

RITUALS FOR DEDICATIONS
THE DEDICATION OF A CHURCH

(The leaders in the service, the bishop or superintendent, the pastor, the board of trustees, the board of stewards, and any others so designated, shall proceed up the center aisle, moving to their assigned places, reading responsively the following Psalm, the bishop [supt.] leading and the pastor and trustees reading together each alternate verse:)

The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof,
the world and those who dwell therein;
for He has founded it upon the seas,
and established it upon the rivers.

Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord?
And who shall stand in His holy place?
He who has clean hands and a pure heart,
who does not lift up his soul to what is false,
and does not swear deceitfully.

He will receive blessing from the Lord,
and vindication from the God of his salvation.
Such is the generation of those who seek Him,
who seek the face of the God of Jacob.

Lift up your heads, O gates!
and be lifted up, O ancient doors!
that the King of glory may come in.
Who is the King of glory?
The Lord, strong and mighty.
The Lord, mighty in battle!

Lift up your heads, O gates!
and be lifted up, O ancient doors!
that the King of glory may come in.
Who is this King of glory?
The Lord of hosts,
He is the King of Glory!

Psalm 24

(The leaders reaching their places, and being seated, the pastor shall move to the pulpit and say:)

This building, underwritten by the consecrated gifts of the congregation of the Free Methodist Church, erected by the faithful labors of His servants (name of builders or company), and brought this day to completion through the providence of Almighty God, we have now assembled to dedicate to the glory of His name. Let us call upon God for His divine favor.

Invocation

Hymn of Worship

(The chair of the trustees shall approach the bishop [supt.] and say:)

On behalf of the board of trustees of the Free Methodist Church, who are acting for the whole congregation, I present to you this building, to be dedicated to the glory of Almighty God.

(The chairman, returning to his or her place, the bishop [supt.] addressing the congregation shall say:)

Dear friends, forasmuch as devout and holy leaders, moved either by the command of God, or by the inspiration of His Holy Spirit, and acting in agreement with their own sense of the natural propriety of things, have erected houses for the public worship of God, and separated them from all unhallowed and worldly uses, in order to fill men's minds with greater reverence for His gracious majesty, and affect their hearts with more devotion and humility in His service, which pious works have been approved of and graciously accepted by our Heavenly Father; let us not doubt but that He will also approve our godly purpose of setting apart this place for religious worship, for the enrichment of the lives of His people, and for the enlargement of His kingdom in this community. Let us devoutly plead His blessing on our undertaking.

(The bishop [supt.] calling the congregation to stand for prayer, shall say:)

Eternal God, mighty in power, and incomprehensible in majesty, whom the heaven of heavens cannot contain, much less the walls of temples made with hands, and who yet has been graciously pleased to promise Your special presence wherever two or three of Your servants assemble in Your name to offer up their praises and supplications to You; condescend, O Lord, to be present with us who are gathered here with humility and readiness of heart, to consecrate this place to the honor of Your great name, separating it from all unholy uses, and dedicating it to Your service, for reading Your Holy Word, for proclaiming Your everlasting gospel, for teaching Your people in the ways of righteousness, for celebrating Your holy sacraments, for offering to Your glorious majesty the sacrifices of prayer and thanksgiving, for blessing Your people in Your name, and for all other sacred events: accept, O Lord, this service at our hands, and bless it with success that brings glory to You and the furtherance of our happiness both temporal and spiritual, through Jesus Christ our blessed Lord and Savior. Amen.

(After this the bishop [supt.] and congregation shall say, alternately:)

Bishop [Supt.]: Regard, O Lord, the supplications of Your servants; and grant that by Your Holy Word which shall be read and preached in this place, and by Your Holy Spirit grafting it in the heart,

the hearers may both perceive and know what things they ought to do and may have power and strength to fulfill them. Amen.

Congregation: Grant, O Lord! that those who shall offer up to You hearty repentance for their sins and shall exercise faith toward Your Son Jesus Christ may receive such a measure of Your Holy Spirit that they may grow in grace until their life's end. Amen.

