

SERMON AND DEDICATORY PRAYER
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I am humbled tonight by the proceedings of this glorious occasion and I seek for the inspiration of the Lord that I shall not fail in the purpose for which I have been appointed. This is no idle request. I ask for a silent prayer on the part of each of you that the power of the spirit might direct the remaining minutes of this great gathering.

It's been a delight to me to find myself in full harmony with all that's been said and climaxed, as it has been, by the outpouring of a great heart and a marvelous testimony of faith by one of the great leaders in Zion, your own Bishop Olson. Now, if the Spirit is willing I should like to follow along where it has lead us, perhaps to be introduced by a text from one of the revelations of the Lord which has been forcing itself into my mind ever since I came here tonight. "For Zion must increase in beauty and in Holiness, her borders must be enlarged, her stakes must be increased, yea verily I say unto you Zion must arise and put on her beautiful garments."

I have thrilled tonight at the announced text for this service; Building for the Future. What future? How much does the future hold? Bishop Olson has made an allusion to the most terrifying prospect that modern times brings, called the Atomic Age. I was with my son up at Palo Alto at Stanford University a few years ago when I listened to Dr. Robert M. Hutchins, chancellor of the University of Chicago at that time, talking to the student body. That morning he made reference to this age in his campaign that he had been making over the country to keep us in the paths of peace. He concluded his testimony as to the future with this doleful prediction and warning. He said, "Talk about the secret of the atomic bomb. There is no secret. All ma j or nations know how to make the Atomic bomb. Some can't because they lack the materials and others because they lack the great finances necessary. But given the materials and given the means, all nations could be making and manufacturing an atomic bomb." And then he followed that by saying, "Therefore, there must not be another world war, for the next war could mean the end of all civilization."

As the last world war closed we read what General Marshall, the head of the fighting forces of America said as he stood victorious. He said this nation has built up the greatest fighting machine ever know in the history of this world. We all agreed with that. But we have lived now, these years since that

announcement to see that this great fighting power, military might, only was a challenge to others to build similarly. And so others have bullied to try and out-build the might of America in fighting power and now America must build on, and other nations must keep pace. The way to peace is not in the way of armaments so we have found today. Security, we used to think here in America, was to be surrounded by thousands of miles of ocean in either direction. We used to sing about the security up in the tops of the mountains, but with the coming of planes, tanks, and long-range guns and guided missiles and all the rest of it, security is not to be found in the man-made things and we must look elsewhere. That was what the Lord was thinking about when He said, "Zion must increase in beauty, and in holiness; her borders must be enlarged, her stakes must be strengthened;...Zion must arise and put on her beautiful garments." (D&C 82:14) He said it in another passage in these words. "And, now, behold, if Zion do these things she shall prosper and spread herself and become very glorious, very great and very terrible. And the nations of the earth shall honor her and shall say: Surely Zion is the city of our God and surely Zion cannot fall, neither be moved out of her place, for God is there, and the hand of the Lord is there; And he hath sworn by the power of his might to be her salvation and her high tower. Therefore, verily, thus saith the Lord, let Zion rejoice, for this is Zion - The Pure In Heart; therefore, let Zion rejoice, while all the wicked shall mourn, For behold, and lo, vengeance cometh speedily upon the ungodly as the whirlwind; and who shall escape it? The Lord's scourge shall pass over by night and by day and the report thereof shall vex all people; yea, it shall not be stayed until the Lord come; For the indignation of the Lord is kindled against their abominations and all their wicked works. Nevertheless, Zion shall escape if she observe to do all things whatsoever I have commanded her. But if she observe not to do whatsoever I have commanded her, I will visit her according to all her works, with sore affliction, with pestilence, with plague, with sword, with vengeance, with devouring fire. Nevertheless, let it be read this once to her ears, that I, the Lord, have accepted of her offering; and if she sin no more none of these things shall come upon her; And I will bless her with blessings, and multiply a multiplicity of blessings upon her, and upon her generations forever and ever, saith the Lord your God." (D&C 97:18-28)

Where is security in the world today? The only security there is to be found in that day which lies in the future for which we are building is in the security that comes from keeping the commandments of the living God.

