

*The Hymns of*  
*The Kirtland*  
*Temple Dedication*

*"...And it shall be given thee, also, to make a selection of sacred hymns, as it shall be given thee, which is pleasing unto me, to be had in my church; for my soul delighteth in the song of the heart; yea, the song of the righteous is a prayer unto me. And it shall be answered with a blessing upon their heads. "*

Revelation to Emma Smith, July, 1830, Harmony, PA D&C 25

## THE KIRTLAND TEMPLE DEDICATION SERVICE

Sunday, March 27, 1836, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

(Reconstructed from the report in the Messenger and Advocate, Vol. II, No. 6, March 1836)  
(All hymns are from Emma Smith's first hymnal, dated 1835)

Psalms 96 and 24: Sidney Rigdon

Choir (led by M. C. Davis): Hymn #19, "Ere Long the Veil" (Parley P. Pratt; 9 vs.) Tune: Sterling

Ere long the veil [sic] will rend in twain,	The trump of God, it long shall sound,
The King descend with all his train;	And raise the nations under ground;
The earth shall shake with awful fright	Throughout the vast domains of heav'n
And all creation feel his might.	The voice echoes, the sound is given.

Opening Prayer: Sidney Rigdon

Hymn #8: "O Happy Souls Who Pray" (Isaac Watts, alt. Phelps; 3 verses) Tune: Weymouth

O happy souls who pray Where God appoints to hear!  
O happy saints who pay Their constant service there!  
We praise him still; And happy we; We love the way to Zion's hill.

Scripture & Discourse: Sidney Rigdon. Matthew 8:18-20 (2½ hours)

Sustaining of Joseph as Prophet and Seer: Sidney Rigdon

Hymn #18: "Now Let Us Rejoice" (W. W. Phelps; 6 verses) Tune: "Hosannah"

Now let us rejoice in the day of salvation,	When all that was promis'd the saints will be given,
No longer as strangers on earth need we roam;	And none will molest them from morn until even,
Good tidings are sounding to us & each nation,	And earth will appear as the garden of Eden,
And shortly the hour of redemption will come:	And Jesus will say to all Israel: Come home!

INTERMISSION (15 minutes) ("few left the pews")

Hymn #23: "This Earth Was Once" (W. W. Phelps; 4 verses) Tune: "Adam-ondi-Ahman"

This earth was once a garden place, with all her glories common,  
And men did live a holy race, And worship Jesus face to face In Adam-ondi-Ahman.

Sustaining of Quorums: Joseph Smith

Hymn #84: "How Pleased and Blest Was I" (Isaac Watts; 5 verses) Tune: Dalston

How pleased and blest was I To hear the people cry, "Come, let us seek our God today!"  
Yes, with a cheerful zeal, We'll haste to Zion's hill, And there our vows and honors pay.

Dedication Prayer: Joseph Smith (followed by a vote to accept the prayer)

Choir: Hymn #90, "The Spirit of God" (W. W. Phelps; 6 verses) Tune: "Hosannah"

The Sacrament Blessed by Don Carlos Smith

Testimonies: Joseph Smith, Don Carlos Smith, Oliver Cowdery, F. G. Williams, Hyrum Smith

Closing Remarks and Prayer: Sidney Rigdon, followed by a "Hosannah shout" from the Congregation

Addresses in Tongues by Brigham Young and David Patten

Blessing of the Congregation: Joseph Smith

# E'er Long the Veil Will Rend

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Parley P. Pratt (1807-1857)

Tune: Sterling. Ralph Harrison (1748-1810) arr. RC

*The opening hymn, sung by the choir to this tune, at the dedication of the Kirtland Temple*

1. Ere long the veil will rend in twain,  
2. Lift up your heads ye saints peace,  
3. Ho - san - na now the trump shall sound,  
4. Our hearts and tongues all join'd in one,

The King de - scend with all his train;  
The Sav - ior comes for your re - lease;  
Pro - claim the joys of heav'n a - round,  
A loud ho - san - na to pro - claim,

The earth shall shake with aw - ful fright,  
The day of the re - deem'd has come,  
When all the saints to - geth - er join,  
While all the heav'ns shall shout a - gain,

And all cre - a - tion feel his might.  
The saints shall all be wel - com'd home.  
In songs of love, and all di - vine.  
And all cre - a - tion say, A - men!

