

Pres Kenneth Hillman

A transcript of the Dedicatorial Service of the Lindon Ward Chapel, held at 7:00 p.m., March 23, 1952, with President Joseph Fielding Smith, of the Council of the Twelve Apostles, presiding and Bishop LeGrand Ercanbrack conducting.

Prelude music was played by Sister Lorraine Ruffell at the organ.

Remarks: Bishop LeGrand Ercanbrack

"Brothers and sisters, it's an inspiring sight to look over this audience and see your faces. We welcome you here. Our hearts are full of gratitude that you've come, and we certainly welcome you. We want to excuse President Olpin, of the Stake Presidency, who is away. We feel honored and very thankful that President Joseph Fielding Smith, with his good wife, is here to preside and officiate at this service.

We'll commence by the choir and congregation singing, 'We Thank Thee O God For a Prophet,' after which this service will be carried out according to the printed program."

Elder Evert Reys conducted the singing, Sister Margaret Caldwell accompanied at the organ and sister Virginia Young at the piano.

Invocation: W.D. Chapman

"Our righteous and Eternal Father, we are indeed grateful unto Thee for this day and for this beautiful building which is ours. We are grateful for the people who built this building and who sacrificed and worked hard to make this a beautiful building in which we might worship Thee.

We are grateful for the Gospel, for our part in it, and that it has been restored in this dispensation. We pray that we may endeavor at all times to live it. We pray, also, that we may revere this building, that we may feel the spirit of reverence whenever we enter, that we may take care of it and not mar it in any way, and keep it that we might serve Thee.

We are grateful for the leaders of our Church, President McKay and his counselors, Brother Richards and Brother Clark, and the Twelve. We are grateful for President Smith of the Twelve and his presence here tonight; may the Lord's choicest blessings be with him while he is here, and on his way home, that he may give us something of inspiration. Bless us with susceptible minds that we may accept his teachings and his talk and endeavor to live them, take it with us to our homes and live it day by day. We pray for all these Bishops who are here with us tonight. We are grateful that there are so many of them living and able to be here. We pray that they may be inspired, during the few minutes they take, that they may say something that will be of interest and uplifting to us. We also want to pray for the Twelve and on down to the least ordained. Wilt Thou bless them with the spirit of their calling, and lead them in their endeavors.

We are grateful for the missionary system and the missionaries who are out in the world preaching the Gospel. Lead them to the honest in heart that they may spread this Gospel to the four corners of the earth and bring many into the fold. We wish to pray for the poor and the needy and the sick and the afflicted. We also wish to pray for the leaders of our nation. Bless them with the spirit of the constitution, which was organized many years ago, that they may endeavor more seriously to live up to it and strive for peace in the world. We pray, also, for the boys and girls of our Church. Will Thou bless them that they may remember their teachings and be missionaries to those with whom they come in contact at all times.

Now, in as much as our interest is here in the Timpanogos Stake of Zion, we wish to bless President Warnick and his counselors and all those that are called to preside in this Stake. Lead them, guide them, bless them that they may be examples to those over whom they are called upon to preside. Especially this night do we want to bless our Bishop and his counselors who have strived so hard to make this building what it is today. We know, Heavenly Father, that they will be blessed for all their efforts. Bless all those in the ward that are called to preside in the different priesthoods and organizations. Inspire them and protect them from the evil one and be with us at all times.

Now, we dedicate these services unto Thee and unto Thy care and keeping, and pray that you will forgive us of our shortcomings; and we do it humbly, in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, Amen."

Choir Selection: "Oh My Father", with Sister Ellen Peterson, Soloist.

Speaker: Bishop LeGrand Ercanbrack

"Brothers and sisters, it is my humble and sincere prayer that the spirit of the Lord will hover over me for the few words that I have to say this evening. Since I was sustained in this office as Bishop, three years ago, I have learned one thing especially; that where there is a group of people united, and cooperating together they can accomplish great things.. No wonder the Mormon pioneers made the desert blossom as a rose when they came to Salt Lake. They were privileged to sacrifice, privileged to unite together twenty-four hours a day. Some gave their lives. I'm sure we have a fine example of cooperation.

