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**POWER**  
Strength

Starbearer

Thurifer

**HEALER**  
Healing

**BEAUTY**  
Art

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Obedience

**WISDOM**  
Knowledge

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## INTRODUCTION

IT is necessary that I give an explanation, in brief, of the ceremony of the Ritual of the Mystic Star.

First, the phrase "The Mystic Star". It is a designation for the Divine, whom people in the West call God, or Îshvara in India, or Allah in Muhammadan countries. The Mystic Star is another name. In the ceremony, five aspects of the Divine are taken—Power of the Star, Wisdom of the Star, Joy of the Star, Beauty of the Star, and Love of the Star. Seven religions are mentioned to be revered, and a candle is offered to each Founder of a religion, and a very brief summary of His teaching is given as the candle is offered. Of course there are other religions and their Founders, but it is not possible to offer candles to all in a brief Ritual. They are however mentioned. The religions here commemorated were established by two great

Teachers, called the Fourth World Teacher and the Fifth World Teacher.

In addition, there is in this ceremony an idea that is completely new, namely, that each one of us, as he does his work, if he does it in a spirit of idealism and devotion, finds through that work his direct road to God. This is symbolized by selecting a certain number of typical workers and their professions. Each of them offers a certain quality, with a tool representing it. The workers, their offerings, and symbolical tools are :

<i>Type of Worker</i>	<i>Offers</i>	<i>Symbolical Tool</i>
Ruler	Strength	Star
Judge	Justice	Balance
Truth-Giver	Knowledge	Scripture *
Scientist	Accuracy	Microscope
Creator of Happiness	Industry	Image of Child
Servant	Obedience	Duster or Lota
Artist	Art	Lyre
Craftsman	Skill	Calipers
Priest	Compassion	Roses
Healer	Healing	Stethoscope

\* For Christians, the *Bible*, for Hindus, the *Gîtâ*, and so on according to where the Ritual is performed.

The workers sit within a circle, in which is inscribed a five-pointed star. The principal five, representing the five aspects of the Divine, are at the points of the star, with the subsidiary five seated between the points. Also, where possible, two children are to be selected for the work, one as Starbearer and the other as Thurifer.

In this ceremonial worship, there are incorporated ideas from the religions both of India and Christianity. Following the ancient tradition from the religions of India, there is first a call to the spirits invisible to come and help in the ceremony. The call to these spirits is by the use of the names of their Rulers, as mentioned in the Indian scriptures. It is well known in that tradition that the four points of the compass are dedicated to these spirits of the Air (East), Water (South), Fire (West), and Earth (North). Each element has its corresponding colour, and the lights which are lit on the altar are White for the East, Blue for the South, Red for the West, and Yellow for the

North. As these spirits are invoked, it is done, at the East by sounding a bell, at the South by sprinkling water, at the West by the lighting of a fire, and at the North by burning incense.

The Ritual of the Mystic Star is a congregational worship, so that all in the congregation join in and respond at certain parts of the ceremony, as indicated. The Ritual was created by me, and first worked in Sydney in 1919.

At about the middle point of the Ritual, there is a halt in the ceremony in order that someone within the circle may give a brief address, lasting ten or fifteen minutes at the most.

The colour Blue is used for the vestments, as representing Devotion. The Star, which is seen on the front of the chasuble, is the symbol of the Divine in man, and at the back, the Sun symbolizes the relation between man and the Mystic Sun, represented by our physical Sun. The first altar cloth is dark blue, with stars scattered about, and represents the universe. The second cloth is white, with the signs of the

zodiac embroidered in a clock-wise direction around it. It represents the Solar System. The third altar cloth shows the five colours traditionally said to be in the aura of the Fourth World Teacher, and the fifth cloth is light blue, the principal colour in the aura of the Fifth World Teacher.

