

WGM We will take a moment to prepare for the memorial service. When the service is over, the Grand Conductress will close the Bible and we will all quietly retire, to reconvene at 7:30 O'clock this evening. (Grand Conductress - closes the Bible and removes it from the altar.)

THE LIGHT OF LOVE MEMORIAL SERVICE

(a large cross stands in N.E. draped with Adah's veil)

WGM Sisters and Brothers, we have come to that hour in our Grand Chapter session which we dedicate to the memory of our beloved Sisters and Brothers who have taken hold of the Master's hand, to leave behind earth's sorrows and step into the New Jerusalem, that city not made with hands.

Let us pause to let peace and harmony enter our hearts and to invite GOD'S presence as we honor those who have passed through the labyrinth of human life.

Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will drape the altar, in loving memory of our departed Sisters and Brothers.

(after drapping altar GC and AGC step to North and South - WGM leaves East, carrying her open Bible and places it upon the altar. These three Grand Officers form a triangle while following poem is read.)

Each time you look up in the sky
Or watch the fluffy clouds drift by,
Or feel the sunshine warm and bright,
Or watch the dark night turn to light,
Or hear a bluebird gayly sing,
Or see the winter turn to spring,
Or stop to pick a daffodil,
Or gather violets on some hill...
Or touch a leaf or see a tree,
It's all GOD whispering THIS IS ME...
AND I AM FAITH AND I AM LIGHT
AND IN ME THERE SHALL BE NO NIGHT."

(WGM, GC AND AGC return to their stations.)

WGM Sister Grand Secretary - you will place the scroll containing the names of our dearly departed Sisters and Brothers of this Grand Jurisdiction, who have entered into Eternity during this past year, upon the altar and light the altar candle in their honor.

WGM - We should not let this memorial hour cause us to renew our grief, but rather it should cause us to think of the joy that is their's and let it bring a message of faith and the understanding that life and death march hand in hand and love must bear the cross. Let us pray.

(C. Chaplain kneels at the altar)

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G. Chaplain - Our Father, who loves and reigns and knows us better than we can ever hope to know ourselves, we come to You with hearts full of love for You and for our fellow man. We kneel at this altar honoring Your Name and accepting Your promises. We thank You for Your children who have touched our hearts and lives and for the assurance that they have now found peace and rest in Your Eternal Kingdom. We ask that You will bless us, this day, with a new understanding of Your love and that You will grant each of us Your peace. Please help us each learn to love more fully and to be more receptive to Your gifts. All these things we ask in the name of Your Son, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

TRIBUTES TO PAST WGMs AND WGP

G. Chaplain - The Cross has been the symbol of our Christian faith for nearly 2000 years. Beautiful promises flood our minds as we recall the meaning of the Star in the East on that Holy Night when GOD was born into our world as a human baby, and as we remember the events of His life, through the years of His childhood and adolescence, and His adult life spent in teaching and healing, loving and forgiving. But when we view the Cross, we remember His Great Love, the indignities, pain, and humiliation which He suffered for us.

MY GOD DID THIS FOR ME AND I FEEL UNWORTHY.

While He was living on our earth, our God told us that He had come that we might have life and that we might have it more abundantly. That all we must do is ask and we would receive.

He has bless each of us with an abundant life which sustains us.
with hope to believe in the future and everlasting life.
and with love.

"Faith, Hope and Love, these three, but the greatest of these is love."

WGM - Adah - the daughter...

(Adah slowly leaves her station and goes to the Altar where she lights her blue candle.)
(While Adah is moving to the Altar, the WGM will read the following:)

"And God shall wipe all tears from their eyes and there shall be no death, neither sorrow nor crying, neither shall there be any pain; for former things have passed away."
(Adah leaves the altar and walks East along North marching line to foot of the cross.)

"I will lift up my eyes unto the hills from whence cometh my help. For my help cometh from the Lord, who made heaven and earth."
(Adah places her candle on highest step and kneels.)

Our Light of Love, which we received from our parents and from GOD.
(Adah will rise and return to her station.)
(Each Star point will repeat the above movements.)

WGM - Ruth - the widow...

"Steadfast, constant and true to all the duties and responsibilities she believed to be hers." (moving to altar)

"Whither thou goest, I will go, where thou lodgest, I will lodge; thy people shall be my people, and thy God, my God." (while moving to the cross)

Our Light has sustained us in sorrow. (while kneeling at Cross)

WGM - Esther - the wife.

"Be thou an example of the believers in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith and in purity." (while Esther moving to Altar)

"Home and wealth may come from ancestors, but an intelligent wife is a gift from the Lord." (while moving to the Cross)

Our Light of Love is ours to share with our husbands. (while Esther kneeling)

WGM - Martha - the sister.

"May we have her trustful faith that beyond the grave, the loved ones gone before are waiting to welcome us to our Eternal Home." (while moving to Altar)

"It is Faith and Faith alone, in God's promise that we can depend on for all life's needs which comforts our hearts in the face of death." (while moving to Cross)

"I am the resurrection and the life..." (while placing the candle)

Our Light of Love to cry in sorrow and to laugh in joy with our Sisters and Brothers. (while kneeling at the cross)

WGM - Electa - the mother.

"Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God, and everyone that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God." (while moving to Altar)

"Let us not love in word, neither in tongue, but in deed and in truth." (while moving to Cross)

Our Light of Love to pass on to our children. (while kneeling)
(Electa returns to her station)

Solo - I'LL WALK WITH GOD.....Linda Davis
(during the solo, WGM and WGP leave East and kneel at the Cross - after they are in place, all light off, except the flood light on Cross)

G.Chaplain - 2000 years have passed since Jesus lived and died for me. Yet, today, over the chasm of centuries, there comes the eternal challenge - "I AM the resurrection and the life, he that believeth in Me, though he were dead, yet shall he live; and whosoever liveth and believeth in Me shall never die."

Sisters and Brothers - BELIEVEST THOU THIS?

(after waiting a few seconds, the G. Conductress will close the Bible)