

Conference Summary for the 179th Annual General Conference

SATURDAY MORNING, APRIL 4, 2009, GENERAL SESSION

Presiding: President Thomas S. Monson.
Conducting: President Thomas S. Monson.
Invocation: Elder Charles Didier.
Benediction: Elder William W. Parmley. Music by the Tabernacle Choir; Mack Wilberg and Edgar Thompson, directors; Andrew Unsworth and Clay Christiansen, organists: “The Morning Breaks,” *Hymns*, no. 1; “Press Forward, Saints,” *Hymns*, no. 81; “Israel, Israel, God Is Calling,” *Hymns*, no. 7, arr. Wilberg, unpublished; “Now Let Us Rejoice,” *Hymns*, no. 3; “Consider the Lilies,” Roger Hoffman, arr. Lyon, pub. Jackman; “My Redeemer Lives,” *Hymns*, no. 135, arr. Wilberg, unpublished.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON, APRIL 4, 2009, GENERAL SESSION

Presiding: President Thomas S. Monson.
Conducting: President Dieter F. Uchtdorf.
Invocation: Elder Spencer J. Condie.
Benediction: Elder Douglas L. Callister. Music by a combined choir from the Salt Lake area institutes of religion; Stephen P. Schank and Richard T. Decker, directors; Bonnie Goodliffe and Linda Margetts, organists: “Come, Thou Glorious Day of Promise,” *Hymns*, no. 50; “Come, O Thou King of Kings,” *Hymns*, no. 59, arr. Kasen, pub. Jackman; “Let Us All Press On,” *Hymns*, no. 243; “Sing We Now at Parting,” *Hymns*, no. 156, arr. Wilberg, pub. Deseret Book.

SATURDAY EVENING, APRIL 4, 2009, PRIESTHOOD SESSION

Presiding: President Thomas S. Monson.
Conducting: President Thomas S. Monson.
Invocation: Elder Bruce D. Porter.
Benediction: Elder Shirley D. Christensen. Music by a priesthood choir from Brigham Young University–Idaho; Kevin Brower and Randall Kempton, directors; Richard Elliott, organist: “Sing Praise to Him,” *Hymns*, no. 70, arr. Kempton, unpublished; “Father in Heaven,” *Hymns*, no. 133; “High on the Mountain Top,” *Hymns*, no. 5; “I’ll Go Where You Want Me to Go,” *Hymns*, no. 270, arr. Kempton, unpublished.

SUNDAY MORNING, APRIL 5, 2009, GENERAL SESSION

Presiding: President Thomas S. Monson.
Conducting: President Thomas S. Monson.
Invocation: Elder Daryl H. Garn.
Benediction: Elder Donald L. Hallstrom. Music by the Tabernacle Choir; Mack Wilberg, director; Clay Christiansen and

Richard Elliott, organists: “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty,” *Hymns*, no. 72; “Sweet Hour of Prayer,” *Hymns*, no. 142; “You Can Make the Pathway Bright,” *Hymns*, no. 228, arr. Wilberg, unpublished; “Redeemer of Israel,” *Hymns*, no. 6; “This Is My Beloved Son,” *Children’s Songbook*, 76, arr. Cardon, unpublished; “We Thank Thee, O God, for a Prophet,” *Hymns*, no. 19, arr. Wilberg, unpublished.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON, APRIL 5, 2009, GENERAL SESSION

Presiding: President Thomas S. Monson.
Conducting: President Henry B. Eyring.
Invocation: Elder Spencer V. Jones.
Benediction: Elder Robert C. Oaks. Music by the Tabernacle Choir; Mack Wilberg and Edgar Thompson, directors; Linda Margetts and Bonnie Goodliffe, organists: “Now We’ll Sing with One Accord,” *Hymns*, no. 25, arr. Elliott, unpublished; “O My Father,” *Hymns*, no. 292, arr. Gates, pub. Jackman; “Guide Us, O Thou Great Jehovah,” *Hymns*, no. 83; “God Be with You Till We Meet Again,” *Hymns*, no. 152, arr. Wilberg, unpublished.

SATURDAY EVENING, MARCH 28, 2009, GENERAL YOUNG WOMEN MEETING

Presiding: President Thomas S. Monson.
Conducting: Elaine S. Dalton. Invocation: Elizabeth Bevan. Benediction: Muzna Bukhari. Music by a Young Women choir from stakes in East Millcreek, Cottonwood, and Olympus; Merrilee Webb, director; Linda Margetts, organist: “As Zion’s Youth in Latter Days,” *Hymns*, no. 256, arr. Kasen, pub. Jackman; “He Sent His Son,” *Children’s*

Songbook, 34–35, arr. DeFord, pub. DeFord Music (flute: Rachel Miles; oboe: Elizabeth Quigley); “More Holiness Give Me,” *Hymns*, no. 131, arr. Goates, unpublished (cello: Julia Marshall); “True to the Faith,” *Hymns*, no. 254, descant arr. Webb.

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