

A Wishing Well made of cardboard is placed on pedestal or table in front of dais. It may be made as simple or as elaborate as desired. A basket or bucket should be placed in the well so that the flowers or gifts that are thrown into well, may be drawn out and presented to guests. When ready for ceremony, soloist sings:

Tune: "I Would Be True."

Oh Wishing Well, we come to you in secret,  
So that you will reveal our wishes true;  
May we have faith to place within thy portals,  
Our very best of all we give to you,  
Our very best of all we give to you.

Oh Wishing Well, to you we'll be true always,  
Casting before thee all our wishes rare;  
Trusting that you will reveal all things to us  
As we with friends the best of wishes share,  
As we with friends the best of wishes share.

Oh Wishing Well, try to grant all our wishes,  
That all our friends may know that we are true;  
And as they go about their every duty,  
We wish them well in all things that they do,  
We wish them well in all things that they do.

At close of song, Marshal rises, bows, and Star points rise. Marshal passes south, then west, passing to position south of Esther's station. She bows to Esther and together they march east, Marshal on south and Esther on north of Altar. They pass around chairs of Adah and Electa respectively, march west and bow to Star points in passing. Star points join line of march and they pass to East where they form lines east and west on south and north of Wishing Well.

Marshal speaks: We must each bring our treasure, and place it in the well,  
And just what will our wishes be, I'm sure we cannot tell,  
Unless you guess just what is right, and what will give us cheer,  
As we go forth to do our work throughout the coming year.

Marshal speaks to  
Adah: Dear Adah, will you now step up and cast your wishes in,  
And make a wish that will reflect the gift of love therein.

Adah steps to well, places her flowers, gift, or ribbons within, and speaks:

Dear Wishing Well, I come to you with faith in things so true,  
I represent the cloudless sky which shows the lovely hue;  
And I will wish the coming year will give to us it's store  
Of all the good things now at hand and then add many more.

Marshal speaks to  
Ruth: Dear Ruth, will you now place your gift within the Wishing Well,  
And I am sure all will be true, as you your wishes tell.

Ruth steps to well, places her flowers, gift, or ribbons within, and speaks:

Dear Wishing Well, I come to you with constancy so rare,  
And wish for all to be relieved of every want and care;  
And I will wish the coming year to have a golden hue,  
That every one who gives his best, may prove to be so true.

Marshal speaks to

Esther:

Dear Esther, you are true to right and always true to friends,  
We are so sure that you should have all things good fortune  
sends.

Esther steps to well, places her flowers, gift, or ribbons within, and speaks:

Dear Wishing Well, you have the right to guide us on our way,  
And may the darkness of the night reflect the light of day;  
May everyone who serves us here be true as true can be,  
And give to us the love of friends, that we the right may see.

Marshal speaks to

Martha:

Dear Martha, will you join with us and place your wishes here,  
That everyone may serve with faith throughout the coming year.

Martha steps to well, places her flowers, gift, or ribbons within, and speaks:

Dear Wishing Well, give us the faith to always look above,  
And see the things in store for us because of God's great love;  
And as we enter in the path that leads to our next year,  
May we have faith to see it through without a cross or tear.

Marshal speaks to

Electa:

Electa dear, you have a wish that we know will come true,  
Because you always have the love to see each trial through.

Electa steps to well, places her flowers, gift, or ribbons within, and speaks:

Dear Wishing Well, give us the love that's strong enough to stay,  
And show it'self a shining light as does our crimson ray;  
And if we have the love God gives, we surely will all know,  
That we must have this very gift if charity we show.

When all have placed their gifts within the well, two escorts, who may be dressed in costume, enter labyrinth, one on each side of Altar, and approach the East. Each carries empty basket. One of them speaks:

Dear Star points we just chanced to hear your wishes good and true,  
For our new officers who come to see the next year through;  
And as we give to them our gifts down in the Wishing Well,  
We know they will give them much joy as we their fortunes tell.

After Marshal draws the bucket from the well, and places gifts in empty baskets, soloist sings:

Tune: "Beautiful Dreamer."

Dear Wishing Well, we're thankful to you,  
For all the good things we know will come true;

We are so grateful for gifts like these,  
For they bring to us good wishes that please;  
Dear Wishing Well, we'll be true each day,  
If you will help to make all things come true;  
We will be faithful along our way;  
Dear Wishing Well, we will always be true;  
Dear Wishing Well, we will always be true.

You who are chosen to serve next year,  
Will do your duty without doubt or fear;  
And you will be so faithful each day,  
We'll want to walk with you along the way;  
Dear Wishing Well, now bring to us cheer,  
That's why we're wishing all these things from you;  
You will bring to us good luck for the year,  
Dear Wishing Well, we will always be true;  
Dear Wishing Well, we will always be true.

After song, gifts are presented to incoming officers.

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