

An Easter Sermon by Mrs. King

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ATLANTA (AP)—The widow of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. told an Easter congregation at Ebenezer Baptist Church that continuing her husband's unfinished work would be the greatest tribute to him.

Mrs. King, wearing a black dress and hat, took the pulpit briefly after Dr. Martin Luther King Sr. had finished a joyful sermon on "The Resurrection."

"I know that all of you today feel with me the full meaning of Easter," Mrs. King told the more than 1,000 persons jammed yesterday into the humble brick church where funeral services for her husband were held only five days ago.

"You came here to find com-

fort in the Crucifixion, in the Resurrection and in redemption," she said. "And this redemption feeling will continue in the world—and this is the thing most needed in the world today.

"In my heart, I feel it is God's will for his work to go on. Our dedication and concern to the task of continuing his unfinished work will be the greatest tribute to my husband, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr."

Despite a light rain, chairs had to be set up in the aisles to accommodate the large crowd at the modest church where many of the nation's leading figures, including all major Presidential candidates, gathered last

Tuesday to pay a final tribute to the slain rights leader.

About 20 white persons were scattered among the crowd.

Occasionally, rain splashed through open windows.

The elder King, who for many years had co-pastored the Ebenezer Church with his famous son, began his sermon by saying, "I'm not going to let the devil put me in a corner. My head is bloodied but unbowed."

The gray-haired pastor spoke of the thousands of letters the church has received since his son's death and told the congregation that it was still undecided where the body of his son "would be settled."

He told of an offer from Morehouse College, where his son graduated, for a tomb in a special memorial chapel. Then he added: "We have not yet made a decision. But he definitely will be moved from the cemetery."

King told the congregation, "These are mysterious and perilous times in which we live. And, many times, our hopes are shattered.

"But never lose your faith—keep your faith," he said. "You may have come here frustrated this morning, but He the Lord stands ready to help. He's such a good and kind Savior. I love Him . . . I love the Lord . . . I do."