Bishop [Supt.]: Grant, O Lord, that whosoever in this house shall be received by baptism into the congregation of Christ's flock may find nourishment from Your Word and fellowship among Your people and may continue as Christ's faithful soldier and servant unto life's end. Amen.

Congregation: Grant, O Lord, that whosoever shall receive here the sacrament of the body and blood of Christ may come to that holy ordinance with faith, love, and true repentance, and being filled with Your grace and heavenly benediction, may, to their great comfort, be assured of remission of their sins, and all other benefits of His passion. Amen.

Bishop [Supt.]: Grant, O Lord, that whosoever shall be joined together in this place in the holy estate of matrimony may faithfully perform and keep the vows made between them and may remain in holy love together unto their life's end. Amen.

Bishop [Supt.] and Congregation: Grant, we pray, blessed Lord, that whosoever shall draw near to You in this place, to give thanks for the benefits which they have received at Your hands, to set forth Your most worthy praise, to confess their sins unto You and to ask such things as are requisite and necessary, as well for the body and soul, may do it with such steadiness of faith, and with such seriousness, affection and devotion of mind, that You may accept their service, and condescend to give whatever in Your wisdom You determine is best for them. All this we ask for Jesus Christ's sake, our most blessed Lord and Savior. Amen.

(Then the bishop [supt.] and congregation, being seated, the sentence of dedication shall be read by the pastor and people and then laid on the communion table.)

We, the pastor and people of the _____ Free Methodist Church, do now dedicate this house together with all its facilities to the praise and service of Almighty God. In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

(Then the bishop [supt.] shall say:)

Blessed be Your name, O Lord, that it has pleased You to put it into the hearts of Your servants to devote this house to Your honor and

worship. Grant that all who shall enjoy the benefit of this sacred work may show forth their thankfulness by making right use of it, to the glory of Your blessed name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Instrumental interlude or special vocal music

(The pastor shall then make introductions and announcements and read correspondence pertaining to this achievement of God's people.) Charge by the bishop [supt.] (this may be a sermon or a written or extempore exhortation, depending on what has been agreed upon and is suitable to the occasion).

Hymn of Worship

(Then the bishop [supt.] shall say:)

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you; the Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace. Amen.

Adapted from a historic ceremony for use in
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THE DEDICATION OF A CHURCH

(An alternate ritual)

Prelude

Pastor: The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it; for He founded it upon the seas and established it upon the waters.

Congregation: Who may ascend the hill of the Lord? Who may stand in His holy place? He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not lift up his soul to an idol or swear by what is false. He will receive blessing from the Lord and vindication from God his Savior. Such is the generation of those who seek Your face, O God of Jacob.

Pastor: Lift up your hands, O you gates; be lifted up, you ancient doors that the King of Glory may come in. Who is the king of Glory? The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle.

Congregation: Lift up your heads, O you gates; lift them up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. Who is He, this King of glory? The Lord Almighty, He is the King of glory.

Scripture

Ephesians 3:20-21; Psalm 115:1-13

Choral number or other ministry in music

*Hymn

“The Church's One Foundation”

*Prayer

Welcome by the Pastor

Greetings from Special Guests

Announcements

Children's Choir (optional)

*Hymn

“God of Our Fathers”

Offering

Sermon

*Hymn

“How Firm a Foundation”

Five Scriptural Values Leader and Congregation

Leader: Obedience to God's Word is the highest form of worship.

Congregation: Grant, O Lord, that we may take to heart all the words You have solemnly declared to us this day so that we may command our children to obey carefully all the words of Your law. Your words are not just idle words for us, they are our life. By them we will live long in the community we have come to possess.

In view of God's mercies, we offer our bodies as living sacrifices,

holy and pleasing to God, which is our spiritual worship. We will endeavor not to be conformed any longer to the pattern of this world, but will be transformed by the renewing of our mind. Then we will be able to test and approve what God's will is; His good, pleasing and perfect will.

The entrance of Your words gives light. We will let the word of Christ dwell in us richly, hiding it in our hearts so that we will not sin against You.