After the address, there is once again a censuring and perambulation along the lines of the Star, for at this point we come to the most important part of the Ritual, where an Invocation is made to the great Teacher, that He may invisibly be present with us. As a sign of His presence, the central altar candle, the largest, which has been on the altar from the beginning, is dedicated to Him, and will be lit. Afterwards there is, as in eastern ceremonial working, the holding up of vessels of water by the five, invoking a blessing upon it, after which, according to Indian custom, the water is distributed to the people, each receiving a little in the *right* palm, and drinking it at once. Two



hymns are sung during the course of the ceremony, one just before the Invocation, and another during the ceremony of the distribution of the water.

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In this Ritual and ceremony of consecration and offering, there are no priests ; anyone who joins the Brotherhood of the Mystic Star, and pledges himself to help in it, can take part within the circle, after being trained.

It may interest all to know that this Ritual of the Mystic Star is done in several places in India, in the United States, in London, and a Spanish version is done in Mexico. During the War, in my home in London the Ritual was performed every Sunday, in spite of bombing. Before the War, it was done in Java, Singapore and Holland. Here is a ceremony with new thoughts. You are presented with a new mode of worship and dedication.

This Ritual, which needs very careful organization, with proper robes, lights, candles, tools,

pedestals, etc., cannot be performed by any group without my authorization. Full details of the working of the Ritual are given in a larger edition, but that is only for private distribution to those authorized by me to perform the Ritual.



The Ritual has parts printed in *italics*. Where the short form of the Ritual is considered more convenient, these parts can be omitted.

The complete Ritual, if done smartly, takes about one hour, including a ten minutes' address. The shorter form takes forty-five minutes.

## ORDER OF PROCESSION

No tools except the Star, are carried in the procession.

1. THURIFER
2. STARBEARER
3. HEALER
4. BEAUTY
5. SERVANT
6. WISDOM
7. JUDGE
8. LOVE
9. CRAFTSMAN
10. JOY
11. SCIENTIST
12. POWER

## PROCESSIONAL

### I

Gather us in, Thou Love that fillest all,  
Gather our rival faiths within Thy fold ;  
Rend each man's temple's veil, and bid it fall,  
That we may know that Thou hast been of old.

Gather us in ; we worship only Thee ;  
In varied names we stretch a common hand.  
In diverse forms a common soul we see ;  
In many ships we seek one spirit-land.

Thine is the mystic life great India craves,  
Thine is the Parsi's purifying beam ;  
Thine is the Buddhist's rest from tossing waves,  
Thine is the empire of vast China's dream.

Thine is the Roman's strength without his pride,  
Thine is the Greek's glad world without its slaves ;  
Thine is Judea's law, with love beside,  
Truth that enlightens, charity that saves.

Each sees one colour of Thy rainbow light,  
 Each looks upon one tint and calls it heaven ;  
 Thou art the fullness of our partial sight,  
 We are not perfect till we find the seven .

Some seek a Father in the heavens above,  
 Some ask a human image to adore ;  
 Some crave a spirit vast as life and love,  
 Within Thy mansions we have all and more.

O glorious Triune God, embracing all,  
 By many paths do men approach Thy Throne ;  
 All Paths are Thine ; Thou hearest every call ;  
 Each earnest seeker has Thee for his own.

*Rev. G. Matheson*

## II

Thy way, not mine, O Lord,  
 However dark it be ;  
 Lead me by Thine own hand,  
 Choose out the path for me.

Smooth let it be or rough,  
 It will be still the best ;  
 Winding or straight, it leads  
 Right onward to Thy rest.



The kingdom that I seek  
 Is Thine : so let the way  
 That leads to it be Thine,  
 Else I must surely stray.

Take Thou my cup, and it  
 With joy or sorrow fill,  
 As best to Thee may seem ;  
 Choose Thou my good and ill.

Not mine, not mine the choice  
 In things or great or small,  
 Be Thou my guide, my strength,  
 My wisdom, and my all.