Through cooperation, we develop a great strength. Each and every one of you have sacrificed a great deal to accomplish this great building. We love it; we appreciate it; and there is no one in the world that it means more to than us because we've spent our time and spent our means to build it. Personally, I don't care to take too much credit for myself. However, I feel that I've done a small part. We have other Bishops sitting here in the corner that had the green light on when I was sustained to this office with these other two good brethren, my counselors. My small part hasn't been much, but

it's helped a little. I appreciate the fine work of the committees, the finance committee, the building committee, all the auxiliaries and the priesthood groups, and all those who have worked so unitedly and supported this cause, this program of building. I can't help but say a word about this last week. A week ago we called for extra help to clean the chapel and the building throughout. The response of the enormous number of people that were here all week, to see that every spot was polished and cleaned, was heartwarming. I hope we didn't miss any. If we did it was unintentional. I should mention our custodian who spent until 12 o'clock several nights this past week polishing our floors and working. It's glorious the things that people can accomplish when they cooperate.

This hasn't been easy. Several times our building fund has been depleted; our committees have been discouraged; we knew not where the next money to continue the building was coming from. In fact, it was almost closed down several times. Never has there been a bishop's meeting, since we were put in office, that our prayer wasn't for the support of our people, for the support of our Heavenly Father in this building program. I knew He wouldn't fail us. I know that he is ready and waiting to accept of our labors and our contributions. I'm very grateful, while I am standing, to those who are responsible for these beautiful floral offerings and to anyone else who have helped us in any way to prepare this service as we have it.

I know that this Gospel is true. May God bless us that we might be firm in our testimony and may He help us as a group of His people, to honor this building, to treat it as a place where we can come and really worship our Heavenly Father. This I do humbly, and in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, Amen."

Speaker: Bishop A.L. Cullimore

"This is a wonderful sight to behold before me here tonight. I noticed that the program that you have outlined for this evening is quite a lengthy one. I feel that it would be very, very unwise of me to come here and take more than a very few moments of your time. There is many things I could say, but it will be left for some future time.

I do feel grateful unto you, brothers and sisters and friends here, for the invitation that was extended to me through your bishopric to be present here at this dedicatory service tonight. I appreciate that very much and I appreciate the friendship and the love that I have and the respect that I have for the people of this ward. This wonderful congregation is a wonderful sight to behold. I feel, though, that there are many strange faces here; that there are many, many of my friends here where I was born and have spent the most of my life in this ward. I will never forget the place. I will always feel as though it is my home.

I know, my brothers and sisters, that, as the Bishop has stated, that there are many sacrifices that you no doubt have made in complying with their requests in helping with the funds for the erection of this building. I feel, though, that tonight you feel that the sacrifices that you have made is the proper and right thing. It is as if depositing your money where you will receive an interest, only I think that, in this instance, it will be of more value that it would be if it were a monetary dividend that you were receiving. I know that, if you will continue to be as united as you evidently have been in the erecting of this building, making it ready for the dedicatory prayer and service, and dedicating it unto the Lord for His worship, this dividend that you will receive will pay you many, many fold over that that you would receive in a monetary way. May the Lord bless you and help you to be united, as you have been, and to help you that you will sustain and uphold those who are presiding over you both in the ward, in the auxiliaries, in the stake, and the general authorities of the church. If you will do this, the Lord will bless you and the sacrifices that you have made in the erecting of this building will prove one of the greatest blessings that will come to you. May this be true, which I know it will be, I ask in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, Amen."

Speaker: Bishop D.B. Thorne

"I am indeed grateful, my brothers and sisters, for this opportunity tonight. You've heard me remark a number of times that I'd like to see this building completed so that my funeral could be held here instead of some other ward. I believe that much is going to be done at last.

