

# Jordan River Utah Temple



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## Rededication

A message from

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In his dedicatory prayer offered on November 16, 1981, President Marion G. Romney prayed, "We are grateful for those who...have given so generously of their means, their time, their skills, and their strength to make possible this sacred house." He then added, "Increase our desire...to put forth even greater effort towards the consummation of Thy declared purpose to bring to pass the immortality and eternal life of Thy children."

On May 20th, the Jordan River Temple will be "rededicated", and returned to full service for the performance of the sacred ordinances of salvation provided for us by our loving Father in Heaven. This allows once again that those priesthood ordinances that seal parents to their children and children to their parents for both the living and the dead can be performed in this sacred House of the Lord.

As the re-dedicatory prayer is offered, it is a time for us to "rededicate" ourselves to more fully live the teachings of our Savior, Jesus Christ in all aspects of our lives, including our offerings of regular temple worship. It is a time to set aside indifference and distraction and to reorder our priorities that may otherwise pull us from those things in life that are truly of greatest worth. It is a time to follow the counsel of our newly ordained prophet, President Russell M. Nelson to "...begin with the end in mind...to be endowed with a power in a House of the Lord, sealed as families faithful to the covenants made in a temple - that qualify us for the greatest gifts of God, that of Eternal Life". As we do this, President Nelson promised that, "... (our) worship in the temple...will bless (us) with increased personal revelation and peace and will fortify (our) commitment to stay on the covenant path".

This is a glorious time of "rededication" and we look forward to joining with you in this sacred event, and all of the planned events that precede the rededication of the temple. We thank all who will be assisting in any way to make this rededication as memorable and sacred as the original dedication was over 37 years ago.

Jordan River Utah Temple Rededication Events and Websites: February 12-Request Open House Tickets at templeopenhouse.lds.org

Or call 855-537-2000 March 12-Media Day

March 13 to March 16-VIP Tours

March 17 to April28–Public Open House

March 18-Youth Kick-off Fireside March 19 to May 18-Youth Cultural Celebration rehearsals, weekly activities, and preparations March 24-Youth Open House April 14-Youth Outdoor Concert May 12-Youth Temple Walk May 19-Youth Cultural Celebration Performance

May 20-Temple Rededication May 22-Temple Open for Ordinances

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## Temple Open House Starts

The Jordan River Utah Temple Open House starts this month. A member of our temple district created this poem to remind us to come and be uplifted and ennobled by attending the open house and tour.

Come and see the temple, The Lord's house is on display. Come and see the temple, Hurry, wend your way. Come and feel the spirit, Your Savior you will find. Come and see the temple, Don't get left behind. Come drink in the beauty, Now's the time to start. Come and see the temple, Let the spirit touch your heart. Come take in the majesty, Be inspired by the view. Come and see the temple, Take the Spirit home with you. ~Mark Inkley~

#### **General Information:**

• February 12<sup>th</sup> - request Open House Tickets: 855-537-2000 or go to: templeopenhouse.lds.org/jordanrivertemple

• March 17-April 28, 2018 - Public Open House and Tour. Available times are: Mondays, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Tuesday - Saturday 8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. (except Saturday March 31, closed for General Conference)

- All ages are welcome
- Tour includes a short video as well as a walking tour.
- Temple tours are wheelchair accessible.
- Service animals are not permitted in the temple.





#### Youth Activities Update:

(See youth dates marked in yellow on first page).

- Ward times for the youth day at the Temple Open House (March 24, 2018) are available at <a href="www.irtready.org">www.irtready.org</a> (Click "Open House Sessions" under the (Activities tab.) Parking assignments for this activity are in final planning and will be emailed out soon.
- The Outdoor Concert on Saturday April 14, 2018 will be held at *This Is the Place Heritage Park*. The exciting roster of artists will be announced soon. Youth and leaders may begin arriving at the Heritage Park at 1:00 PM for pre-show music and food for purchase. The concert will begin at 2:00 PM.
- Temple Walk (May 12, 2018) routes are in the final planning stages with South Jordan City, and plans will be emailed as soon as final approval is received. All routes have been planned to ensure that every stake will walk no more than 5 Miles on that Saturday. Thank you for your patience.
- Other resources for the Treasure Hunt, Panel Discussion, etc., are coming soon.

### Risen Hope!

At the end of March and first of April, will be General Conference and Easter. We will also be part way through the Jordan River Utah Temple Open House. With all of these

events it will give us many chances to reflect on our lives and the direction we are traveling through mortality. We might ask ourselves, "What changes do I need to make in my life to be happier, to follow the Savior more, or make sure my family will be eternal?" We answer our questions with hope.

This rarely seen painting of the Savior at the garden tomb, bearing personal witness to Mary of the resurrection, is entitled, "Risen Hope." The painting, by Joseph Brickey, hangs in the annex of the Salt Lake Temple. Brother Brickey said that a message of hope was the inspiration when he created the artwork, in 2002. This painting reminds each one of us that we can have hope, like Mary, in our journey through this mortal life. While painting, he



paid special attention to where the light would have fallen on that first Easter morning and how he imagines it would have emanated from the Savior. "The light reinforces that idea of overcoming death and darkness, of rising above despair, of finding hope," Brickey said. "Not only is Christ risen, but also Mary's hope rises

when she hears her name from His lips. She represents each of usthis very personal typifies interaction Christ's role in our lives. He knows us. He watches over us when we weep. His voice overcomes darkness and brings resplendent hope." In a world of uncertainty, heartache, and challenges, Jesus Christ is our hope.