AT EASTER

During the Easter Season, some recognition of the tremendous religious significance of this event should be made. A symbolic dedicatory presentation may be used in such a way that a reverent atmosphere is created.

The ceremony should be begun with the playing of very soft music and an appropriate solo presentation. Should the services of a soloist be available, the singing of the first verse of an Easter hymn will do much to create a mood appropriate to the occasion. (Should the Presiding Officer have a personal preference for hymns other than those suggested, she may quite easily plan to have them presented instead.)

Adah approaches the East where a standard has been placed. She brings a piece of blue material of suitable texture and drapes it over the standard to provide the background of the presentation.

ADAH

This blue cloth we reverently bring in commemoration of Christ's unwavering loyalty to right thinking and right acting. At this Easter Time, we humbly dedicate ourselves to a new and greater loyalty to the tenets of our faiths. Throughout the coming year we shall strive more diligently to keep from displaying disloyalty to the spirit of love that prompted the sacrifice made for our sakes. May we ever keep from departing from what we know to be right in His Eyes.

Ruth approaches the East and places across the top of the draped standard a commemorating banner bearing the word Forgive. The large gold gummed letters are suitable and make the task of preparing the banner a very simple one. Gold fringe sewn to the edge of the banner will give it a distinctive touch and serve to emphasize the color associated with Ruth.

RUTH

The golden compassion of Christ's words uttered at this Sacred Season have come down to us with undiminished lustre. "Forgive them for they know not what they do." We are grateful for the comforting knowledge of That Great Spirit that surrounds each of us with Understanding Forgiveness of our transgressions. As we proceed into the days that lie before us, we do humbly dedicate ourselves to the task of associating with our fellow man in a spirit of understanding, love and forgiveness.

Esther approaches the East and places a large white cross in the middle of the drape. The bulk synthetic materials available at variety stores everywhere are excellent for this purpose. After the pattern of the cross has been carefully ruled, the cross may be carved out of a block of the bulk material in a matter of minutes. Presiding Officers will find other interesting ways of utilizing the scraps from this inexpensive and decorative material.

ESTHER

We humbly set this cross in commemoration of Christ's pure, undefiled devotion to His Father's Will. We do humbly place it in great awe and reverence for the Spirit of Innocence that was sacrificed for our sakes. We dedicate ourselves anew to the task of daily living in the radiance of the pure white light of His Truth, Wisdom and Everlastingness.
Martha approaches the East and places a wreath of fern or evergreen at the foot of the cross.

**MARQUITA**

We bring this wreath, plaited of softest evergreen in memory of the crown of thorns which Christ humbly bore for our sakes. We humbly dedicate ourselves to the task of keeping ourselves from bringing heartache and further pain to Him Who Loved Us so completely. We are deeply grateful for the gift of Life Eternal made possible through faith in the Word of God as given to us by His Only Son.

Electa approaches the East bearing glass goblet filled with blood red substance and places it in front of and to the right of the cross. It is suggested that the Presiding Officer prepare the goblet in advance using one of the dark red gelatins instead of liquid. This will give the appearance of liquid but will prevent any accidental spills and will permit Electa to walk gracefully while she carries the goblet.

**ELECTA**

We do humbly place this goblet in memory of God's Love for us which He manifested to us through the Sacrifice of Jesus Christ. Each of us do humbly dedicate ourselves to making our lives a continuing testimony to the Love That Passeth All Understanding.

After Electa returns to her position the organ or piano should softly begin Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me, and if possible the first verse of the hymn should be sung by a competent soloist.

O God, in humility help us pray,  
Help us be worthy this Easter Day.

Beside His tomb so far away,  
Do lilies bloom, pure and still,  
This Easter Day, this Easter Day?

Have flowers bloomed in every mark  
The Holy foot beneath the burden made  
That day so dark, that day so dark?

Do wretched thorns on living vine  
Still grow and flourish, grimly sharp,  
O Christ of Mine, O Christ of Mine?

Do men of evil the innocent bind,  
With thongs, vengeance knotted tight,  
O Peace of Mind, O Peace of Mind?

No surcease of wine, but vinegar cup  
Do we give the suffering man to drink,  
O lift us up, O lift us up?  
Oh God, in humility help us pray,  
Help us be worthy this Easter Day.