When I learned that Elder Smith was coming to dedicate this building, I thought back on my life, so you'll pardon me if I give a few highlights of my life. Robert and Cordelia E. Walker Thorne were married in the old Endowment House in Salt Lake City, May 13, 1872, by President Joseph F. Smith, then a young man, a member of the Twelve Apostles, and the father of our beloved President Joseph Fielding Smith. My mother and father always looked up to this man as, I was going to say, and I will say, a God. The next thing in my life--I was born of these goodly parents in 1876 in the town of Pleasant Grove, not far from here, and have lived here nearly all of my life, so you can figure out my age. On May 13, 1872 was the time when my mother and father were married by President Smith. To hasten along through my life, I was called upon a mission in 1899. I had a wonderful blessing pronounced upon my head. I have a copy of it at home, that I appreciate very much. I was ordained a Seventy and set apart to labor in the Southern States Mission under the leadership of Benny Rich. July 1, 1928, when our Stake was organized, Joseph Fielding Smith ordained me a High Priest and set me apart as a High Councilman in the Timpanogos Stake of Zion. They soon got rid of me from that position and on August 11, 1928, the same year, I was sustained as Bishop of the Lindon Ward by David O. McKay. I was released from the bishopric after laboring a little over six years. On October 13, 1937, I was ordained Patriarch of the Stake by Joseph F. Merrill, who recently passed away. My brothers and sisters,

these four men have given me wonderful blessings, and I should be a better man than I am having been given such blessings by such able men, as these men are.

I want to bear you my testimony, my brothers and sisters, that I know that God lives, I know that the Gospel of Jesus Christ is the power of God unto salvation, and I know, that if we will listen to the counsel and advice and follow the teachings of these brethren who preside over us, we will be saved in the Celestial Kingdom of God. May God bless us all, I pray in the name of Jesus, Amen."

Vocal Duet: "Bless This House" Eva Millet and Doris Johnson
Accompanist Margaret Caldwell

Speaker: Bishop Charles J. Cobbley

"One thing I am glad for, brothers and sisters, and that is to get out of that hot corner. I hope the house will always be as warm as it is tonight. This is surely a great privilege, brothers and sisters, and one that I have waited for, for a long while, believe it or not.

It was my lot, when we first started the program to build this house, to be Bishop along with two fine men, Brother Dittmore and Brother Walker, I wondered a lot of times whether we would complete it or not but you folks did. I'm going to relate one little experience. This isn't a sad occasion; this is a joyful occasion; and I don't was to be sad about it. I want to tell you about one little incident we had with the Presiding Bishopric when we tried to get this house built.

Brother Dittmore and Brother Walker, my two very fine counselors, and I had made several trips us there and, maybe I'm wrong but I am going to say it anyway, Brother Wells was kind of stubborn, I thought. We put our point up to him and we went back and forth. We wanted a recreation hall that we could play basketball in, and he didn't want us to have it, but we won. At that time we thought we needed it. It would have been over there (on the old church lot) if we had built it then. We went back and forth and I can see Bill now. Excuse me for calling him Bill, that's what I called him then. He said, "By thunder, who's going to occupy this building when we get it built, you people in Salt Lake or we people out there?" We got the recreation hall. At least we had the plans for it.

I want to express my appreciation very, very much for you people who helped me in the work of this ward. There's two things I've got to watch, that's this thing over in the corner (recorder) and that clock. They said I am responsible for the things I say so I've got to watch out. I'm very grateful and I want to pay tribute to the first Bishop of the Ward, my uncle Bishop James Cobbly, one of the finest bishops that I ever know in my life. He was a come-on, not a go-on, and I'll always be grateful to him. I'm quite fortunate for Uncle Jim Walker, Uncle Al, and Uncle Dave were all my bishops, for which I was thankful, and for the advice I received from them, for

the privilege I had of working with them and for them. I lived in this ward for about sixty years. Here's where my family was born. My children went on missions from this ward, all except one and he went as soon as we got in the other ward. It's a mighty fine ward, but you can find them wherever you go. They are all good wards, it's up to you. If you want good people, you can find good people, I don't care where you go. They are all good people. If you want the other, you can find them. So, all the wards, if you want them to be, throughout the Church where I've traveled, and that's from the Canadian border clear down to the Gulf of Mexico, are the same. They are all fine wards. So if you've found any displeasure about the wards, you look at yourself. The ward is all right if you make it all right. That's what the people in this ward did for me. I was pleased to serve the time I did as counselor to Bishop Cullimore and counselor to Brother Thorne. Then they wished the bishopric on me. One of the finest things I ever had, but I wouldn't care to have it over. No, that's right, I wouldn't care to have it over. You get an experience there that you can't put into dollars and cents, and you don't need any thanks for it. If you do your work, you'll get your thanks as you go along. If you don't do your work, you don't deserve any thanks. That's the way I felt and that's the way I feel now. So I appreciate very, very much having lived in this ward and participating in this dedication. I feel that I have a seat here the same as I do everywhere else that I go.

