

# DEDICATION DAY SERVICES

## Hamlet Methodist Episcopal Church

HAMLET, INDIANA

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY EIGHTH  
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FIVE



"Oh, that all would praise the Lord for His goodness and for His wonderful works to the children of men."

Bishop of Indianapolis Area, the Bishop Frederick D. Leete, D. D; L. L. D.

District Superintendent of South Bend District, the Rev. B. D. Beck

Pastor of the Hamlet Methodist Episcopal Church, the Rev. Orville Paul Manker

## MORNING SERVICE, 10.00

MUSIC by the Boys' Band directed by Frank M. Black

Sunday School assemble in departments for prayer

HYMN 661

THE APOSTLES CREED

PRAYER, The Rev. Caughey Naylor

ANTHEM "Sing to the Lord" Adams, by the Choir

SCRIPTURE LESSON from the Old Testament Rev. C. H. Leeson

GLORIA PATRI

SCRIPTURE LESSON from the New Testament

HYMN 415

Greetings from neighboring Churches read by the Rev. Orville Paul Manker

A Welcome from the President of the Board of Trustees Mr. Henry C. Schultz

Greetings from our District Superintendent The Rev. B. D. Beck

SERMON by Our Bishop of the Indianapolis Area The Bishop Frederick D. Leete, D. D. L. L. D.

Pledging our loyalty by subscriptions conducted by the Rev. B. D. Beck

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## AFTERNOON SERVICE, 2.30

The Rev. Charles W. Shoemaker presiding

The Afternoon Service will consist of brief speeches from visiting pastors, testimonies, and song

VOCAL SOLO Miss Florence Leeson

(Epworth League 6:30)

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## EVENING SERVICE, 7.30

HYMN 551

PRAYER Rev. W. O. Ecklor

SELECTION the Sunday School Orchestra

SCRIPTURE LESSON Rev. Charles W. Shoemaker D. D.

OFFERTORY

SELECTION Knox Male Quartet

VOCAL SOLO Dr. Brower

SERMON Rev. B. D. Beck, District Superintendent

HYMN 420

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# Order of Dedication

Bishop Frederick D. Leete D. D; L. L. D. presiding

DEARLY BELOVED, the Scriptures teach us that God is well pleased with those who build temples to his name. We have heard how he filled the temple of Solomon with his glory and how in the second temple he manifested himself still more gloriously. And the gospel approves and commends the centurion who built a synagogue for the people. Let us not doubt that he will also favorably approve our purpose of dedicating this place in solemn manner, for the performance of the several offices of religious worship; and let us now devoutly join in praise to his name, that this godly undertaking hath been so far completed, and in prayer for his further blessing upon all who have been engaged therein, and upon all who shall hereafter worship his name in this place.

HYMN 666

## SCRIPTURE LESSON

Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holy place by the blood of Jesus, by the way which he dedicated for us, a new and living way, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh; and having a great priest over the house of God; let us draw near with a true heart in the fullness of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience; and having our body washed with pure water, let us hold fast the confession of our hope that it waver not; for he is faithful that promised; and let us consider one another to provoke unto love and good works; not forsaking our own assembling together, as the custom of some is, but exhorting one another; and so much the more, as ye see the day drawing nigh.

HYMN 660

## RESPONSIVE READING

I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord.  
Our feet shall stand within thy gates, O Jerusalem.

Jerusalem is builded as a city that is compact together:

Whither the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, unto the testimony of Israel, to give thanks unto the name of the Lord.

For there are set thrones of judgment, the thrones of the house of David.

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: they shall prosper that love thee.

Peace be within thy walls, and prosper within thy palaces.

For my brethren and companions' sakes, I will now say, Peace be within thee.

Because of the house of the Lord our God I will seek thy good.

## Presentation by the Board of Trustees

We present unto you this building, to be dedicated as a church for the worship and service of Almighty God.

## Declaration

Dearly Beloved, it is meet and right, as we learn from the Holy Scriptures, that houses erected for the public worship of God should be specially set apart and dedicated to religious uses. For such a dedication we are now assembled. With gratitude, therefore, to Almighty God, who has signally blessed his servants in their holy enterprise of erecting this church, we dedicate it to his service, for the reading of the Holy Scriptures, the preaching of the Word of God, the administration of the Holy Sacraments, and for all other exercises of religious worship and service, according to the Discipline and Usages of the Methodist Episcopal Church. And, as the dedication of the temple is vain without the solemn consecration of the worshipers also, let us now dedicate ourselves anew to the service of God. To him let our souls be dedicated, that they may be renewed after the image of Christ. To him let our bodies be dedicated, that they may be fit temples for the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. To him may our labors and business be dedicated, that their fruit may tend to the glory of his great name, and to the advancement of his kingdom.



## Dedication

O God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, our Father:

To thee we dedicate this church.

Son of God, the Only Begotten of the Father, Head over all things to the Church, which is thy Body: Prophet, Priest, Redeemer, and King of thy people:

To thee we dedicate this church.

God the Holy Spirit, proceeding from the Father and the Son, our Teacher, Sanctifier, and Comforter:

To thee we dedicate this church.

Eternal, Holy, and Glorious Trinity, three Persons, one God.

To thee we dedicate this church.

## Prayer

O Most Glorious Lord, we acknowledge that we are not worthy to offer unto thee anything belonging unto us; yet we beseech thee, in thy great goodness, graciously to accept the dedication of this place to thy service, and to prosper this our undertaking. Receive the prayers and intercessions of all those thy servants who shall call upon thee in this house; and give them grace to prepare their hearts to serve thee with reverence and godly fear. Affect them with a due apprehension of thy divine majesty, and a deep sense of their own unworthiness; that so approaching thy sanctuary with lowliness and devotion, and coming before thee with clean thoughts and pure hearts, with bodies undefiled, and minds sanctified, they may always perform a service acceptable to thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Regard, O Lord, the supplication of thy servants, that whosoever shall be dedicated to thee in this house by Baptism may ever remain in the number of thy faithful children. Amen.

Grant, O Lord, that whosoever shall receive in this place the blessed Sacrament of the body and blood of Christ may come to that holy Ordinance with faith, charity, and true repentance; and, being filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, may, to their great and endless comfort, obtain forgiveness of their sins, and all other benefits of his passion. Amen.

Grant, O Lord, that by thy Holy Word which shall be read and preached in this place, and by thy Holy Spirit grafting it inwardly in the heart, the hearers thereof may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and may have power and strength to perform the same. Amen.

Now, therefore, arise, O Lord, and come into this place of thy rest, thou and the ark of thy strength. Let thine eye be open toward this house day and night; and let thine ears be ready toward the prayers of thy children, which they shall make unto thee in this place. And whensoever thy servants shall make to thee their petitions here, do thou hear them from heaven, thy dwelling place, the throne of the glory of thy kingdom; and when thou hearest, forgive. Grant, O Lord, we beseech thee, that here and elsewhere thy ministers may be clothed with righteousness, and thy saints rejoice in thy salvation. And may we all, with thy people everywhere, grow up into a holy temple in the Lord, and be at last received into the glorious temple above; the house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. And to the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be glory and praise, world without end. Amen.

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