*(Deuteronomy 33:45-47; Romans 12:1-2;
Psalms 119:11; 130; Colossians 3:16)*

Leader: The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective.

Congregation: Grant, O Lord, that we may find joy in this house of prayer, for Your church is to be called a house of prayer for all nationalities who worship with us.

Teach us to follow the examples of the Apostles who "all joined together constantly in prayer along with other believers." When pressures and threats come upon the church, may we again learn from the apostles to "raise our voices together in prayer to God." And after we have prayed, may we all be filled with the Holy Spirit and speak the word of God boldly.

Thank You, Lord, that the prayer of a righteous people is powerful and effective.

(Isaiah 56:7; Acts 1:14; 4:24, 31; James 5:16)

Leader: Every believer is a minister, gifted by God for the benefit of the kingdom.

Congregation: Grant, O Lord, that we will use whatever gifts we have received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms. In Christ we who are many form one body and each of us belongs to all the others. We have different gifts, according to the grace given us. May we develop and use these gifts to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

(1 Peter 4:10; Romans 12:5-6; Ephesians 4:12-13)

Leader: God is glorified through the unity of the body of Christ.

Congregation: Grant, O Lord, that all people will know that we are Your disciples and that the world may believe that the Father sent the Son because we love one another.

Now that we have purified ourselves by obeying the truth so that we have sincere love for our brother, help us, O Lord, to love one

another deeply, from the heart. Yes, love one another deeply, because love covers a multitude of sins.

Strengthen us to make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bonds of peace, for Your word declares that it is good and pleasant when brothers live together in unity. For there the Lord bestows His blessing, even life evermore.

*(John 13:3-5; 17:21; 1 Peter 1:22; 4:8;
Ephesians 4:3; Psalms 133:1, 3)*

Leader: Lost people are precious to God and to us.

Congregation: Grant, O Lord, that we may care about the souls of men and women with the compassion of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

The Son of Man came to seek and save those who are lost. There is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.

God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through Him. God is patient with all of us, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.

O God, that our eyes might be fountains of tears that we would weep day and night for those who do not know You. May we have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in our hearts for those in this community and peoples of other lands who have never heard of You, or having heard, have rejected Your offer of salvation. Give us large hearts that always care about the salvation of people.

*(Luke 19:10; 14:10; John 3:14-17;
2 Peter 3:9; Jeremiah 9:1; Romans 9:2)*

Leader and Congregation: As we offer these our church values and prayer requests, we, the pastor and people of the _____ Free Methodist Church, dedicate this church together, with all its facilities, to the praise and service of Almighty God. In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn "To God Be the Glory"

*Benediction Pastor

*Congregation standing

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THE DEDICATION OF A PARSONAGE

(At the time appointed for the dedication service, an appropriate hymn may be sung by the congregation or by a soloist or choir. Suitable numbers include: "Happy the Home When God Is There" and "Bless This House." Then the pastor or other appointed minister shall give an extemporaneous prayer. Then the pastor or other appointed minister shall give a Scripture reading, such as 1 Corinthians 9:7-10, 13-14. Then the superintendent or a designee shall address the congregation, saying:)

The scriptures clearly teach that as Aaron was divinely appointed to the priesthood, even so today men and women are called to the ministry for the purpose of preaching the Word and otherwise giving aid and comfort to the spiritually needy. In the same divine program it is also "commanded that those who preach the gospel should receive their living from the gospel" (1 Corinthians 9:14, NIV). Providing a house for the pastor is a recognition of this high office and its value to the church. It is a wise provision contributing to the temporal support of the pastor (and family).

This house about to be dedicated as a parsonage has been made possible by the generous gifts of those who support the ministry of this church.

(Then the trustees, or their chairman, shall come and stand before the officiating pastor, and the chairman of the board of trustees shall address him, saying:)

On behalf of the trustees and the members of this congregation, I present this house to be dedicated to God as a home for the pastor and her/his family.