I'm going to say this in closing, that if you people are as united in the future as you have been in the past in your endeavors in building this building, it will be the finest thing that ever happened to you. When you don't have anything to do, you become lazy. Now, you've been united in this thing. From time to time, you have rubbed shoulders with some of the finest people in the land. You'll continue on. Your tithing, I had a chance to learn not long ago, has increased all of the time that you've been building this building, and although it has been a sacrifice it has, also, been a privilege. It will continue to be a privilege if you do your part in helping to progress and forward this work. You're engaged in the work of the Lord; and I humbly pray that you'll do it in the name of Jesus, Amen."

Speaker: Bishop Leonard S. Walker

"My dear brothers and sisters, this is a privilege. It is the first time I've ever had a chance to talk at a dedication; and I guess, more than likely, it will be the last one. I hope that the Lord will direct me in what few things I say here tonight, that I may be able to put out a few thoughts that I have in my heart to say here tonight.

First, I want to express my appreciation, as the bishop did, for all who took part to help put this project over, and for the position I held in it; for all the committees, the officers in the different auxiliary organizations, the priesthood, and especially for the finance committee. As the bishop said, we got discouraged once in a while, yes, but I never worked with a finer bunch of people in all my life than those we had on the finance committee to help put this thing over. We'd put on a banquet, go there in the morning, cook the meal, serve it and wash the dishes 'till midnight. That wasn't only

chicken, they'd prepare two. I'd like to say that much.

I'd like to bring up another little thing here. I've had the privilege, the last two months, of visiting around the Stake. I don't think any of our ward in the Stake show enough reverence in church. Our ward has been handicapped, so to speak, the way we've been meeting in the school house and here in the recreation hall. It sort of, shall I say, got on my nerves to see the young people racing through the halls. I hope that you young people have more reverence now that we've got in our chapel, have more respect for this building. When you come here, you come to worship. I'll say to you parents, not only to you but to me, myself, that we should have more reverence, that we should teach our children to have more reverence for it, for after all it is in the home that they get the first teaching. If they are taught right in the home, they will have more reverence here. I say to you young people, don't stay home with your young children. Bring them here to church. They may kick up a little fuss, some do sometimes, but you'll never teach them to come to church and take part if you don't bring them here. Bring them out to church and they will soon get so that they will have reverence and be able to stay through the meeting without causing any fuss.

I have a great appreciation for this group of men sitting here on the stand. I knew the old Bishop Cobbley in a minor way. I was just a mere boy, but all these Bishops here I appreciate very much. Brother Cullimore, who was bishop during my young married life, inspired me many a time, as have the others on down through. I've had a close association with them all, beings I've been here in this ward all my life, practically. I did move out for about a year and a half, something of that matter, a year and a half or two years, but I moved right back here again. I appreciate all these bishops for the fine association, the old stake presidency, the new stake presidency, the high council that I've been associated with. They've been an influence in my life for good. I know, don't think I'm putting myself up for an example, that if it hadn't been for this association, I wouldn't be where I am today. I also appreciate the fine family I have had, the association with them. I challenge anyone to have a larger one.

In closing, I'd like to ask the Lord's choicest blessings upon us all here, that He will bless us, that He will grant us courage to stand for all that is right, and with strength to defend and uphold this truth; and I ask it all in the name of Jesus Christ, Amen."

Choir Selection: "One Sweetly Solemn Thought"
With alto and bass duet sung by Margaret &
Silas Gerald Caldwell.
Sister Virginia Young at the Organ.

Speaker: Bishop Jesse K. Thorne

"I would like to congratulate the choir. I think their singing, and all the music, has been beautiful this evening. I'm

very happy to be here, my brothers and sisters, and I pray that, for the few moments that I occupy, I may have the spirit of our Heavenly Father with me.

