

Select five older mothers in your chapter and ask them to participate in this ceremony. They will not be required to practice.

The Worthy Matron announces that a Mother's Day Ceremony will be presented. She then says:

Sister Conductress, you will invite the five representatives, mothers to enter the Chapter room. (The mothers who are to participate should be waiting in the preparation room) Conductress leaves her station and goes to preparation room entrance. She opens the door wide and says:

By order of the Worthy Matron you are invited to enter the Chapter room.

Mothers follow Conductress into room. They are stopped a short distance within Chapter room and directed to face South. The Conductress steps out before them and says: My sisters, you have been selected tonight to represent the mothers of our Chapter. The words of encouragement and love spoken to you during this ceremony are also meant to include other Mothers present tonight. We honor you all equally. Your loving care and earnest prayers for your children tonight well be emulated by us all. Your self sacrifice, your trustful faith and courage are beautiful lessons to us. As we have set aside this evening for you but every evening, every day, week, month, and year would be short enough time to do you honor for Mother love is a pure, noble, and tender flame enkindled from above.

Time may come and time may go,
But Mothers go on forever
They carry the greatest boon on earth
A love that fails us never.

Conductress steps back giving her arm to the first mother in line. The others follow double file, behind them. They march around the room to a position back of Esther's station; as they are marching the following song is sung as a duet or it may be typed and all members of the order sing it in unison.

Faith of Our Mothers. (Tune-Faith of our Fathers)

Faith of our Mothers living still
In all that's beautiful and brave,
How nobly will we work God's will
And seek from sin our souls to save
Faith of our Mothers living still
We will be true to thee till death.

Faith of our Mothers living still
In hearts of hope and songs of praise
We gladly join with one accord
To sing to God our sweetest lays.
Faith of our Mothers constant faith
We will be true to thee till death.

When song is over Conductress says:

Worthy Matron, it is with pleasure that I introduce these mothers who have been selected to represent all the mothers of our Chapter.

Worthy Matron:

Mothers, it is with happiness and joy that I welcome you in behalf of this Chapter, of which you are all faithful members. Mother's Day is a happy occasion for us all, and one in which every person on God's earth, whether old or young, may participate. As our Conductress has told you, you have been chosen to represent all of the other Mothers of our order. The words spoken to you are also spoken to them. Mother love is the greatest and purest love on earth. Mother faith is the strongest and the courage of Mothers is ever enduring-- our thoughts are never turned to our Mothers without a feeling of reverence. Tonight we revere you and honor you in our Chapter. Again I bid you welcome.

Conductress leads line and all march to a position in front of Adah. As they march, the following song is sung. (Tune: Faith of our Fathers)

Faith of our Mothers living still
In love and life and ne'er shall die
And children's children ever dear
Shall hold the faith that holds to God
Faith of our Mothers holy faith
We will be true to thee till death.

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Conductress to Adah:

Sister Adah, I present these Mothers, who will hear from you words of love and honor to all Mothers.

Adah:

Mothers of our order, When we think of the lessons taught by Adah we are reminded of a daughter's convictions, but daughters have no stronger convictions of right and duty than Mothers. The courage and bravery of Mothers is unsurpassed. Duty holds first place in their lives and to them right is stronger than might. Mothers stand by their convictions and conquer by their patience and love. Tonight in representing the daughters of this Chapter I relinquish my station to you, a Mother.

Presents last Mother in line with a blue flower and exchanges places with her. Conductress then winds labyrinth to Ruth's station, as they march the following song is sung by Chapter members. (Tune--America the Beautiful)

Oh beautiful your service sweet
So freely given to me
Your loving care and earnest prayer
That I might worthy be
O Mother dear, O Mother dear,
What joy to you I give
And crown with good your Motherhood
If I would nobly give.

Conductress:

Sister Ruth, I present these Mothers who will hear from you words of love and honor to all Mothers.

Ruth:

Mothers of our order, when we think of the lessons taught by Ruth we are reminded of the constancy and industry of a widow. But these virtues are not more appropriate to widows to Mothers. Who but our Mothers have shown more courage in carrying the family through difficult places? Who have more patient industry than our dear Mothers? And must watch more carefully the garnering of the minute particles? Patience, industry, constancy, humility-- these are the attributes of Mothers. Tonight, in representing the widows of this Chapter, I relinquish my station to you, a Mother.