(Then the superintendent may give an appropriate discourse gratefully commending the people for providing this house and charging the pastor to live here in the fear of God and as a faithful servant of the people. Then a prayer of dedication shall be offered, such as the following:)

Leader: Most gracious Lord, we acknowledge that we are not worthy to offer to You anything belonging to us. Yet we ask You to accept the dedication of this home to Your service.

People: Thank you, Lord, for hearing our prayer.

Leader: Grant that whoever lives in this house shall be so dedicated to Your service as "an instrument for noble purposes made holy, useful to the Master and prepared to do any good work," that their ministry shall be a heavenly benediction to all they meet.

People: Thank you, Lord, for hearing our prayer.

Leader: Grant, O Lord, that the ministering servants of Yours who enter this home shall be made aware of Your presence. As they

depart let them be strengthened to walk in Your holy commandments. Grant that all who minister to the material comforts and necessities of Your servants in this home shall by You be richly rewarded.

People: Thank you, Lord, for hearing our prayer.

Leader: Grant, O Lord, that all who come to this home for spiritual counsel and comfort shall be made to know what things they ought to do and may have the indwelling power of the Holy Spirit to do the same.

People: Thank you, Lord, for hearing our prayer.

Leader: Grant, O Lord, that whoever shall live together in the holy estate of matrimony in this home may faithfully perform and keep the vow and covenant between them made, and may they remain in perfect love together unto the end of their lives.

People: Thank you, Lord, for hearing our prayer.

Leader: Grant, O Lord, we pray, that at the family altar of this home, when prayer with thanksgiving and supplication shall be offered, that they may receive from Your hand such things as are necessary. As Your servants search Your Word, may that divine illumination for life and duty be given as in Your infinite wisdom You shall see to be most expedient for them.

People: Thank you, Lord, for hearing our prayer.

Leader and People: All this we ask in the name of Jesus Christ, our most blessed Lord and Savior. Amen.

Leader: I now declare this house duly set apart as the residence for the pastor of the _____ Free Methodist Church.

(Then the superintendent or other designated person shall pronounce the benediction:)

The Lord bless you, and keep you; the Lord make His face to shine upon you, and be gracious unto you; the Lord lift up His countenance upon you, and give you peace. Amen.

THE DEDICATION OF A FELLOWSHIP HALL

(At the time appointed for the dedication service, an appropriate hymn may be sung by the congregation or by a soloist or choir. Then the pastor or designee shall give an extemporaneous prayer. Scripture lessons such as Luke 2:36-40, 52; Acts 2:37-42, may be read after which the superintendent or other appointed leader shall address the assembly, saying:)

In the early years of Jesus' life He "... increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man." The New Testament church "... continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers." Providing a building for education and fellowship is an acknowledgement of the church's responsibility to minister to the total person.

(Then a representative of the trustees of the church shall come and stand before the appointed leader and shall say:)

On behalf of the trustees and the members of this church, I present this building to be dedicated to God as a place for education and fellowship to the glory of God and for the extension of His kingdom.

(Then the leader shall say, the people standing:)

Dearly beloved, it is right and proper that buildings erected for service in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, should be set apart in consecration for their special uses. For such a dedication we are now assembled. And, since the dedication of this building is vain without the solemn consecration of those whose gifts and labors it represents, let us now give ourselves anew to the service of God: our souls, that they may be renewed after the image of Christ; our bodies, that they may be fit temples for the indwelling of the Holy Spirit; and our labors and business, that they may be according to God's holy will, and that their fruit may tend to the glory of His name and the advancement of His kingdom.

(Response by the people:)

To the glory of God the Father who has called us by His grace; to the honor of His Son who loved us and gave Himself for us; to the praise of the Holy Spirit who illumines and sanctifies us; we dedicate this building.

To the holy ministry of education we dedicate this building.

We dedicate this building to the spiritual enrichment of all who shall come here in pursuit of knowledge.

We dedicate this building to the loyal service of those whose training and devotion have prepared them to lead students toward the truth.

We dedicate this building to the enrichment of the lives of those who find fellowship in this place.