I liked what the Bishop said in his opening remarks about the cooperation that the people of this ward has given him. I know that to be true from past experience. There is one thing that I always think of when I think back of the time when I lived in Lindon which, like the other bishops, was the greater part of my life. I think of the enthusiasm that the people show. Sometimes we are just a little slow in getting started as is shown by the length of time that we have working on this program to get the new building. This program was started a little earlier than has been mentioned. It even dates back to when my father was bishop. He prepared two plans, one for tearing down the old building, and one for remodeling.

I have always remembered the people of Lindon for their enthusiasm. To illustrate this, I'd like to tell a little story that I heard when I was over in Holland some twenty years ago. This was told by Dr. Widstoe who was, at that time, president of the European Missions. Probably some of you older people have heard this story, but to illustrate the point that I would like to make here tonight. There was a little boy, or a young man I should say, who was converted to the Church. In those days in Europe, most countries had military training programs. We'll call this little boy Johnny. He was very enthusiastic over the fact that he had just embraced a new faith. He had been baptized into the Mormon Church, a church that was founded upon revelation. It wasn't an out-crop of another church, nor did it claim to be the original church like the Catholic. He was very proud of the fact that the Church had been restored and that he was a member of it. He went into the military service and one Sunday, the first Sunday he was there, the commanding officer had all the men line up to be dismissed for religious service. They all lined up and the commanding officer said, "All Catholics to the right, all Protestants to the left for your religious services. So, all the Catholics turned to the right, the Protestants to the left, and Johnny stood in the middle of the field. The Captain looked at him and said, "Well, Johnny, what are you doing there?" "I'm neither a Catholic nor a Protestant." "Well, if you're neither a Catholic nor a Protestant, what are you?" "I'm a Mormon." The officer just passed it off. The next Sunday they lined up and he gave the same command--"All Catholics to the right and all Protestants to the left." Again Johnny stood in the middle of the field and the Captain looked at him again. "Well, Johnny, what are you today?" "Well, I'm still a Mormon." On the third Sunday they lined up again and the same command was given--"All Catholics to the right, all Protestants to the left," and added was, "and all Mormons go where you darn please."

It's been with such enthusiasm that you people have been able to accomplish what you have accomplished. I happened to be Bishop when the old Chapel was torn down, and when we tore the partition out of the two rooms in the school house to have

a place in which to meet. I remember just after I was selected and sustained as Bishop, our late President Warnick called and ask me if I would come out to his home. I went out. He was out milking his purebred Holstein cows. He invited me to sit on a milk stool, and we had a heart to heart talk. He said, "Bishop, I want you to get the Presiding Bishopric down to get that building condemned, and let's get started on a new building." So, we met with Bishop Richards who came down with, I think, Brother Cannon. We went down into the basement. As Bishop Richards stepped into the East room, where there were no floor joists left, he almost fell down. He said, "Bishop, let's go ahead with the building program." We called a meeting of the Priesthood. The same enthusiasm was shown in that meeting. Within two or three weeks we started dismantling the building. Well you know the story from there on. I want to congratulate you on this building, on the fine plan, the fine condition that it's in. May the Lord bless you that you may appreciate it.

May I bear you my testimony that I know that this is the work of our Heavenly Father, and I do it in the name Of Jesus Christ, Amen."

Speaker: Bishop Alroy Gillman

"This is the first time I've ever had to face one of those things to make myself heard. But, brothers and sisters, tonight I can say that I am very happy to be here and participate with you in this glorious occasion. I am thankful to my Heavenly Father that I've had my fingers in this pie a little ways; and I'm grateful tonight, brothers and sisters, to my Heavenly Father for these fine Bishops who are sitting here. I remember every one of them. I've lived under everyone of them but one, Bishop Ercanbrack. As Bishop Cullimore came in that door tonight, I don't know what it was, there was something inside of me that just turned liquid. I just couldn't help it. I'll tell you, brothers and sisters, I love Bishop Cullimore and I want him to know it. He was the man who picked me up and sent me out into the world to preach the Gospel. I'm grateful to Bishop Thorne. He called me into the world to preach the Gospel and I went. It was on that occasion, down in the sticks of southern Mississippi, that we had a dedicatory service of one of the little chapels. I was grateful that I was President of that District; and that Brother Callis came and dedicated that chapel. It was on the 22nd day of February, 1931. We had a glorious time and oh how happy those good people were with that chapel.