*Rev. Horatius Bonar*

### III

O Everlasting Light,  
 Giver of dawn and day,  
 Dispeller of the ancient night  
 In which creation lay.

O Everlasting Truth,  
 Truest of all that's true,  
 Sure guide for erring age and youth,  
 Lead me and teach me too !

O Everlasting Health,  
From which all healing springs,  
My bliss, my treasure, and my wealth,  
To thee my spirit clings.

O Everlasting Strength,  
Uphold me in the way.  
Bring me, in spite of foes, at length  
To joy and light and day.

O Everlasting Love,  
Well-spring of grace and peace,  
Pour down thy fullness from above,  
Bid doubt and trouble cease.

*Rev. Horatius Bonar*

## OPENING

Congregation stands as procession moves singing, and joins in the singing.

Power: My Brothers, it was said by our Lord and Master: "Where two or three are gathered together in My name, there am I in the midst of them." Yet it is also true that where even *one* labours in the name of the MYSTIC STAR, the Power of the MOST HIGH is with him.

Congregation: "Raise the stone and there thou shalt find Me, cleave the wood and there am I."

Congregation is seated.

## INCENSING

Thurifer: To parents as the East, whence rises light ;

Thurifer: To teachers as the South, whence rich gifts come ;

**Thurifer :** To wife and children as the West, where gleam colours of love and all days end ;

**Thurifer :** To friends and kinsmen as the North, whose Star is firm-fixed ;

**Thurifer :** To servants and dependants as the Earth beneath, which humbly nourishes all ;

**Thurifer :** To Angels\* and the Holy Ones as Heaven above, round which all moves.

## LIGHTING

**Thurifer :** Dhrita-râshtra, Lord of Air, send us thy Music for the service of the MYSTIC STAR.

**Thurifer :** Virûdhaka, Lord of Waters, send us thy Forms for the service of the MYSTIC STAR.

**Thurifer :** Virûpaksha, Lord of Fire, send us thy Colours for the service of the MYSTIC STAR.

\* Wherever in the Ritual the word "Angel" appears, the word "Deva" should be substituted in India.

Thurifer : Kuvéra \*, Lord of Earth, send us thy Perfumes for the service of the MYSTIC STAR.

Thurifer and Starbearer return to their seats.

## DEDICATION

### Congregation rises.

Power : To the glory of the MYSTIC STAR, and to the helping of my fellowmen, I dedicate my Strength,

Judge : My Justice,

Wisdom : My Knowledge,

Scientist : My Accuracy,

Joy : My Industry,

Servant : My Obedience,

Beauty : My Art,

Craftsman : My Skill,

Love : My Compassion,

Healer : My Healing.

\* Pronounced : Koo-vay-rah,

Congregation : " Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of Lights, with Whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning."

Congregation is seated.

## COMMEMORATION OF THE GREAT TEACHERS

### THE FOURTH WORLD TEACHER

**Power** : WISDOM of the STAR, whom do we serve ?

**Wisdom** : We serve the MYSTIC STAR, whose Light dispels all darkness.

Congregation : " In Him is no darkness at all, but men turn their backs on His Light, and then walk in their own shadows, crying out, It is dark."

**Wisdom** : JOY of the Star, what is the MYSTIC STAR, that we serve ?

**Joy** : It is " the Light which lighteth every man that cometh into the world." The rays

of that Light make the Life of all things visible and invisible.

Congregation : In IT we live, of IT we are, and through IT, all shall be well with us.

Joy : BEAUTY of the STAR, in what manner shall we serve ?

Beauty : We serve the MYSTIC STAR by the Ray of IT within ourselves. LIKE TO LIKE—so works the power of our Brotherhood.

Congregation : “ I am the Vine, ye are the branches.” “ At that day ye shall know that I am in My Father, and ye in Me, and I in you.”

Beauty : LOVE of the STAR, where shall we seek the MYSTIC STAR ?