# O Happy Souls Who Pray

Isaac Watts (1674-1748), arr. W. W. Phelps

Tune: Weymouth. Ralph Harrison (1748-1810)

*Sung, using this tune, as the second hymn at the dedication of the Kirtland Temple*

## Choir alone

1. O hap - py souls who pray ———— Where  
 2. No burn - ing heats by day, ———— Nor  
 3. God is our on - ly Lord, ———— Our

God a - points to hear! ———— O  
 blasts of eve - ning air; ———— Shall  
 shield and our de - fence; ———— With

hap - py saints ———— who pay ———— Their  
 take ———— our health ———— a - way, ———— If  
 gifts ———— his hand ———— is stor'ed: ———— We

con - stant ser - vice there! We praise him  
 God be with us there. He is our  
 draw our bles - sings thence. He will be -

# Now Let Us Rejoice

W. W. Phelps (1792-1872) English Tune ("Hosanna", "Assembly", "Paraclete")

*The third hymn sung at the dedication of the Kirtland Temple*

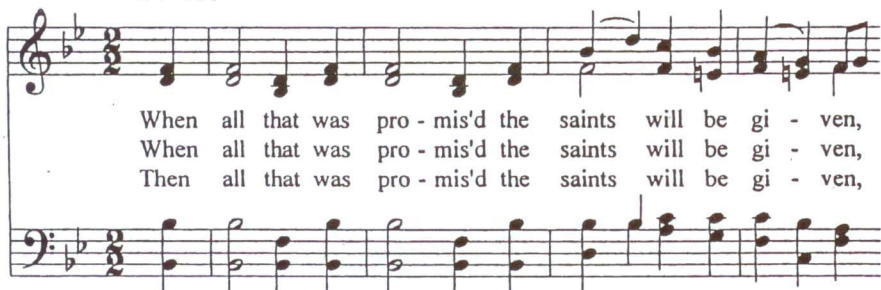
1. Now let us re - joice in the day of sal - va - tion,  
 2. We'll love one a - noth - er and ne - ver dis - sem - ble,  
 3. In faith we'll re - ly on the arm of Je - ho - vah,

No lon - ger as stran - gers on earth need we roam;  
 But cease to do e - vil and ev - er be one;  
 To guide through these last days of trou - ble and gloom;

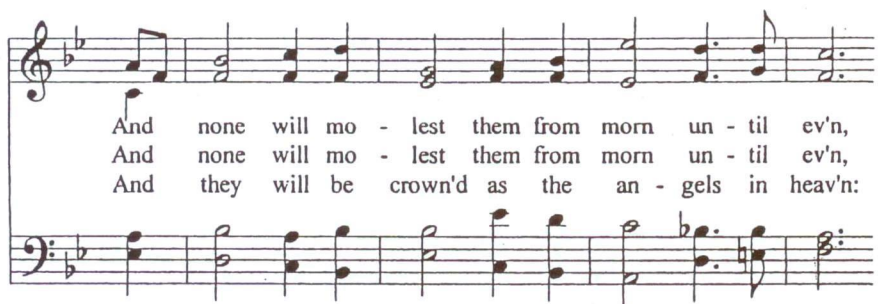
Good tid - ings are sound - ing to us and each na - tion,  
**Men** And while the un - god - ly are fear - ing and trem - ble,  
 And af - ter the scour - ges and har - vest are o - ver,

And short - ly the hour of re - demp - tion will come:  
 We'll watch for the day when the Sa - vior shall come:  
 We'll rise with the just, when the Sa - vior doth come:

## Refrain



When all that was pro - mis'd the saints will be gi - ven,  
When all that was pro - mis'd the saints will be gi - ven,  
Then all that was pro - mis'd the saints will be gi - ven,



And none will mo - lest them from morn un - til ev'n,  
And none will mo - lest them from morn un - til ev'n,  
And they will be crown'd as the an - gels in heav'n:



And earth will ap - pear as the gar - den of E - den,  
And earth will ap - pear as the gar - den of E - den,  
And earth will ap - pear as the gar - den of E - den,



And Je - sus will say to all Is - rael: Come home!  
And Je - sus will say to all Is - real: Come home!  
And Christ and his peo - ple will e - ver be one.