Then comes Brother Cobbley--He's done a wonderful job; and Bishop Walker--I've worked with him and I'm still working with him; then Bishop Jesse Thorne--I was one of his counselors and I was one of his father's counselors. I was grateful to Brother Jesse; and I'm going to tell you, brethren and sisters, that when I was a counselor to Brother Jesse Thorne and we decided that we were going to go ahead and make a special effort to try to get this thing done, he got down on his knees along with the rest of us and, I'm telling you, we pleaded with the Lord to

help us, to guide us, and to direct us, that we might be able to lead you people in the proper way. It then became my lot to preside over this ward, and I'll tell you, I was grateful for that privilege. You people gave a lot of support and I appreciate it.

Brothers and sisters, I am wondering if we people who live in the wards and the stakes of this church realize and appreciate these bishops who preside over us. It made no difference what time of day or night it was, these bishops have always been willing and ready to climb out of their warm beds in the dead of winter or to leave their work. I've seen the time when my team has stood at the end of the field for two and three hours at a time while I went out because I was called in the service of the Lord. I've seen the time when Brother Ash had the advantage of Brother Chapman because he slept upstairs and the telephone was downstairs; but I've seen the time when I've got Brother Chapman out of bed at 2 o'clock in the morning to go with me, out to the folks that were sick. We didn't complain; we enjoyed it; because we were in the service of the Lord.

Brethren and sisters, I have a testimony of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. I know that God lives. I know that Jesus is the Christ, the son of the true and the living God. Every part and portion and fiber of my body bears testimony to me that this is His work that we are engaged in and that it will go on forever, regardless of whether or not you or I go along with it. May God bless you all, I pray, in the name of Jesus Christ, Amen."

Speaker: President Merrill N. Warnick of the Timpanogos Stake

"If I hadn't had my eyes open, I'd have thought that was Bishop Richards. I'm going to try and talk as short as the rest of these Brethren, but I hope the Bishop will call me back so that I can talk longer another time. I would like to suggest to him, too, that he does it soon, because I think that Brother Smith is going to have me released.

This is a beautiful building. It's wonderful occasion. Bishop Ercanbrack told about the Bishopric praying that the people would be united and that you might accomplish this. The Stake Presidency has done some praying too. We've watched you. We've been with you on many occasions. We've seen the way that you have worked. Some people have paid their assessment two or three times. Someone mentioned tonight that you have sacrificed for this building. With that, I don't agree. You have gone without some temporal things to invest in a spiritual thing of eternal value. I don't believe that that is a sacrifice. When we look at your tithing records and find that you are paying a bigger tithing now than you ever have before, I think that Deeds witness to the same thing. I think, too, that this building has a wonderful story. You've been told tonight how long you've been dreaming about it, how long you have been working for it, and here we sit in this wonderful service and have it a reality.

But about our own lives, about our salvation, isn't that the same thing? We dream of it and then we work for it. It isn't too pleasant as we struggle from day to day, but if we keep our eyes on the goal and never falter and follow the plan of the Architect, we come out with a beautiful character just the same as you come out with a beautiful building. Suppose the Bishop had started out to build this building without any plan. Can you imagine what kind of a building it would have been? Can you imagine the times he would have to tear down and build over again? We're blessed, my brothers and sisters, with the plan of salvation, and it is in this building where we get our instructions, in this building where we gain inspiration and revelation, if it is necessary for ourselves to carry on. That is the purpose of it. Don't throw away that opportunity that you have built it for. Don't slack up now because you've accomplished this one thing that you want. It is only a stepping stone to greater accomplishments of most priceless values.

May our Father in Heaven bless you for your faith and your devotion. May you always be united, and may you grow and develop in His work, I ask, in the name of Jesus Christ, Amen."