Presents next to last in line with a yellow flower and exchanges places with her.

As Conductress leads line of March to Esther's station the following song is sung.

Tune: America the Beautiful
Oh beautiful your golden dreams
That sees beyond the day
That person you would have me be
Cherish that dream I pray
O Mother dear, O Mother dear,
Help me to clearly see
That your success and nobleness
Wrought out in life by me.

Conductress:

Sister Esther, I present these Mothers who will hear from you words of love and honor to all Mothers.

Esther:

Mothers of our order, when we think of the lesson taught by Esther, we are reminded of a wife's supreme self sacrifice and her noble courage and bravery. These virtues of the wife and queen are also the virtues of a Mother. No one on earth makes a more supreme sacrifice than a Mother. She risked life itself for her child. She walks close to the valley and shadow of death. She gives all of herself, her time, her energy and love to her children. She courageously tries to shield them from all harm. Tonight in representing the wives of this Chapter, I relinquish my station to you, a Mother.

Presents third Mother with white flower and exchanges places with her.

As line of march goes to Martha's station the following song is sung.

Tune: America the Beautiful

Oh beautiful the goal you've set
Uplifted high for me,
It's shining gleam marks out a path
Toward true nobility.
O Mother dear, O Mother dear,
God grant this boon to you
That I repay your yearning care
With love profound and true.

Conductress:

Sister Martha, I present these mothers, who will hear from you words of love and honor to all Mothers.

Martha:

Mothers of our order, when we think of the lessons taught by Martha we are reminded of a sister's faith in God. But where do the sisters first hear the precious words of faith? At the Mother's knee. It's the Mother who teaches the little child it's first prayer, who teaches the first lessons of the holy book and instills in the heart the faith we carry thru life. Faith in God, trustful and strong, hope for eternal life, helping others with words of life and comfort in times of sadness--Mothers these attributes belong to you. Tonight in representing the sisters of our order I relinquish my station to you, a Mother.

Presents next to last Mother with spray of green and exchanges placed with her.

As Conductress winds labyrinth to Electa's station, the following song is sung by members. (Tune: America the Beautiful)

Oh beautiful the faith instilled
To children at your knee
The holy book you taught to me,
And trust your earnest plea,
O Mother dear, O Mother dear,
God grant that I may be,
A child of faithful loyalty,
To lessons taught by thee.

Conductress:

Sister Electa, I present these Mothers who will hear from you words of love and honor to all Mothers.

Electa:

Mothers of our order, we both represent the same person, the Mother. We are kindred spirits. We have just heard words of love and praise to Motherhood, and God grant that we may be worthy of all the beautiful attributes and that we may strive to possess all the loving virtues that were attributed to us. Let us not forget the lessons taught by Electa, the Mother. Her supreme faith in Jesus, her generous hospitality to others and her wonderful courage in standing for the right in the face of great danger. Tonight in representing the Mothers of this Chapter I relinquish my station to you, may we both be true Mothers and may we always bring honor to our God, our home, and our fellow man.

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Presents last Mother with red flower and exchanges places with her.

Conductress leads star points out of labyrinth to a position back of Esther's station where they stand.

Worthy Patron rises and says:

My sisters, you have spoken kindly and truthfully to our Mothers, but the evening would not be complete without an expression of reverence from the sons of their Mothers. So in behalf of the sons of this Chapter I offer this tribute to Mothers.

The noblest thought my soul can claim
The holiest words my tongue can frame,
Unworthy are to praise the name
More sacred than all other.
An infant when her love first came
A man--I found it just the same
Reverently I breathe her name,
The blessed name of Mother.

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As soft music is played the star points and Conductress leaves Chapter room thru preparation room door.

As they leave, the following song is sung as a solo or duet and this closes the ceremony. (Tune: My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less)

On Motherhood God's light has smiled
His beauty surrounds each little child,
The beauty of maternal grace,
Shall shine forever in thy face.
God's gift on earth is wise and good,
The precious gift of Motherhood.
The precious gift of Motherhood.