A short while ago I was at a Stake Conference and we had called up a lovely talented mother to speak to a subject, "What it has meant for my husband to become active in the Church." She told about how her husband came from outside the church, then

into the church, up through the grades of the Priesthood and finally full compliance with commandments. As she came to this point of her story she stopped, tears beginning to fill her eyes, and she told of the day when her husband and their five little children were taken to the house of the Lord. How around that holy altar, in that sacred place, they were sealed, a husband and a wife and a family forever. Then she closed her dramatic explanation of what it meant for her husband to be active by saying, "I guess we can say it all in one sentence, 'We love our daddy, I and the children, because it was he who gave us our opportunity for an exaltation in the celestial kingdom.'¹" And after all that is the only future about which we ought to have any grave concern; an exaltation in the Celestial kingdom.

As I saw Linda and John stand here, this is the best evidence of what the Westwood ward has been doing for 13[^] years. The auditors of tomorrow won't be take concern in the grandeur of your building, the excellence of your furniture, the eloquence of your speakers. Whether or not you win trophies for basketball and tennis dancing and whatnot. All of that is of little or no importance. But the auditors of tomorrow will be concerned to see what percentages of those who married, married in the holy house of the Lord. They will be concerned about how many of those who should, pay their tithing. How many keep the word of wisdom, how many keep the Sabbath day holy, how many have family prayers in their home. We want to know how many of those who hold the holy priesthood have come to their priesthood meeting.

For a number of years the General Authorities have carried with them, as they have gone out to the various stakes, a chart which has told the history of the last 20 years of that particular stake or the fractional part thereof, since the stake has been in existence. The chart measures five major activities. The percentage of those who should pay tithing, the percentage of those in attendance at sacrament meeting, the percentage of ward teaching, the percentage of those who paid fast offering. As we have visited these stakes, there have been high points and low spots. The curves have gone up and down over 20 years. Where do you suppose the performance of the Latter-day Saints has been the highest? When there was prosperity, money was plentiful and everything was going well, dc you think that's when we served the Lord? That's not when the performance of the saints was the highest. The performance of the Latter-day Saints had been highest when there was a war impending and your sons and daughters were about to be ushered into military service and the prospect of eminent death lay ahead. This was when the Latter-day Saints went to church. It was then that they paid their tithing, they went to their priesthood meetings, they supplicated God. But when the war ended and the threat of eminent danger was passed, fortune smiled and all was well, then sad to say, our performance dipped low. We forgot the power that had saved us

and upon whom we depend for all we had. And then there came another unfortunate draught, a disaster, a strike, things that brought again the need for greater spiritual power and somehow that patient father of ours sitting up there frowning, anxious about his children, He again blessed us when we got humble. . He let his children again receive the full flow of his blessings and He protected us and gave us strength. When we got satisfied with ourselves again we forgot the Lord, forgot the things that we ought to do to bring his great blessings. Security comes from keeping the commandments of God.

I read a homey little description of a group of Latter-day Saints that I think might bear repeating tonight. This is how President Russen's definition. "I had been asked to go back to Franklin, Idaho, the little town which was the first white settlement in Idaho back in 1860. The Latter-day Saints who had gone there thought they were still in Utah. But they had made a mistake and crossed over the boundary lines to a new state and thus made history. Such is the way history is oftentimes made, by mistake." Nine years after, and I read this in the files of the Desert News up in the historians office in preparation for a talk I was to make up at their annual Idaho celebration day, the Deseret News gave five reasons why that little town of Franklin, in nine years had been a typical Latter-day settlement. These were the five reasons, first, they all subscribed to the Deseret News. The Deseret News was the only official organ of the Church. It was the way that the Presidency had of getting out their messages out to the Church and every family wanted to know what the Presidency were saying. Second, they were thrifty and industrious, as evidenced by the fact that in the nine years since their first settlement they had built a school, a church, a post office (they had established a pony-express route over to Bear Lake and down to Logan) they had a fort, they had a saw-mill , and a grist-mill and a brass band. All in nine years. Third, they were lead by men of faith of whom it was said they never rested. When they got tired they just changed jobs. Mark you the example of Bishop Olson, that's the way he's rested these last years. Fourth, they had a reputation for paying their debts promptly and fifth, they took care of their own poor. I give you that as an example of a true Latter-day Saint community. Obedience and submissiveness to council, that's what the Deseret News subscription meant. Thrift and industry, leadership, worthy of the name, honesty and integrity as evidenced by paying their debts promptly and charity as exemplified by the taking care of their own poor. Wherever you find a body of people, members of this church, who have those qualities, there you have the index of true Latter-day Saints.

