

MOTHER'S LOVE

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Welcome speech for Worthy Matron:

In the teachings of our great Order, we find the greatest of all the commandments, "Love One Another." This is the great lesson taught by Electa, and covers all other lessons given to us by the teachings of our distinguished heroines. It was love that prompted Adah to give her life to preserve her father's honor; it was love that induced Ruth to follow her mother-in-law into a land of strangers where she was forced to support her through menial labor; it was love that forced Esther to face an angry King that she might spare her people from bondage and death; it was love that filled Martha's heart with grief, causing her to seek comfort in the words of Jesus; and it was love for her risen Lord that gave Electa the courage to lift the cross in the face of persecution. How fitting that the great lesson of love should come to us from Electa, the mother's point of our Star, for Electa represents the mother of all mankind, and there is no earthly love greater than a mother's love.

Among all names there is no other
That touches us like that of "Mother."
It is not home without her care,
There'll be no Heaven unless she's there;
And when past memories we recall,
Her love is greatest of them all.

Star points and Assoc. Matron form circle around Altar by stepping within labyrinth, Electa taking position east of Altar. Associate Matron carries basket, and Star points, with exception of Electa, carry white and red (or colored) flowers. Other officers may join in circle around Altar if desired.

Associate Matron speaks:

The flowers we bring have a fragrance so sweet,
They've been kissed by the fresh morning dew,
They've been tinted in colors no artist could paint,
They are speaking so silently too.

They tell of a love of a mother so dear,
The love of your mother and mine,
The love that is greater than all else to us,
It has stood through the ages of time.

To Electa we give the flowers we hold,
For her's is the Star point of love;
And with them will come her message to you,
Of the love of the Father above.

Associate Matron gathers the flowers from the Star points, places them in her basket, and gives them to Electa. As soon as Electa has received the flowers, officers return to stations.

Electa approaches the East, and beginning with Worthy Matron, she passes around room, giving colored flowers to those who have living mothers, and white flowers to those whose mothers have passed to the Great Beyond.

The following song may be sung while officers are around Altar, or as Electa passes the flowers:

Tune: "Near The Cross." (Hymn)

We bring flowers of love today,
Flowers full of beauty,
Flowers which clearly say to us
That each has a duty.

Chorus: Flowers tell, all too well,
That there is no other
Earthly love so good and true
As the love of mother.

Lessons teach us that we must
Always love each other,
For love is the greatest gift
We can give another.

Repeat Chorus:

Mother's love is always true
Long as life is given,
So wear flowers for her today,
Living or in Heaven.

Repeat Chorus:

After flowers are presented, Electa returns to station.

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