We dedicate this building to the success of the ministries carried on here by any branch of the Lord's church.

We dedicate this building as we dedicate ourselves anew to that service to God.

(Then the leader shall offer a prayer of dedication, such as the following:)

Eternal God, giver of every good gift, graciously accept we pray, the dedication of this building to Your honor and glory.

Grant, O Lord, we beseech You, to take under Your protection our children. Pour into their hearts Your grace that they may be here enlightened and instructed to learn what is pleasing to You and may grow in wisdom and stature and in favor with You and with others.

Grant, O Lord, that herein we may have fellowship with You and with one another; grant that here Your people may meet in devotion to You; here may Your way be taught, Your name hallowed, and Your glory praised. Here may life be nourished and guided, Christian principles exemplified, and the bonds of fellowship in Christ be nurtured in mutual love and selfless purpose.

All this we ask in the name of Jesus Christ, our most blessed Lord and Savior. Amen.

(Then the pastor shall address the congregation, saying:)

I now declare this building duly set apart as the education/fellowship hall of the _____ Free Methodist Church.

Benediction:

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face to shine upon you, and be gracious unto you; the Lord lift up His countenance upon you, and give you peace. Amen.

**THE DEDICATION OF A
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BUILDING**

Prelude

Invocation

Hymn

Scripture Lesson — 1 Chronicles 29:10-16

Ministry in Music

Sermon or Homily

Presentation of the Keys, by the Board of Trustees

Service of Dedication

Leader: Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be unto our God forever and ever.

People: Blessed be the Lord God who does wonderful things, and blessed be His glorious name forever, and let the whole earth be filled with His glory.

Leader: Having been graciously prospered by the hand of God to finish the work, which in His providence we were called upon to perform;

People: We do now with joy and gratitude, solemnly dedicate this building.

Leader: For the spiritual enrichment of children; for the nurture of youth; for the edification of the Christian home;

People: We dedicate this building.

Leader: To provide a place where persons of all ages may seek and find the truth which sets us free;

People: We dedicate this building.

Leader: For the fellowship of kindred souls who share the love made possible through Jesus Christ;

People: We dedicate this building.

Leader: To the glory of God the Father, to the honor of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, to the praise of the Holy Spirit;

People: We dedicate this building.

Leader and People: We now, the people of this church surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses, remembering the sacrifices of the fathers, confessing that apart from us their work cannot be made perfect, dedicate ourselves anew to the teaching of the Word of God by both precept and example. Amen.

Prayer of Dedication

Dedication Offering

Offertory

Benediction

Postlude

**THE DEDICATION OF
THE HYMNAL FOR WORSHIP AND CELEBRATION**

Hymn

"O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"
"Praise God In His Sanctuary" Nos. 7-10 (HWC)

Leader: From the beginning of biblical history the people of God have offered praise to the Lord in song. When the children of Israel were delivered from their oppressors Moses led them in a song of triumph: "The Lord is my strength and my song,

Congregation: "And He has become my salvation;

Leader: "This is my God,

Congregation: "And I will praise him,

Leader: "My father's God,

Congregation: "And I will exalt him" (Exodus 15:2, RSV).

Leader: It is in this spirit of reverence and gratitude that we have met to dedicate *The Hymnal for Worship and Celebration*. We now join in a litany of dedication and a prayer for guidance and understanding in the wise use of this hymnal.

Litany of Dedication

Leader: With gratitude to Almighty God for His gift of song as an expression of praise;

Congregation: We dedicate this hymnal to the service of God.

Leader: In recognition of the blessing that has come to the world through the inspired offerings of the poets and musicians represented here;

Congregation: We dedicate this hymnal to the service of God.

Leader: With the earnest expectation that our communion with Christ and with one another will be enriched by teaching and admonishing our fellow Christians in all wisdom, as we sing psalms, and hymns, and spiritual songs;

Congregation: We dedicate this hymnal to the service of God.

Leader: Let us reverently join in a prayer of dedication.