I listened to Lee Wiggins a few years ago, who the next year became the President of the American Bankers Association. He was talking about a group of our people down in Heartsville, South Carolina where he was the President of the bank. He told about

a little group of people who were trying to build a chapel down there and they came to him one day and said to him, "Mr. Wiggins, we'd like to borrow \$500.00. We find we can save some money if we can pay cash for it and we'd like to borrow that much money." I knew these men, why the whole bunch of them didn't have enough collateral to secure that note for \$500.00. And I said, "Alright sign your name to the note." And they put up a water stock and they put up what little collateral they had and they paid it back \$50.00 a month and when they got that paid back here they came back again and they said, "Now, Mr. Wiggins we'd like to borrow \$6000.00." (Now that's before, I guess, they clamped down on borrowing money without permission of the First Presidency, but anyway they came.) He said, " Alright, just sign a note." Again, the same men, they haven't improved their collateral.

"Well," they said, "don't you want any security?"

And he said, "No, your signature on the note is alright."

"Well now, how can you do that?" one of them said.

He said, "Let me tell you a story, that illustrates my feeling. I was up in the middle-west attending a banquet a short while ago and the toastmaster, the man who's supposed to make everybody happy and feel at home there, he said as he introduced his speakers, 'You know if I belonged to a church I'd like to belong to the Methodist Church. 'The minister of the Methodist Church was there and he straightened up and paid attention, 'Yes, I'd like to belong to the Methodist Church because those Methodists are devout. They're sincere in their worship. If I belonged to a Church I'd belong to the Methodist Church.' And then seeing the Baptist Minister he said, 'And yes if I wanted to belong to a church I'd like to belong to the Baptist Church. Those Baptist's they have energy when they go at a thing they're so whole-sold and so enthusiastic, they know how to laugh and dance and have fun, yes sir! If I belonged to a church I'd want it to be like the Baptist Church. And if I belonged to a church, I 'd want it to be like the Presbyterian Church. Those people have a way of raising money. They're financially wealthy. I don't know of any church that's like the Presbyterian's. I'd like to belong to a church that's like the Presbyterian's Church who have a lot of money. And know how to spend it. And I'd like to belong to a church that's like the Episcopal Church. Those people have, they have, reverence. I never have been among E people that are so reverent. They just seem to humble themselves in the most reverential way." And so he put everybody in a good mood.

And after the banker, Mr. Wiggins had told this story to our Saints he said, "Now gentlemen, the reason that I am willing to loan you this money without any security except your signatures

on the note is because of all the people that I know anywhere in all this world the only one that combines the desirable qualities of the Methodists, the Baptists, the Presbyterians, the Episcopalians, are the Latter-day Saints. I know how you got the money to pay me back the \$50.00 a month. You passed the hat, you dug down in your pockets, you made personal contributions. I've seen you out, night after night, after you have come home weary from your own labors. I've seen you put the electric lights up and work into the night shingling, roofing, putting down flooring, painting and all the rest of it. That's the way you've built your church." He said, "I've attended some of your meetings and I've noted the devoutness with which you worship. I've seen your temple back in the west," he said. "And I know about your dances and about your laughter and your merriment and your play. I've seen you out in the parks at your outings. The reason I'm willing to take a chance on any group of people like you is because you have all those desirable qualities which I have described. The Lord bless you and I know that my money is safe in your hands."

What a tribute! Latter-day Saints be true to the ideals. You youth, remember. Most of you here are descendants of pioneer ancestry. May I invoke what they would want me to say to you tonight, you who are down here in this beautiful southland. A lot of advantages and opportunities are here. But there are opportunities for the opposite as well as the good. The story is told of the old jester, he with cap and bells, who's business it was to amuse the king. This particular evening the king had eaten until he was over-surfeited. He had drunk wine until he was laying, lolling, silly up on his throne and was now in a drunken stupor. The old jester doffed his cap and bells and made a mock gesture of obeysance and he said, "Oh king, be loyal to the royal within you." That's my plea to you Latter-day Saints; Be loyal to the royal within you.

Missionaries of tomorrow, those fifty a year that Bishop Olson has talked about let me tell you of a little drama that happened up at the post office in Salt Lake City. Two men had stood side by side sorting letters over the last twenty years, one a member of the church the other not. A few months ago our non-member turned to our Latter-day Saint and said, "Well, I'm going to be baptized into the Church next Saturday."

"You are?" said the Latter-day Saint, "Who taught you the Gospel?"

"You did," said the man.

