**Helsinki Cathedral**

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A distinctive landmark in the Helsinki cityscape, with its tall, green dome surrounded by four smaller domes, the building is in the [neoclassical](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Neoclassical_architecture) style. It was designed by [Carl Ludvig Engel](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Carl_Ludvig_Engel) as the climax of his [Senate Square](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Helsinki_Senate_Square) layout: it is surrounded by other, smaller buildings designed by him.

The church's plan is a [Greek cross](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Greek_cross) (a square centre and four equilateral arms), symmetrical in each of the four cardinal directions, with each arm's façade featuring a [colonnade](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Colonnade) and [pediment](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pediment). Engel originally intended to place a further row of columns on the western end to mark the main entrance opposite the eastern altar, but this was never built.