Easter Service
by Sister Ella Klaus

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 foretold
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.
Almighty:
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 self-centered, 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.