"I? Why to my certain knowledge I have never discussed any of the principles of the Church with you."

"No," he said, "You're right. But twenty years now I've

been standing by your side. I've sat with you at lunch time. I've gone with you on outings. I've been in your home. I've been in your church. All that time I have never heard you tell a filthy or an obscene story. I've never heard you find fault or criticize. I've found you to be loyal to your family, devoted to your church, a kind father and husband. Then it set me thinking, I'd like to belong to that man's church. And I began secretly to investigate the teachings of the church that produces a man like you. And because of you I'm now ready to belong to that church. Because through you I have become a member and want now to be baptized."

It isn't the Gospel and it's teachings and it's precepts that's going to convert the Latter-day Saints of the next generation. It will be because you as the Latter-day Saints today, professing to be of the Lord Jesus Christ, live as you profess and pray. And if you live the gospel you'll have the blessing which the Lord promised when he said, "Therefore let your light so shine that others seeing your good works will be brought to glorify their Father which is in heaven." When you speak you have a right to speak with power.

Two incidents to illustrate the opposite. I suppose that since the Stake Conference I will refer to was some distance away from here, no one will guess of whom I am speaking. We'd had a spirited session of conference up to a certain point and then a young man was asked to speak. And he came marching up to the pulpit and in a very dramatic way he recited something that he had probably prepared for another occasion. Then it was just like a bucket of cold water was poured on the spirit of that meeting. And as the session closed and I went with the Stake Presidency to have a bite of lunch before the next session, one of the counselors said to me quietly, calling this young man by name, "You know when he stood up at the pulpit this morning he was all alone. All alone. And that's about the most terrifying experience that you and I can ever have." When you go doing missionary work, or in the service of the master don't ever go all alone.

Brother Charles A. Callis was coming home from his mission and he stopped in with a group of missionaries to visit the Kirtland Temple. A guide from the Reorganized Church was taking them through the building. When they came to those sacred alters where the Prophet recorded a great revelation as contained in the 110th section where the Master came and stood before Joseph and Oliver, where Moses, where Elijah and Elias came and restored the keys of their various dispensations. As the guide of the reorganized church was taking them through he paused before these pulpits to which he pointed and he said, "Now here gentlemen, was where the Lord was supposed to have appeared. Here's where Elijah was supposed to have come. Here's where Moses was supposed to have come." And that's about as far as

to be built. He said, 'And in as much as my people build a house unto me in the name of the Lord and do not suffer any unclean thing to enter into it that it be not defiled, my glory shall rest upon it. Yea and my presence shall be there, for I will come into it and all the pure in heart who shall come into it shall see God. But if it be defiled I will not come into it and my glory shall not be there for I will not come into unholy temples.'" Well, there may be those in this congregation that say, I wish that so and so was here to hear Brother Lee read that scripture. But I'm not talking to so-and-so, I'm talking to us. We who are here tonight. I'm reminding myself of the need. What about ourselves. President Wilford Woodruff said the trouble with the Latter-day Saints is that we spend too much time confessing the other fellows sins. I'm talking about our sins. What are we going to do about it. Everyone of us has need for repentance. I, as well as you. All of us have done things we ought not to have done. And all of us have neglected to do some of the things we ought to have done. And all of it is grievous in the sight of the Lord. Today is the day for men to prepare to meet their God. And he is going to be in that temple. He'll be there with his presence. There will be angels keeping watch. They'll draw close because that will be one of the places next to heaven. Today is the day to begin to prepare for that glorious day, personally. To search out our genealogies and get all our families ready for the sealing and the glorious reunion.

Let me tell you of an experience related to me by a dear sister as we were riding down off the mesa from Prescott, Arizona. It was a beautiful morning, just as the day was breaking and the lights and shadows over that desert country were turning it into a veritable artists garden. And she, with an artistic eye, was telling me about, and pointing out the beauties of nature. Which I, with an unartistic eye could not see. Cobalt blues, and purples and yellows and all the rest of it. And she talked about heaven and I said to her, elderly now, mother of a large family, her husband been dead some years, "I suppose you've had things shown to you that have given you a great consolation about things after death. And she sat silent for several moments and I thought she was going to ignore my comment. And then she said quietly, "I think I'll tell you something." She said, "Since my last baby was born I've had a lot of trouble with my back. I'm paying the price of motherhood. Excruciating pains when I've walked up and down the steps in the temple and I've thought to myself, 'Well, I guess I'd better not continue this. Maybe I can find something else to do instead of going to the temple.'" With these thoughts on her mind, she got up this particular morning and was preparing her breakfast before going to the temple. When she knelt down for her prayers she asked the Lord to show her if there were not some other things to do which were more important so she could ease that aching back of hers. That day, as she worked in the temple, she had an answer to her prayer. "As I entered one on the rooms I suddenly had a strange feeling

