

THE SERVICE OF DEDICATION
OF THE KIRTLAND TEMPLE
March 27. 1836

NARRATED AND HISTORICALLY RE-ENACTED
FOR THE JOSEPH SMITH, SR. FAMILY REUNION
On August 7, 1977

PRESIDING: Lynn E. Smith and Eldred G. Smith

NARRATOR: Truman Madsen

PARTICIPATING:

- A: Scripture Reading By Pres. Sidney Rigdon
Read by Joseph Byron Smith
- B: Prayer by President Sidney Rigdon
Prayer of Invocation for this Family Gathering
By Joseph F. Patrick
- C: Address by Pres. Sidney Rigdon
Reading by Harlow G. Fredrick
- D: Address by Joseph Smith, Jr.
Reading by Daniel Larsen
- E: The Dedicatory Prayer by Pres. Joseph Smith, Jr.
Reading by Lynn E. Smith
- F: Blessing Of The Congregation by Pres. Joseph Smith, Jr.
Prayer of Blessing Upon the Smith Families of Today
By Eldred G. Smith

MUSIC:

Directing:

Pianist:

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Presiding: President Joseph Smith, Jr. and President Sidney Rigdon

SCRIPTURE READING: Psalms 96 and 24 Pres. Sidney Rigdon

CHOIR: "Ere Long The Veil Will Rend In Twain" Director M. C. Davis
Written by Parley P. Pratt
Tune: "Sterling" by Ralph Harrison

PRAYER: Pres. Sidney Rigdon

HYMN: "Oh Happy Souls Who Pray Where God Appoints To Hear"
Written by W. W. Phelps
Tune: "Weymouth" by Ralph Harrison

ADDRESS: Scriptural Text Matthew 8: 18-20 Pres. Sidney Rigdon

SUSTAINING OF JOSEPH SMITH, JR.: Pres. Sidney Rigdon
Joseph Smith, Jr. was presented as Prophet and Seer to the church.
The congregation approved by a unanimous standing affirmation. The
different grades and quorums of church officers respectively
expressed their affirmation.

HYMN: "Now Let Us Rejoice In The Day Of Salvation"
Written by W. W. Phelps
Tune: "Hosanna" Alternate Tune: See L.D.S. Hymnal # 118

INTERMISSION: (Of fifteen minutes prior to the afternoon service)

HYMN: "The Earth Was Once A Garden Place"
Written by W. W. Phelps
Tune: "Adam-ondi-Ahman" (See L. D. S. Hymnal # 389)

SUSTAINING OF THE PRESIDENTS OF THE CHURCH: Pres. Joseph Smith, Jr.

ADDRESS: Pres. Joseph Smith, Jr.

HYMN: "How Pleased and Blessed Was I To Hear The People Cry"
Written by Isaac Watts
Tune: "Dalston" by A. Williams

THE DEDICATORY PRAYER: Pres. Joseph Smith, Jr.

CHOIR: "The Spirit Of God Like A Fire Is Burning"
Written by W. W. Phelps
Tune: "Hosanna" Alternate Tune: "Paraclete"

ACCEPTANCE OF THE DEDICATORY PRAYER: Pres. Joseph Smith, Jr.
The several quorums and the congregation affirmed their acceptance
of the dedicatory prayer.

ADMINISTRATION OF THE EUCHARIST: Emblems were blessed by Don Carlos Smith
and served by Elders of the Church.

TESTIMONIES: Joseph Smith, Jr., Don Carlos Smith, Oliver Cowdery, David
Whitmer and Hyrum Smith who also gave a short address.

CLOSING REMARKS AND PRAYER: Pres. Sidney Rigdon
Followed by the "Hosanna Response" by the congregation.

TESTIMONIES: An address in tongues was given by Brigham Young. Elder
David W. Patton interpreted and gave a short exhortation in
tongues himself.

BLESSING ON THE CONGREGATION: Pres. Joseph Smith, Jr.

(The service was concluded a little after 4:00 p.m.)

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PAYER:

Pre. Sidney Rigdon

A prayer of invocation is to be offered by Joseph F, Patrick.

The words of the original prayer were not recorded.

This prayer is to be a prayer of invocation for this service of historic re-enactment of the service of dedication.

This prayer is to also petition that love, understanding and harmony might increase in the Smith Family of today.