Vocal Selections: "The Lord's Prayer" Double Mixed Quartette
Miriam Ash, Grace Wynn, Audre Hooley,
Burdene Walker, Truvere Hardman, Earl
Thompson, Reed Gillman, Leon Walker
Accompanist Beulah Gillman

Dedicatorial Prayer:

President Joseph Fielding Smith of the Quorum
of Twelve Apostles

"I wish to congratulate the Presidency of the Stake, the Bishopric of the Ward, and all you good people for this accomplishment, the building of this very fine meeting house. Now, I am greatly surprised tonight, because when I got your program, I thought we would be here until 10 o'clock, and here we've heard from, I think eight or nine speakers, we've heard the singing, and altogether in a hour and ten minutes. It's wonderful, and I believe everybody's happy. You ought to be to have a fine house in which to worship as you have here. It's neat and it's lovely. I like it for its plainness and I'm sure the Lord does too.

Now, my dear brethren and sisters, you have built this house, the house of God, a house in which you may come to worship, to study and learn the ways of eternal life. Let this house be to you--holy. Keep it clean. Now it isn't my purpose to enter into a discourse. All I need to say is that I am very happy that you have it, and I told President Warrick tonight that when you build another meeting house for goodness sakes dedicate it in the summer. Perhaps you had thought you were dedicating it in the spring. Now, I'm here for the purpose of offering the prayer of dedication, and with your help, we will approach the Lord in prayer to dedicate this house to His name.

Our Father, who art in Heaven, we come before Thee, humble, thanking Thee for all Thy mercies and blessings, for Thy watchful care over us. We pray Thee, Father, to be with us constantly, to help us in all things to do Thy will. Quicken our minds that we may understand; enlarge our capacity to understand; give unto us a desire to know the truth, not merely to believe it but to have a perfect knowledge of the restoration of the Gospel of the mission of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Help us, Father, to honor Him, and in our humility and praise, to never forget the great blessing which comes to us because He lived and died in this world.

Help us to treasure up the truths of the Gospel, to make ourselves familiar with them through our study and through our faith. We thank Thee, Our Father, in Heaven, for this building as a place where we may come to learn of Thy ways, to be taught and instructed, to bear witness of the truth, testimony, to speak of Thy goodness, and to confess our shortcomings and our sins. We pray that our hearts may be humbled, our spirits contrite at all times.

We dedicate this house unto Thee. We pray Thee that Thy spirit may be here, that the influence thereof might permeate every part of this building, so that all who come here may feel that influence and feel the desire to worship. If they have hard feelings against their neighbors, if they have failed in some particular in the keeping of Thy commandments, if they have wronged their neighbor, or done anything that is contrary to righteousness, we pray Thee, Father, that they may come in a repentant spirit and enter this house seeking to put their hearts right and walk before Thee in humility and faith. We dedicate this house; this roof; the walls; all of its support; the various rooms, that they may be used for the purposes for which they were built; and the ceilings, that they may be strong and sure. Bless, we pray Thee, every part of this building, that it may stand to fulfill the purposes for which it has been created; and that we who come into it may come with repentant spirits and with a desire, at all times, to learn of Thy ways and to draw near unto Thee.

Help us to seek Thy Kingdom. Those who come here, Father, if any should so come whose hearts are not contrite but whose souls are bitter and who come in opposition to the truth, we pray Thee that all these feelings may vanish and that they may come into this building to worship. Bless the members of the Church as they assemble in their various classes and in their meetings; in their sacrament meeting, the most important of all the meetings, where they come to renew their covenants with Thee, to remember Thee and keep Thy commandments. Help them to realize the importance of doing all these things. Let Thy peace be with all the members of the Church. Let unity be with them that they may see eye to eye, and walk humbly and righteously, that they may find their way through their faith and their faithfulness back into Thy presence.

Protect this building, Father, from the elements, from the storms, from the winds, the rains, from the fires, the vivid lightnings, and all other elements that tend towards destruction. Let it stand, we pray Thee, as a monument of the faith of the members of the Church. Let Thy peace be here. We ask these blessings, and now Father, we ask Thee to receive this building from our hands,--a holy place, a house of God where all things may be done in perfect order in harmony with Thy truth.

Bless those who have spent their money and their means in its erection, and be with all the members that they may rejoice and be joyful in their accomplishments. We ask these blessings, with all other blessings that are needful, in the name of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, Amen."

Remarks: Bishop LeGrand Eganbrack

"We are very fortunate, brothers and sisters, to have Sister Smith here with us. She's going to sing for us."