Love : North and south, east and west, above and below, shines the glory of the MYSTIC STAR. But none may see ITS full glory till he has beheld IT in the faces of his fellowmen.

Congregation : “ Thou woman dost become, and man, and youth, and also tender maid ; when old, Thy steps with staff Thou



dost support ; Thou takest birth with face on every side."

**Love :** POWER of the STAR, teach us to see the MYSTIC STAR in the faces of our fellowmen. We wait to learn the WAY of the STAR.

**Power :** *My brothers, two of Earth's greatest have taught the WAY of the STAR to Angels and to men. They are the Twin Stars of Humanity, the "first fruits of them that slept". Flesh of our flesh, life of our life. for our sakes They toiled, and for us They achieved, and they gave us Their Star-Light in the religions which They founded.*

**Congregation :** *Praise and thanksgiving be to Them for ever and ever.*

**Power :** My Brothers, "There is a spiritual dynasty whose throne is never vacant, whose splendour never fails ; its members form a golden chain whose links can never be torn asunder, for they draw back the world to God from Whom it came."

**Wisdom :** They are the World Teachers of our Humanity, and each is a King of

Righteousness and Guardian of the Wisdom. One after another, in long succession of time, They teach the WAY of the STAR to men.

*Joy : Seven are the " Brothers of the Glorious Mystery " ; five have already shown men that WAY.*

*Beauty : Three of the World Teachers came and taught the WAY of the STAR in the dim dawn of time, and men have now forgotten Their Way.*

*The religions of the Fourth and the Fifth World Teachers are yet with us, and Their Star-Light shines still in Their shrines.*

*Love : Teach us the WAY of the Fourth World Teacher, as He gave us His Star-Light at different epochs of time.*

*Power : My brothers, long ago, to the peoples of the Atlantean race, He gave His Wisdom in many a great religion which has since passed away. He taught men the mystic Trinity of manifestation, and the Doctrine of the One Life without and within. Sometimes He came Himself as the Lightbringer ;*

*sometimes He sent His holy prophets to inspire and teach the world. One light which He lit long ago still shines in the teaching of Harmlessness which Jainism proclaims even to-day. And He gave to the Hebrew people the mystery teaching of "Holiness unto the Lord".*

*After the Aryan peoples began their work as the Fifth great Race of mankind, He came five times, and gave us His Star-Light in five great Religions which He founded.*

**Power :** In far off days in ancient India, He came as Vyâsa, and this was the teaching He gave :

*"The Man in the Sun" is the Lord and Giver of Life ; the radiant orb is His outermost garment. His Life is our life ; He nourishes us with food for our bodies, with senses for our feelings, and with thoughts for our inspiration. In His Sunlight is our purification.*

*Very God of very God, the sole Source of Life and Light and Love, He gives us all that He is, as He shines from moment to moment.*

*Worship Him ; give as He gives ; so shalt thou become one with His Splendour, for " THAT art thou ".*

Power : So taught Vyâsa, Lord of Splendour ; and to reverence in the Unity of all, the Power of the MYSTIC STAR,

Congregation : My faith I pledge.

Wisdom : Again He taught the WAY of the STAR, in ancient Egypt as Téhuti\* or Hermes the Thrice-Greatest, and this was the teaching He gave :

*" The true Light which lighteth every man that cometh into the world " is Osiris, who dwells in the heart of every man. " Osiris comes forth from the Light, He dwells in the Light, He is the Light."*

*" The Light is hidden everywhere ; it is in every rock and in every stone. The Light is nearer than aught else, within a man's very heart. All comes forth from the Light, and to the Light all shall return."*

\* Pronounced Tay-hoo-ti, accent on the first syllable.

“ Look for the Light. Follow the Light. Thou art the Light. Let that Light shine.”

Wisdom : So taught Téhuti, Lord of Light ;  
and to reverence in the Light, the Wisdom of  
the MYSTIC STAR,

Congregation : My faith I pledge.

