

BIBLE DEDICATION SERVICE
Mecca Past Matrons Club OES

W.M. Sister Conductress, please present Sister _____, President of the Past Matrons' Club of Mecca Chapter. (President takes Bible with her.)

W.M. Sister Conductress, you will close the Bible without form.

W.M. Will the Conductress, Associate Conductress, Chaplain, Marshal and Star Points vacate their stations, so that they may be filled by Past Matrons.

W.M. Sisters and Brothers, this is indeed a very special and happy occasion in our Chapter, and as Worthy Matron, I feel that this evening will always be a cherished memory.

Sister _____ will take charge of this special ceremony.

Sister _____ The Bible on our Altar is one that was presented to Mecca Chapter by the Past Matrons Club in 1928. It has been used for 33 years and is beginning to show considerable wear. It was felt by our Club that we should now present a new Bible to the Chapter. Therefore, on behalf of the Past Matrons Club, it is my happy privilege to present to Mecca Chapter a lovely Holman's Bible with scriptural references and a history of the Eastern Star by Rev. Mark Sexson, founder of the Order of Rainbow for Girls.

(Sister _____ hands the Bible to the Worthy Matron, who gives a short acceptance on behalf of the Chapter. Then hands the Bible to the Chaplain.)

Sister _____ Sisters Conductress, Associate Conductress, Marshal and Chaplain, you will prepare the Altar for the ceremony of dedication.

(Note: While altar is being prepared, soloist or more voices, sing "Holy Bible Book Divine." Conductress enters the labyrinth in regular form and picks up the old Bible, remaining standing behind Altar in front of Esther's station. The Marshal and Associate Conductress enter, one of whom carries the Altar cloth. In the meantime the Chaplain is moving slowly toward the entrance to labyrinth with new Bible. After the Altar cloth has been placed on it, Conductress hands old Bible to Marshal; Chaplain hands new Bible to Conductress, who places it on the Altar and opens it. All back away from Altar to their respective places. All of these should rise at the same time to come to the Altar and retire at the same time to reach stations at same time, while soft music is played. Marshal places old Bible on Secretary's desk.)

Song - "Wonderful Words of Life."

President: The Bible is a living book. It contains the record of God's revelation, and His dealings with mankind. It contains light to direct us, food to sustain us, and strength to support us.

It has withstood the criticism of centuries and has never been superceded. Read it to be wise, believe it to be safe, and practice it to be holy.

As we look upon the open Holy Pages, we are inspired by the divine lessons of Love and Service. Where could more manifold evidence of both be found then in these words: 'For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.' Let us by Love serve one another, for "Love is of God", and whom we love we are like Him. Ever may the Holy Word of God rest upon our Altar.

President: Sister Star Points, what lessons do you teach in our dedication?
(Star Points all stand.)

Adah: The Bible is the lamp of our feet, whereby we retrace our paths when we go astray. Upon our Altar I dedicate in the name of Adah the Book of Books, the Holy Bible carrying a message of Fidelity.

Ruth: The Bible is a stream from the fount of Heavenly grace. Book, by the Traveler's way. Upon our Altar I dedicate in the name of Ruth the Book of Books, the Holy Bible carrying a message of Constancy.

Esther: We search the world for truth. We cull the good, the pure, the beautiful. Upon our Altar I dedicate in the name of Esther, the Book of Books, the Holy Bible carrying a message of Loyalty.

Martha: The Bible is our guide, our chart wherein we read of realms beyond the sky. Upon our Altar I dedicate in the name of Martha, the Book of Books, the Holy Bible carrying a message of Faith.

Electa: Weary seekers of the best come back laden from the quest, to find that all the sages said is in the Book our mothers read. Upon our Altar I dedicate in the name of Electa, the Book of Books, the Holy Bible, carrying a message of Love.

(Star Points stated)

President: Let us unite in prayer. (Chapter is called up. Chaplain goes to Altar in usual manner.)

Chaplain: Dear Heavenly Father, we come to Thee in this service of dedication of Thy Holy Word, in humility, asking Thy divine guidance in all our deliberations. Help us, dear Lord, to face our task with courage, and may our spoken words be kind and sincere. Help us by our acts to portray the teachings of our beautiful Order. We ask it all in His name who taught us when we pray to say:

The Lord's Prayer.

(Chaplain rises and returns to her station. Song "Wonderful Words of Life".

President: The Past Matrons will vacate their stations.

Worthy Matron: The officers of Mecca Chapter will resume their stations.