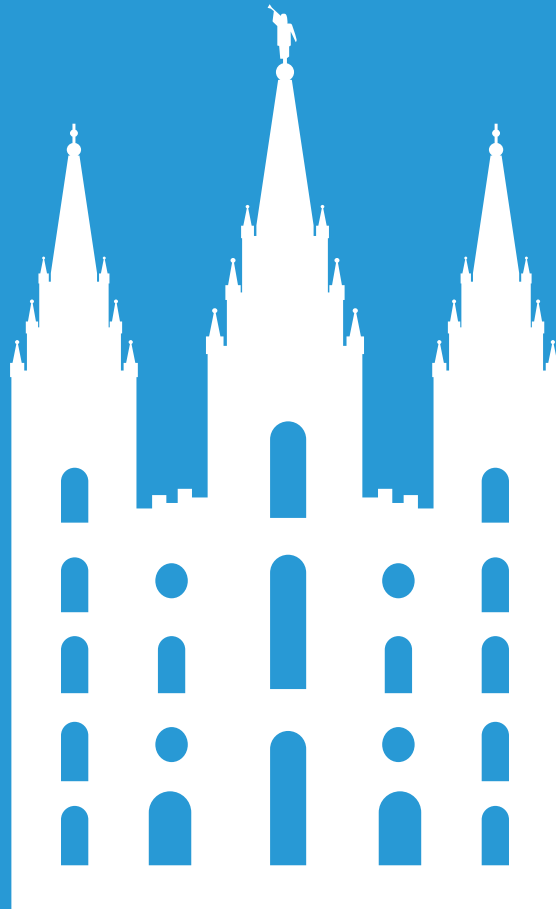


7 THINGS
to understand
about
TEMPLE
DEDICATIONS



WHY IS IT CALLED A TEMPLE “DEDICATION”?

Because the building is being offered to God for his use.

WHY DOES THE TEMPLE NEED TO BE DEDICATED?

Before any ordinances can take place in a temple it must be dedicated.

WHO CAN ATTEND A TEMPLE DEDICATION?

Those who have prepared themselves and have a current temple recommend.

WHY IS THERE OFTEN MORE THAN ONE DEDICATION?

Often the dedication of a temple is repeated multiple times so that that everyone who would like to participate is able to do so.

WHAT HAPPENS DURING A TEMPLE DEDICATION?

General Authorities will speak to the audience and then a dedicatory prayer is given.

WHAT IS A DEDICATORY PRAYER LIKE?

Most dedicatory prayers can be read online and D&C 109 is the dedicatory prayer for the Kirtland Temple. The prayers ask for specific blessings for the temple and the people who attend it. The prayer also asks for the temple to be accepted as a House of God.

WHAT IS THE HOSANNA SHOUT GIVEN AT TEMPLE DEDICATIONS?

During the dedication the Hosana Shout is given. Everyone stands and waves a white handkerchief and says, “Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna, to God and the Lamb,” three times. The word “hosanna” is used to express adoration, praise and joy. This shout is meant to unite the people and remind them of God’s glory. This is like the shouts given during Christ’s triumphal entry into Jerusalem. They also gave this shout at the completion of Solomon’s temple.

This shout is part of the chorus of “The Spirit of God” which is sung at every temple dedication.