Joy : Again He taught the WAY of the  
STAR as Zarath-úshtra in ancient Persia.

And this was the teaching He gave :

The Fire is the purest of all the elements,  
and the purifier of all things. All fire is the  
sacred Fire of the Sun.

*It is heat, It is light, It is health and strength,  
and by It all have life and motion.*

*Within a man's heart too is the sacred Fire. It  
nourishes his hopes and dreams, It purifies all that  
is unclean within him.*

Blessed is he who sees that Fire burning in  
his heart and brain. Then out of his heart come  
Pure Thoughts, out of his lips Pure Words, and  
all the Actions of his hands are pure and  
mighty.

Joy : So taught Zarath-úshtra, Lord of **Fire**,  
and to reverence in the **Fire**, the Joy of the  
MYSTIC STAR,

Congregation : My faith I pledge.

Beauty : Again He came to teach the WAY  
of the STAR. He came as Orpheus, a singer,  
and this was the teaching He gave :

Sound is in all things ; the tiny atoms as  
the great stars give their tones to the Divine  
Harmony.

*With rustle of leaves and the patter of rain,  
with crash of thunder and the roar of the surf,  
Nature weaves a wondrous harmony to accompany  
the song of life which the Divine Musician sings.  
Life is Beauty, life is Joy, and all creation resounds  
to the harmony of the Creative Word.*

Beauty of thought, Beauty of feeling, and  
Beauty of action are the source of life and joy  
for men.

*If a man will create harmony in himself, then  
the Divine Harmony will manifest through him,  
and make all Nature glad.*

Beauty : So taught Orpheus, Lord of Sound,  
and to reverence in Divine Harmony, the  
Beauty of the MYSTIC STAR,

Congregation : My faith I pledge.

Love : Once more He came, the last of many  
times, as Gautama Buddha, the Teacher of Nir-  
vâna and the Law.

And this was the teaching He gave :

There are four Noble Truths inherent in life.

*In men's lives misery is greater than happiness—this is the First Noble Truth. All misery arises from the hunger and thirst for life—this is the Second Noble Truth. Each man, without help of priest or scripture, can by his own efforts put an end to the "Craving" which causes misery—this is the Third Noble Truth.*

The Fourth Noble Truth is the Way—the Noble Eightfold Path which leads to the ending of misery : Right Belief, Right Thought, Right Speech, Right Action, Right Means of Livelihood, Right Energy, Right Contemplation and Right Realization.



Love: So taught Buddha, Lord of Law, and  
to reverence in the Great Law, the Love of the  
MYSTIC STAR,

Congregation: My faith I pledge.

Congregation is seated.

Power: Through long ages the Fourth World  
Teacher taught Angels and men the WAY of  
the STAR. That WAY is:

Power: In the Unity,

Wisdom: In the Light,

Joy: In the Fire,

Beauty: In the Sound,

Love: In the Law:

Power: And when He had ended the happy  
journey which led to Buddhahood, He taught  
us to know the Greatest Blessings which the  
MYSTIC STAR bestows on mankind.

## THE GREATEST BLESSING

Power :

Not to serve the foolish,  
But to serve the wise,  
To honour those worthy of honour,

Congregation : This is the greatest blessing.

Healer :

To dwell in a pleasant land,  
Good deeds done in a former birth,  
Right desires in the heart,

Congregation : This is the greatest blessing.

Beauty :

Much insight and education,  
Self-control and pleasant speech,  
And whatever word be well-spoken,

Congregation : This is the greatest blessing.

Servant :

To support father and mother,  
To cherish wife and child,

To follow a peaceful calling,

Congregation : This the greatest blessing.

Wisdom :

To bestow alms and live righteously,

To give help to kindred,

Deeds which cannot be blamed,

Congregation : This the greatest blessing.

Judge :

To abhor and cease from sin,

Abstinence from strong drink,

Not to be weary in well-doing,

Congregation : This is the greatest blessing.

