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EASTER SERVICE

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Golden 15

Esther takes her crown - walking around the back of her chair down through the center past the altar to the cross. She reads her verse - places her crown on the cross. After she has passed Martha - Martha and Ruth - march slowly to the front. First Ruth reads - then places her floral tribute beneath the cross. Then Martha - reads and places her tribute beneath the cross. They march together down the center - around the back of their chairs. After they have finished reading, Electa and Adah - slowly march toward the cross. Adah, reading first, places her floral tribute at the cross. Then Electa places her floral tribute at the cross. They march down the center, around their chairs, and all are seated at the same time. Chapter is called up and Chaplain says her prayer.

Esther:

In the cross of Christ I glory  
Laying all my trophies down  
This shall be redemption's story  
When I wear His royal crown

Ruth:

The ray of sunshine's golden hue  
Has brightened all our ways  
Since Jesus gave His Life for you  
And gladdened all our days.

Martha:

The story of the resurrection was told  
In the beautiful ray of green  
To gather us all within His fold  
To be with God in a life serene.

Electa:

The story of Love is truly fortold  
In the beautiful ray of red  
Where the glory of Jesus and the Cross we behold  
And his truth O'er the world is spread.

Allah:

Fidelity's ray shines a beautiful blue  
In which all of our duties we see  
Our being - our doing - should ever be true  
So our hearts will be tuned to thee.

Chaplain's Prayer:

Almighty God - whose word is forever,  
whose law is unchanging, and whose  
mercy is everlasting. We praise thee  
for thy providence which has brought  
us to this Easter season.  
O God of mercy, forgive us when we have  
been selfcentered, when we have been  
hard or cold to the needs of others,  
when we have turned aside from those  
who were in need of sympathy, and  
understanding. Give us grateful  
hearts - Peaceful minds - and a  
boundless Love for all mankind.  
In Jesus Name ~~we~~ pray. Amen.