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Supplies necessary for this Service: flowers for each Bow Station; a spray of flowers for the Bible which includes all seven colors. Faith should wear a white formal.

Faith leaves the Assembly Room prior to this Service and re-enters later.

The Bible is not on the Altar; it must be removed to the ante room prior to the service.

WORTHY ADVISOR:

Mothers, we have invited you to join with us in this service in order that we may pay loving Tribute to you.

WORTHY ASSOCIATE ADVISOR:

I have called this court of beauty in order that we may pay respect and honor to our mothers.

CHARITY:

It was she who went down into the valley in order that she might receive from the Great Giver of all life my trembling soul and carry it back into the sunshine of living day.

HOPE:

It was she who toiled and sacrificed and denied herself that her child might take its place of honor and trust among the useful citizens of our country.

FAITH:

Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in Heaven.

WORTHY ADVISOR:

Sister Chaplain, you will kneel at the White Altar of Holy Promise and lead us in prayer. *(No Sign is given during this prayer.)*

CHAPLAIN:

Our Father in Heaven, we pray Thy blessings to rest upon our Mothers. Dear Lord, it was Mother who taught me to come to you in every moment of trial, disappointment and victory. We pray that you might teach us how we may repay her for the fine brave things she has done for us. Let us always remember to tell her how we appreciate her. Thus may we honor her. Amen.

RESPONSE: Lord, help us keep our Promise.

WORTHY ADVISOR:

Greater light has come to all of us through prayer. I, therefore, declare this court open to pay loving Tribute to our Mothers.

Sister Confidential Observer, you will invite Faith to enter the Assembly Room that we may have Faith in God, and so that we may pay Tribute to her who must forever have first place in the hearts and minds of those to whom she gave life.

(Faith enters the Assembly Room carrying the Bible, dressed in white. When she reaches the Altar, she reverently places the Bible on the Altar and gives her tribute at the Altar.)

FAITH:

Faith in Him who was, is and always will be, that Divine Power. It was God who said, "Let there be light and there was light." It was blended with all its colors in the life of the first man and woman. It was the living breath of the first child. There is no sculptor that can convey its meaning, no love that can tell its story, no painter knows its blending power. It is God himself in man, such is Faith. (Faith returns to her Station.)

WORTHY ASSOCIATE ADVISOR:

Being now illuminated by the power of Faith, and thus being able to understand and appreciate more keenly than we ever have, we shall proceed to pay Tribute. *(The Bow Stations approach the Altar; after their tribute, they place their flower on the altar in a reverse bow shape.)*

LOVE:

To you, Mother, I bring this red flower. You taught me how to love. As surely as God so loved the world, you loved me. From you I drew my first breath. God gave it to you for me. From you I learned to live, walk and to talk. I lay this flower on the White Altar to honor you and by this act I pledge to you again my obedience. May God bless you in my Prayer.

RELIGION:

To you Mother, I bring this flower. It seems you have always been by my side. You taught me my first Prayer. "Now I lay me down to sleep." You taught me to love the Lord, my God. You showed me how beauty could come out of sorrow, no less than an angel of God and to honor you fills my soul with delight and thus I lay this flower on this White Altar.

NATURE:

To you, Mother, I bring this flower. You taught me how to love the day, the sunshine, the flowers and the music of flowing waters. Your sweet tunes were like the winds that shaped the flowers. I have been made to believe that I am a part of the earth, air, sky and seas, because of you. I lay this flower on this White Altar in memory of the hours we have spent in the out-of-doors.

IMMORTALITY:

To you, Mother, I bring this flower to place upon the White Altar of Rainbow in honor of Mothers. I am immortality. I have no beginning, no end. Mother's love approaches me more closely than all else. God made me and through me love came. It will not die. This flower will mark the spot where we have made these vows. Such is the Tribute that Rainbow girls pay to their Mothers and thus join with all the world in that love.

FIDELITY:

To you, Mother, I bring this flower. Well do I remember when I looked into your eyes the first time. In them I found truth. No storm clouds ever shut out the light of your eyes to mine. You made it by example easy for me to trust in God, and in Honor, I lay this flower on the Altar.

PATRIOTISM:

To you, Mother, I bring this flower. You gave me my first lesson in love of country and glory and respect of my Flag. You told me that those who carried the Flag in conflict never retreated. The Star Spangled Banner, long may it wave, over the land of the brave. I place this flower on the White Altar to tell you that I will die for my flag. It is above all other Flags.

SERVICE:

To you, Mother, I bring this flower. You who taught me how to work and serve and who, by example, showed the way. To work is noble and while an hour lost can never be found, I am coming every day now to realize how valuable each hour is. You not only taught me this, but you let me become a Rainbow girl and this is what Rainbow taught me. I lay this flower at the White Altar to honor you.

(The Bow Officers return to their stations. The Worthy Advisor reads an appropriate poem, while the Drill Leader - or each Member - gives a flower to each Mother.)

WORTHY ADVISOR:

Will the Assembly please rise for the benediction.

CHAPLAIN:

Our Father in Heaven, as we leave this Assembly and go our respective ways, be Thou close to us. Let no day pass that we do not thank Thee for our Mothers. Let us pay gratitude to her and keep her in our hearts forever. Amen.

ALL: Lord, help us to keep our promise.