Love :

Reverence and lowliness,

Contentment and gratitude,

The hearing of the Law at due seasons,

Congregation : This is the greatest blessing.

Craftsman :

To be long-suffering and meek,

To associate with the Brethren,

Religious talk at due seasons,

Congregation : This the greatest blessing.

Joy :

Self-restraint and purity,

The mind that shakes not,

Without grief or passion, and secure,

Congregation : This is the greatest blessing.

Scientist :

On every side are invincible,

They who do acts like these,

On every side they walk in safety,

Congregation : And *theirs* is the greatest blessing.

Congregation rises.

Power : My brothers, thus ended for the Fourth World Teacher the happy journey which led to Buddhahood. All that He had gained He gave us in the good Law which He proclaimed, and in His never-ceasing Love for men. And passing from our midst, He gave the welfare

of the world into the hands of our Lord and Master, in Whose Service we labour to-day.

Congregation :

IN WHOSE SERVICE WE LABOUR  
TO-DAY.

Congregation is seated.

## COMMEMORATION OF THE GREAT TEACHERS

THE FIFTH WORLD TEACHER

Congregation stands.

Power : "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God " ;

Wisdom : "The same was in the beginning with God " ;

Joy : "All things were made by Him, and without Him was not anything made that was made " ;

Beauty : "In Him was life ; and the life was the light of men " ;

**Love :** "And the light shineth in darkness ; and the darkness comprehended it not" ;

**The Five :** "And the Word was made flesh" ;

**Congregation :** "And dwelt among us."

**Congregation is seated.**

**Power :** When our Lord began His work as the Great World Teacher, He opened to men two new Paths to Salvation—the Path of Beauty and the Path of Devotion.

*He sent His Star-Light to shine over Greece, and it became the love of the Good, the True and the Beautiful, which made the glory of that sunlit land.*

*Eastwards to the Chinese peoples He sent His messenger Lao-Tze to teach men the Tao, the "Way" to Eternal Peace through Perfect Humility and Non-Resistance ; and He sent to them yet another messenger, Confucius, to teach how all men, whatever be their birth, can become perfect in nobility and virtue, if only they will train themselves to become "superior men", and strive to promote*

*within themselves the harmony of Heaven and Earth and Man.*

*And, when the world was ready, He came Himself, and was born in India as Shrî Krishna the Well-Beloved.*

Wisdom : When as a little child He lived in the woods of Vrindâ-Vana, all Nature sang a paeon of joy. For He was "The Word made flesh", and all who looked on the Divine Child felt opening within their hearts a new flower of the soul, the flower of Devotion.

*Then as He grew to manhood, He played upon His flute the Song of Life, the while He taught that He is the Light of men, and that through Him lies an open door to God.*

He said :

Whoso shall offer Me in faith and love  
A leaf, a flower, a fruit, water poured forth,  
That offering I accept, lovingly made  
With pious will. Whate'er thou doest,  
Eating or sacrificing, giving gifts,  
Praying or fasting, let it all be done

For Me, as Mine.  
 However men approach Me,  
 Even so I accept them,  
 For the paths men take from every side  
 Are Mine.

They are in Me, and I in them.

**Wisdom :** Thus taught Shri Krishna, Lord of Devotion, and to reverence in Devotion the Grace of the MYSTIC STAR,

**Congregation :** My faith I pledge.

**Love :** Once again He came to us, in Palestine, our Lord and Master, as Jesus Christ the Anointed.

With arms outstretched in love, He called to us : "Come unto Me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you, and learn of Me ; for I am meek and lowly in heart : and ye shall find rest unto your souls ; for My yoke is easy, and My burden is light."

He taught us to serve one another, even as He served us, saying, "He that is greatest



among you shall be your servant"; and He taught us to love one another, saying, "This is My commandment, that ye love one another, as I have loved you. Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends".