Prayer of Dedication

Hymn

Benediction

THE DEDICATION OF AN ORGAN, PIANO OR OTHER INSTRUMENTS

Hymn

Call to Worship

Leader: O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

People: We praise You, O God, we acknowledge You to be the Lord.

Leader: It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord, and to sing praises unto Your name, O Most High,

People: To show forth Your loving-kindness every morning and Your faithfulness every night.

Leader: O Lord, open now our lips.

People: And our mouths shall show forth Your praise.

Leader: Take up the timbrel and harp, and rejoice at the sound of the organ.

People: Praise Him with the sound of the trumpet; praise Him with the psaltery and harp. Praise Him with stringed instruments and organs.

Invocation (in unison)

Almighty God, our Father, in praise of whose greatness the morning stars sang together and the sons of God shouted for joy, let Your glory rest upon this service of dedication. Grant us the needed grace to worship You acceptably. Teach us how to love You more perfectly and to more worthily magnify Your holy name. In the name of Christ our Lord. Amen.

Offering

Ministry in Music

Sermon

Dedication of the Instrument(s)

Leader and People: In thoughtful recognition of those who have gone before us and have provided this house of worship, we now come to dedicate this organ/piano, etc. To the glory of God through worship in music, we dedicate this (these) instrument(s).

Leader: To the glory of God, the Father Almighty, that we may the more worthily worship Him and magnify His holy name;

People: We dedicate this (these) instrument(s).

Leader: To the glory of Jesus Christ, the Savior of the world, at whose coming to earth the multitude of the heavenly host sang, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will among men;"

People: We dedicate this (these) instrument(s).

Leader: To the Holy Spirit, in whose fullness the discords of life are lost in the harmony of the love of God;

People: We dedicate this (these) instrument(s).

Leader: To the church of Jesus Christ and its mission in the world; the comforting of the sorrowful, the strengthening of the weak, the cheering of the weary, the curing of the sinsick souls, the swelling of the chorus of praise;

People: We dedicate this (these) instrument(s).

Prayer of Dedication

Almighty and eternal God, accept, we pray, the sacrifice and service of Your people who have added to Your house this instrument of praise to assist us in the worship of Your holy name. Accept the work of our hands, the worship of our hearts, and the songs of our lips.

Make of our lives a harmony of Your grace and love until all our earthly praise finds its refrain in the chorus sung around the throne forever. Be pleased to bless and sanctify the use of this (these) instrument(s). May the music always call us to worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness. We pray in the worthy name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hymn of Praise

Concert or recital

Offering

Hymn of Praise

Benediction

Postlude

THE DEDICATION OF A MEMORIAL GIFT

(At an appropriate time in a worship service, the minister and people shall stand and recite responsively these sentences of praise from the Psalms:)

Responsive Reading

Pastor: Praise the Lord: praise God in His sanctuary; praise Him in the fullness of His power.

People: Praise Him for His mighty acts: Praise Him according to His excellent greatness.

Pastor: Give unto the Lord the glory due unto His name: bring an offering and come into His courts.

People: O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

Presentation and Dedication

(Then the pastor shall say:)

_____ will present the memorial.

(The person making the presentation shall say:)

In the memory of _____, we present this memorial gift to this church, to be dedicated to the glory and praise of God.

(The designated official shall then respond:)

We accept this gift as a sacred trust, and shall guard it reverently, in honor of the life in whose memory it is given.

(Then the pastor shall say:)

In memory of _____, we now dedicate this memorial to the glory of God, setting it apart for its intended use in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Dedicatory Prayer

(Then the pastor, or some other designated person, shall offer a prayer of dedication:)

Let us pray.

Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, without whom no words or works of ours have meaning, but who accepts the gifts of our hands as the tokens of our devotion: grant Your blessing upon us as we dedicate this gift to Your glory.

May this memorial which we now dedicate be an enduring witness before all Your people of the faithful stewardship of all our substance.

May our lives, being consecrated to Your service, be joined with Your faithful ones into that building which grows unto a holy temple in the Lord. Amen.

Hymn

Benediction (if at the close of a service)