# 5 This Earth Was Once a Garden Place

W. W. Phelps (1792-1872)

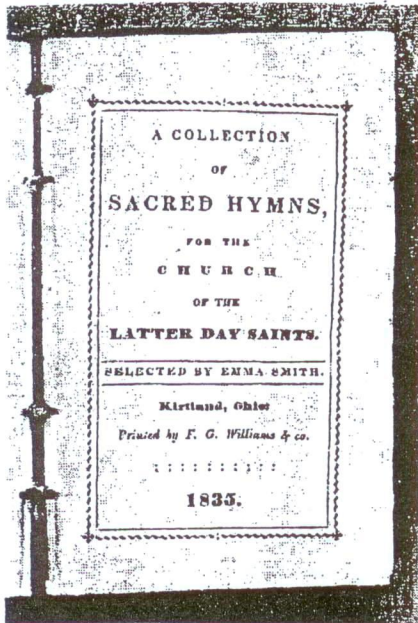
Tune: "Adam-on-di-Ahman" (Prospect of Heaven), arr. RC

*Sung, using this tune, at the dedication of the Kirtland Temple*

1. This earth was once a gar - den place, with all her glo - ries common, And men did  
2. We read that En - och walked with God, A - bove the pow'r of Marmon; While Zi - on  
3. Her land was good and great - ly blest, Be - yond old Is - rael's Ca - nann; Her fame was  
4. Ho - san - nah to such days to come, the Sav - ior's sec - ond com - in' While all the

live a ho - ly race, And wor - ship Je - sus face to face In Ad - am - on - di - Ah - man.  
spread her - self a - broad, And saints and an - gels sung a - loud In Ad - am - on - di - Ah - man.  
known from east to west; Her peace was great, and pure the rest Of Ad - am - on - di - Ah - man.  
earth in glor - ious bloom Af - fords the saints a ho - ly home Like Ad - am - on - di - Ah - man.

*Tune as in Little & Gardner, A Collection of Sacred Hymns for Use of The Latter Day Saints, Bellows Falls, VT, 1844*



1835 Emma Smith hymnal

## PREFACE

In order to sing by the Spirit, and with the understanding, it is necessary that the church of the Latter Day Saints should have a collection of "Sacred Hymns," adapted to their faith and belief in the gospel, and, as far as can be, holding forth the promises made to the fathers who died in the precious faith of a glorious resurrection, and a thousand years' reign on earth with the Son of Man in his glory. Notwithstanding the church, as it were, is still in its infancy, yet, as the song of the righteous is a prayer unto God, it is sincerely hoped that the following collection, selected with an eye single to his glory, may answer every purpose till more are composed, or till we are blessed with a copious variety of the songs of Zion.

# How Pleased and Blest Was I

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Isaac Watts (1674-1748)

Tune: Dalston; Aaron Williams (1731-1776)

*This hymn was sung by the congregation, using this tune, immediately before Joseph Smith stood to offer the dedicatory prayer on the Kirtland Temple*

1. How pleased and blest was I, to hear the peo - ple  
2. Zi - on, thrice hap - py place, A - dorn'd with won - drous  
3. May peace at - tend thy gate, And joy with - in thee  
4. My tongue re - peats her vows, "Peace to this sa - cred

cry, "Come, let us seek our God to - day!" Yes,  
grace, And walls of strength em - brace thee round! In  
wait, To bless the soul of ev - ery guest; The  
house! For here my friends and kin - dred dwell:" And

with a cheer - ful zeal, We'll haste to Zi - on's  
thee our tribes ap - pear, To pray, and praise, and  
man that seeks thy peace, And wish - es thine in -  
since my glor - ious God Makes thee his blest a -

hill, And there our vows and ho - nors pay.  
hear The sa - cred gos - pel's joy - ful sound.  
crease, A thous - and bles - sings on him rest!  
bode, My soul shall e - ver love thee well.