come over me and I thought I was going to faint. All my life I had never fainted. I thought to myself, 'Well, I mustn't make a spectacle, so I had better seek a chair here and sit down.'¹" And as she sat down the walls of the temple seemed to move out. Behind her was a great concourse of people, dressed in white robes. When she sat down and stopped, they had to stop and wait. And then the whole impression of it came upon her, only could they move forward when she moved forward. And after musing upon the singularity of that vision which was shown her, the walls came back. She was oriented within the building of the Salt Lake Temple. Then, she said, "No aching back of mine is going to keep me from the service that I know means so much to those many who are waiting for me to move on before they can be judged according to men in the flesh, but live according to God in the spirit." There's a lot of folks waiting for us here in this congregation who can't move on. They must be baptized for, they must have holy endowments for, they must have certain ordinances to permit them an exaltation and may of them are more worthy than we are. They need the sanctifying blessing of the Savior on Mount Zion, even comparable to the kind of work that was necessary by a vicarious suffering of the Savior to atone for the sins of mankind and unlock the doors to a resurrection.

Well, I might sum it all up by repeating what the King of England said when war was announced and he gave a world wide broadcast to which I listened. I was down here at that time and I listened on the radio, to the fateful beginnings of the last world war. This was what he said, "I said to the man who stood at the gate of the day, 'Give me a light that I might tread safely into the unknown.' And the man who stood at the gate said to me, 'Go out and put your hand into the hand of God. That shall be to you better than a light. And safer than the known way.'¹"

I know the safety of that way. I know the direction of that light. As one of the humblest among you tonight, and with a heart filled with the recollection of the experiences that have brought near things divine, I have felt the power of Him in who's service I am. Who's drawn so close when I needed Him most. Who has sat down beside my bed where I was sleeping and counseled with me and directed me and guided my steps. I know that Jesus was the Redeemer of the world. I know that He went through the experiences and the trials of a crucifixion, suffering that He might become worthy to become the noble son of a Heavenly Father who had sent Him here to suffer, to bleed and die for us. I saw that. Just after I was called into the council, when in a study that I was making for a talk on the Easter message, (that was twelve years ago, about this Sunday night) I sat reading the words contained in the holy scripture, I found that something was happening beyond just my study. I seemed to be feeling and seeing as I had never felt and seen before. And that Sunday night as I delivered my brief message I closed it with the humble testimony that I too, was a witness of

the reality of the resurrection of the Lord and of his mission as the Savior of mankind. I was speaking from out of a full heart. I know that God lives, that Jesus is the redeemer of this world and I bear you that humble testimony, more precious than life itself. Oh, how I love Him. Oh, how I have leaned upon his ample arm. I praise God that I shall not fail neither you or Him and the great responsibilities that have been placed upon me. That testimony, that humble prayer, I ask humbly in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, Amen.

DEDICATORY PRAYER

Oh, God our Eternal Father, we bow our heads before Thee^ this Sabbath eve, and return our thanks unto Thee for the proceedings of this day. For the outpourings of Thy spirit which have been in evidence and the witness that has been born anew in our souls as to the truthfulness of Thy work. Of the divinity of the mission of Thy son. We thank thee Father that we live in this day when the gospel of Jesus Christ in its fullness has been restored to the earth through the instrumentality of a humble boy prophet whom Thou didst raise up. Even whom Thou didst call before this world was created and appointed to the glorious mission to which he was later called, even the Prophet Joseph Smith. We thank Thee that through him thou didst reveal the fullness of the gospel of Jesus Christ as contained in the pages of the Book of Mormon out of which a new witness has been born. To protect the bible in its truths from the decimation of those who would destroy it through faithless interpretations or revisions or translations so called. That we have in that witness the certainty of the things of the bible which are true. We thank thee that through him thou didst reveal the authority of the holy Priesthood through Peter, James, and John; through John The Baptist Thou didst give us the keys by which we might aid in the work of saving our kindred dead. We thank thee that by its powers each of us may receive for himself a divine testimony and a certainty of the things of which we speak. We thank thee for the organization of Thy church and all its details. The priesthood quorums, the auxiliary organizations, the helps and government. We thank Thee that Thou hast put means into the hands of thy people that they have been able to build such places of worship as we are in tonight and temples where we can perform holy ordinances so thy work can be completed. We thank thee for prophets whom Thou hast raised up to preside among us this day and that Thou hast given to them the revelations of Thy mind and will so that we have not been left alone, in so far as we do not fail to heed their counsel. We stand in awe of the warning thou didst give in the preface to thy revelation in this day when thou didst say that the time would come that if we would not listen to the prophets and apostles we would be cut off from among thy people. Holy Father keep us always sensitive to the direction of the spirit. When the prophets speak, give us the witness in our hearts that what they speak is Thy mind and Thy will and therefore, scripture just as much as the things written in the books we call the standard church works. We thank Thee our Father for him, that noble one, who presides as the president of Thy church, President David O. McKay. Bless him, in his advanced years, that he may be crowned with the glory of revelation, as was in evidenced when he presided over the last general conference. Hedge him round about from the power of the

