Easter Program

Worthy Matron: When we approach the Easter season, we are reminded that, regardless of the condition of the world, it is a new day, a new hope, and a new vision. It is a triumph of right over wrong. The Cross, which had been a symbol of suffering, was transformed that Easter morning into a symbol of hope, love, and faith.

Courtesy Sisters bearing lighted candles take places in a diagonal line on each side of the cross which is in front of the Worthy Matron's pedestal.

Choir sings one verse of "The Old Rugged Cross".

Worthy Matreos: Sister Conductress, you will gather the symbols of Easter from the several points of our Star.

Conductress approaches each of the Star Points in turn, beginning with Adah.

Adah stands and says: The beautiful blue of the heaven is the sign of approaching Easter. The days grow longer—and the skies become brighter and bring new joy in the hearts of men. This symbol of blue gives renewed courage and shows us that long days of sacrifice come to an end and that brighter skies will bring to us future joy and peace. She hands a blue flower to the Conductress and is seated as the Conductress passes on to Ruth.

Ruth stands and says: This lovely flower is my symbol of Easter—the bright flower which has lain hidden under the earth in preparation for the time to blossom forth. It reminds us that lowly service given freely and with constancy points the way to higher joys and has its own reward. Hands flower to Conductress and is seated.

Esther stands and says: The Lenten season is a season when we purify our souls and make ourselves ready for the gladsome time of Easter. The white rays of purity must be a guide to us—lighting our way to the pure and upright life above the tongue of reproach. Hands flower to Conductress and is seated.

Martha stands and says: With gladness we see the new green carpet covering the earth. This is the sign of Easter—showing us that the earth has awakened to new life and beauty. Green, the symbol of eternal life and our hope of immortality, reminds us that faith brings courage and joy to the saddened heart. Hands flower to Conductress and is seated.

Electa stands and says: By the Cross, precious emblem of our risen Lord, was his great compassion made known to us. New life, new hope, and unaltering faith—such are the joys of Eastertide. May the red ray of love bring peace to our hearts at this happy Easter season. Hands red flower to Conductress and is seated.
Worthy Matron: Sister Conductress, you will place these flowers, a symbol of the Easter season, in the East.

Lights are dimmed and a spotlight is turned on the Cross in the East. Conductress places flowers in a container at the foot of the Cross and returns to her station.

Choir sings an Easter hymn, then is seated.

Worthy Patron: Behold our Savior's Cross,
   In it his life He gave,
   That all may humbly turn to Him
   The erring one to save.
   Behold our Savior's Cross.
   Because He loved, He died,
   He rose again; let us rejoice
   And bless this Eastertide.