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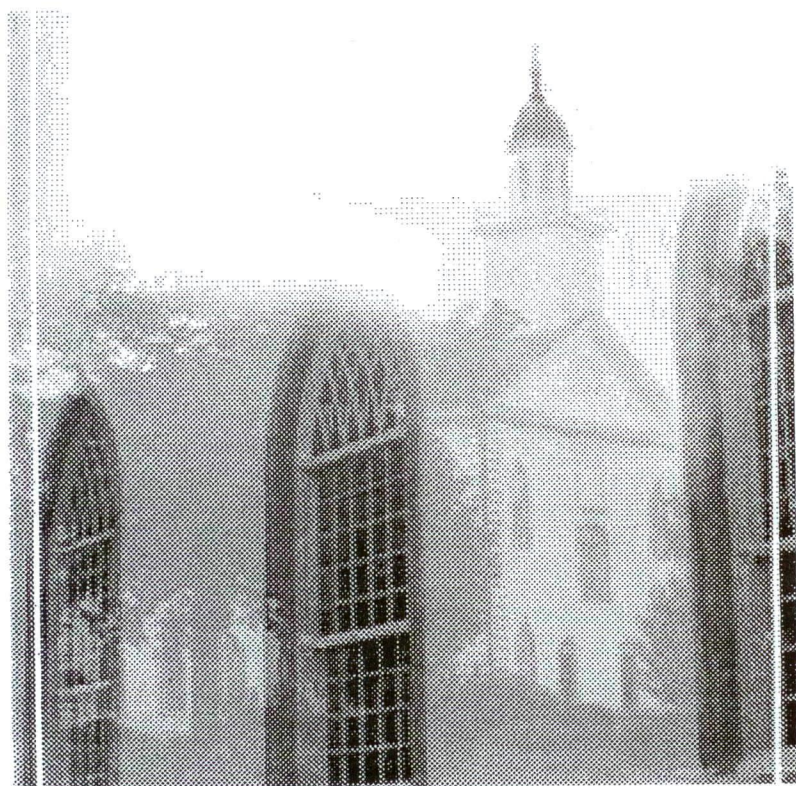
*Descant 3rd stanza only*

We'll sing, we'll shout! We'll sing, we'll shout,  
We'll sing and we'll shout with the ar - mies of heav - en,

"Ho san - nah, ho - san - nah to God and the Lamb!"  
"Ho - san - nah, ho - san - nah to God and the Lamb!"

Glo - ry, glo - ry, glo - ry, ho - san - nah  
Let glo - ry to them in the high - est be giv - en

*molto rit. last stanza*  
Hence forth and for - ev - er! A - men, and a - men!  
Hence - forth and for - ev - er! A - men, and a - men!



*We express appreciation to Richard Clothier for his research & generosity in allowing us to copy his material for this program.*

still;                      And hap - py we;                      We  
 sun,                      And he our shade,                      To  
 stow                      On Ja - cob's race,                      Pe -

love the way to Zi - on's hill,  
 guard the head by night or noon.  
 cul - iar grace, And glo - ry too.

We praise him still;                      And hap - py we;                      We  
 He is our sun,                      And he our shade,                      To  
 He will be - stow                      On Ja - cob's race,                      Pe -

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Tune source: Lowell Mason, compiler, *The Boston Handel and Haydn Society Collection of Church Music*: Boston, MA, 1822. Reprinted by Da Capo Press Inc. New York NY, 1973.

# 7 The Spirit of God Like a Fire is Burning

W. W. Phelps (1792-1872)

English Tune ("Hosanna", "Assembly", "Paraclete")

*Sung for the first time by the choir after Joseph Smith's dedicatory prayer for the Kirtland Temple*

1. The Spir - it of God like a fire is burn - ing,  
2. The Lord is ex - tend - ing his saints' un - der - stand - ing,  
3. We call in our sol - emn as - sem - blies, in spir - it,

The lat - ter - day glo - ry be - gins to come forth;  
Re - stor - ing their judg - es and all as at first;  
To spread forth the king - dom of heav - en a - broad,

The vi - sions and bless - ings of old are re - turn - ing;  
The knowl - edge and pow - er of God are ex - pand - ing;  
That we through our faith may be - gin to in - her - it

The an - gels are com - ing to vis - it the earth.  
The veil o'er the earth is be - gin - ning to burst.  
The vi - sions and bless - ings and glo - ries of God.