adversary. Make his ears dull to the whisperings of insidious voices who would try to influence him in unholy channels. But make him keenly alive to the pipeline of inspiration which Thou wouldst give to him, that he may continue to bear testimony as he has to us. That through him Thou hast spoken again and again. We thank Thee for his noble counselors, President Stephen L. Richards and President J. Rueben Clark, Jr. . Bless President Stephen L. Richards particularly Father, he has not been well. He needs strength in his body. If it is that his mission has not been fully concluded then raise him up with sufficient energy and strength to fill that to thine own satisfaction. These three men we bear up in our prayers, that thou wilt magnify them, of all men, as our leaders. Strengthen them and bless Thy people, that they may give listening ears to all that come through the channels of Thy holy apostleship and leaders in the presidency of Thy church. Bless all who are associated with them in the general councils of thy church. Unite them as one man behind the guidance of the president of the church. Bless those throughout the stakes and missions and our boys who are in military service. Those are the ones we have concern about tonight Father. Away from their homes, in the pitfalls of the adversary, war, hatred, bloodshed. Father if it needs be that sacrifice of their life be required, take them home to Thee clean. But if their lives would be spared, as we pray humbly they might be, bring them back to us without the taints, without the scares that jeopardize them for future great service. We pray for our boys and girls in the mission fields, lead them to the doors of the honest in heart. Hasten the day when the gospel will have been preached to all people preparatory to the coming of thy Son, which we pray thee Father may not be long delayed. To cut short, with the rein of righteousness by his coming, the wickedness that well nigh seems to engulf the work.

Now Father from the outpourings of Thy spirit, we thus express our gratitude and ask thee now that thou wilt bless us as we present this building unto Thee. That Thou wilt accept it as a holy worshiping place. That herein Thy children might be taught the truth. That thou wilt stay the voice, the influence of him who would try to disturb or to try to spread error or apostate doctrine to try to confuse this people. Bring to naught the efforts of all such. May this edifice be the place of instruction by men of faith, that this pulpit may never be graced by one except he have a testimony and bear it fervently. Bless the teachers who teach in the classrooms, that they might be minded to teach only the little ones, that their little feet might be planted on the firm, rock bottom testimony of the divinity of the Lord Jesus Christ. That as they grow up flowers of sobriety, virtue, honor, and integrity may blossom out because of that prime testimony which is in their little souls. We pray Father that thou wilt cause that if there be laughter and dancing it may be unto thee that all such events may be opened with prayer and closed with prayer. And when the shadows of life come

and those who have passed away from this life shall be brought here as a memorial, may those who come be comforted and strengthened in their faith and not grow weary or fall by the wayside because of the stern realities and the tests of life.

Holy Father with these thoughts welling up in us we pray; wilt Thou take it unto Thee. For by the authority of the holy priesthood we dedicate it from its foundation, the ground on which it stands up to the topmost rafters, its walls, its doors, its windows, all the appointments, the furniture, the decorations all that is in this building, everything part thereof. We dedicate it, we consecrate it that it might be hallowed and made an acceptable place for thy holy worship. That those who come here might be taught the truth and those of thy other children who are not now members of thy church, as they come to us Father, let them feel as they enter the portals of this building a spirit which cannot be felt except in places that have been dedicated as holy places of worship. By the authority of the holy priesthood that is in Thy servant therefore, we present this building unto thee and dedicate it unto thy holy name in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.