the centre point
Of that day's celebration,
But soon he would be put on trial
Which would stir up the nation.

Had he come to be a king,
Or had they been mistaken?
The whole world had gone after him,
But suddenly, forsaken.

What would we have done back then?
Would we have been so brave,
To testify in the defence
Of the one who came to save?

"The whole world has gone after him"
The Pharisees were right.
But very soon, for the whole world,
He would lay down his life.

For God so loved the world, you see,
He gave his only Son,
The humble king, who came in peace,
To rescue everyone.

One day this king will come again
When God completes the story,
And heaven and earth are joined in one,
And Jesus reigns in glory.