

VIII. The Nauvoo Temple

Conductor's Score and all parts

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Narrator (underscore): In Nauvoo, the Mormons set to work building a temple. The Nauvoo temple would not be a chapel or a meeting house. It would, however, answer a question posed for centuries by those seeking to understand the doctrine of Christ: If baptism truly is essential, what of the millions upon millions of people who have lived upon the earth without ever having heard of Jesus Christ, let alone accept his baptism. The prevailing answer in Joseph's day was that the souls of these people were simply lost. But through revelation Joseph knew otherwise. In the Nauvoo temple, the ordinance of baptism for the dead, a practice Paul mentions in First Corinthians would be performed. Through this ordinance, the living are baptized, by proxy, for those who have died without baptism and these have the choice of accepting baptism just as if they had done so during their lives.

Also in the temple, marriages, not just "until death do you part" but for time and for all eternity would be performed. Family ties thus created would endure beyond this life and throughout the eternity of life to come [end "The Nauvoo Temple"]

The image shows a musical score for five instruments: Flute, Violin, Viola, Cello, and Contrabass. The score is written in 2/4 time and begins with a tempo marking of quarter note = 88. The dynamic marking is *mf* (mezzo-forte). The Flute part starts with a melodic line that is repeated in the Viola and Cello parts. The Violin part is mostly silent, with some notes in the later measures. The Contrabass part provides a steady bass line.

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Fl.

Vln.

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

Detailed description: This system of musical notation covers measures 8 through 14. The Flute (Fl.) part is mostly silent, with rests in measures 8-13 and a final eighth-note pair in measure 14. The Violin (Vln.) part begins in measure 8 with a melodic line featuring eighth-note patterns and a long slur over measures 9-14. The Viola (Vla.) part starts in measure 9 with a melodic line of eighth notes, also featuring a long slur. The Violoncello (Vc.) part begins in measure 8 with a melodic line of eighth notes and a slur over measures 9-14. The Contrabass (Cb.) part is silent throughout this system.

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Fl.

Vln.

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

Detailed description: This system of musical notation covers measures 15 through 21. The Flute (Fl.) part is silent until measure 21, where it plays a final eighth-note pair. The Violin (Vln.) part continues its melodic line from measure 15, featuring eighth notes and a slur. The Viola (Vla.) part continues its melodic line from measure 15, featuring eighth notes and a slur. The Violoncello (Vc.) part continues its melodic line from measure 15, featuring eighth notes and a slur. The Contrabass (Cb.) part begins in measure 15 with a melodic line of eighth notes and a slur over measures 16-21.

The musical score is arranged in five staves. The Flute (Fl.) staff is in treble clef and features a melodic line with a long slur over measures 22-23. The Violin (Vln.) staff is also in treble clef and plays a rhythmic accompaniment. The Viola (Vla.) staff is in alto clef and plays a rhythmic accompaniment. The Violoncello (Vc.) staff is in bass clef and plays a rhythmic accompaniment. The Contrabass (Cb.) staff is in bass clef and plays a rhythmic accompaniment. The score is in 4/4 time and begins at measure 22.

Narrator (no underscore): In the Old Testament, the Prophet Malachi prophecied of the turning of "the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers....," Malachi 4:6. Mormons believe that this prophecy is fulfilled through the work which takes place in modern day temples. It is for this reason that members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints embrace genealogy work--why today the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints sends teams throughout the world to copy birth, marriage and death records--why today the Church's genealogy library in Salt Lake City, Utah is the foremost genealogical research facility in the world.