Sister Jesse Evans Smith, playing her own accompaniment, sang 'Behold, 'Tis Eventide':

Remarks: Bishop LeGrand Eganbrack

"That was very lovely, Sister Smith. We appreciate it on such short notice. Our time has lasted a little better than we had intended. I'm sure that you will excuse me if I vary from this printed program a little. I'm going to ask these good counselors of mine to take up a few minutes apiece. First, Brother Walker, then, Brother Swenson."

Speaker: Brother Leon Walker

"You might excuse him, but I know that there's two of us that won't. I'm indeed thrilled, my brothers and sisters, to stand before you tonight. Since we were put in the Bishopric three years ago, this has been the utmost in our desires. The Bishop made this statement that there were times when we felt that we were almost at the end of the rope. Yet when we would call in the members of the Priesthood and talk to them, they would express their desire to go forth; put forth of their time and their means that we might continue to build so that we might dedicate this building.

The thing that is utmost in my mind this night is this: The Lord has seen what His people can do when they are united and cooperate. Now He will expect more of us and that is only right. For example, when the Lord Jesus Christ came to the earth and found out that the Jews wouldn't accept the Gospel, He had to preach it to the gentiles. I'm sure, in His own mind, He knew that it would eventually be lost, because it was preached to a people that was unprepared, that had no background whatever to accept the Gospel. He knows our condition. We've attained the point where He knows that we can build church houses if we're united.

I would like to bear you my testimony of the Gospel. I'm grateful that I was born of such goodly parents; that I've been born here and brought up in the church, that I've had the opportunity to go on a mission and to work in the various organizations in the Wards. I realize that I've made a lot of mistakes and that, undoubtedly, I'll make more mistakes in the future. I pray that, through cooperation, you will help me and that I will be able to help you that we might overcome these mistakes; these little shortcomings that we have. I ask the Lord's choicest blessings upon us as a ward and I do it humbly in the name of Jesus Christ, Amen."

Speaker: Brother Joseph A. Swenson

"I'm sure this evening is full of surprises; it certainly is for me. I pray that the Lord might be with me, and I'm sure that He will have to be if I stand here long. I'd like to express my appreciation to the Bishop and Brother Leon. I've enjoyed very much working with them during this building program. There have been times when I've felt that probably others could occupy this position better than I; nevertheless, we were asked to do the job, and I pray that we might continue to carry on the work here in this ward, that we might be one of the top wards in the Stake. This I ask humbly in the name of Jesus Christ, Amen."

Song: "Hosannah Anthem" by the Choir and Congregation

Benediction: Joseph H. Ash

"Our Father in Heaven, we are grateful unto Thee, this night, for the privilege we've had of attending this service in which this beautiful building has been dedicated unto Thy name. We are grateful for Thy servant, Brother Joseph Fielding Smith, who has met here with us, and for the wonderful dedicatorial prayer he offered. May we appreciate this building, may we honor it, may we show reverence when we enter it, may we live worthy to come here often that we may partake of Thy Holy Spirit that has been here in such rich abundance tonight. May it continue to be here that we may enjoy it, and may we appreciate the efforts of those who have made this possible.

We are grateful for our leaders, both present and past, for the words that have been spoken by them this night, for the music that has been rendered, and for the privilege we have had of being here on this very special occasion. We are grateful for the visitors those who have been former members of this ward, those who are friends and relatives of the people who are in this ward, and those who have traveled great distances to come here to take part with us in this sacred meeting. We pray for their safety that they may return to their homes and that there may be no accidents that may befall us to spoil this very delightful evening.

We are grateful for all Thy blessings, for the opportunity that we have, for the opportunity that we had of building this beautiful church; and now that it is dedicated unto Thee, may we take care of it; may we enjoy it and appreciate it to our utmost.

We pray for our visitors, Brother Joseph Fielding Smith and his wife that they may be able to return to their home in peace and safety. We appreciate their presence here and for everything that has transpired, for everything that has been done, for the wonderful opportunities that we have and that this church affords us. May we go to our homes in peace and safety, and dismiss us until we meet again. These favors and blessings we ask in the name of Jesus Christ, Amen."

Postlude Music was played by Sister Margaret Caldwell at the organ