Love : So taught Jesus Christ, Lord of Love, and to reverence in Service the Love of the MYSTIC STAR,

Congregation : My faith I pledge.

Power : No more came our Lord and Master Himself to teach us the WAY of the STAR. Yet did He send forth His messengers to teach that WAY. To Arabia He sent Muhammad, the Prophet of God, to teach Islâm, Submission to God's Will, and to train all who accepted the Prophet to live and act as brothers, without distinction of wealth or poverty, birth or breeding. To India He sent Guru Nânak, to teach all the Sikhs or "disciples" to transcend the limitations of birth and caste and be true brothers, even as the disciples of one Master.

## THE INVOCATION

**Power :** The Starlight still shines in the ancient Shrines, but their temple courts are empty, and men turn to darkness instead of light, and the world is weary and in anguish.

*Is it not so, my brothers ?*

**Wisdom :** Unwisdom reigns, my brother, and the world is all in confusion.

**Joy :** The peoples cry out in pain, and there are few to give comfort and healing.

**Beauty :** Men's hearts are sick with doubt, and they grope in vain in darkness,

**Love :** Brother now injures brother, and the cities breed strife and discord.

**Congregation :** From darkness and sin and strife deliver us, Lord and Master.

Congregation stands and joins in the singing.

Where two or three, Thou once didst say,  
Are gathered in Thy name,  
Thou wouldst with them abide always,  
And be their altar flame.

Within the hollow of Thy hand,  
This rolling sphere is held ;  
When in Thy time Thou dost command,  
All darkness is dispelled.

Speak once again for all to hear,  
How love shall end all strife,  
And each to each shall prove more dear,  
Partaking of Thy Life.

O make of us the stones of praise,  
Wherewith to build Thy home,  
Till unto Thee wend all the ways,  
And all the world shall come.

Congregation continues standing.

**Power :** *The Heart of the World is love and joy, though men wrap themselves in veils of illusion and hatred. Not for long can the world remain in darkness.*

**Power :** Let us turn our hearts to our Lord and Master, and pray that He be with us, to lead the world to Salvation.

Lord and Master, we Thy servants assembled here to do Thy bidding, dedicate this day our lives to Thee, that Thy Love may illumine our Way.

In Thy Name,

I light this Flame, Symbol of Thy Presence in our midst.

**Congregation :** Lord of Love and Life, live in our hearts for evermore.

**Power :** In life and in death, to labour in Thy Service, our faith we pledge.

**Congregation :** With heart, and head, and hand.

**Congregation listens in silence while Power makes the Invocation to the Fifth World Teacher.**

## THE INVOCATION

O Master of the Great White Lodge,  
Lord of the Religions of the World,  
Who art once again with the earth that  
needs Thee,  
Guide Thou our feet in the ways of Truth  
and Love.

Speak the Word of Peace,  
Which shall make the peoples to cease  
from their quarrellings,  
Speak the Word of Brotherhood,  
Which shall make the warring classes  
know themselves as one.

Lead us with the Light of Thy Love,  
Strengthen us with the Splendour of Thy  
Power,  
That in Thee, and through Thee, the World  
be healed and saved,  
O Thou who art the Teacher alike of  
Angels and men.

Congregation :

Waiting the word of the Master,  
 Watching the Hidden Light ;  
 Listening to catch His orders  
 In the very midst of the fight ;  
 Seeing His slightest signal  
 Across the heads of the throng ;  
 Hearing His faintest whisper  
 Above earth's loudest song.

## THE OFFERING OF THE TOOLS

**Power:** Lord and Master, Brother and Guide, consecrate Thou these our tools of daily labour, that living in Righteousness and Brotherhood we may daily bless our fellowmen.

Grant us "to lift a little of the heavy Karma of the world", and may the pain and anguish of men be lessened through our pledge of Service to Thee.

Great Brother, Star of the World, teach us to see the Beauty of Thy Star-Light in the faces of our fellowmen.

**Power :** *May this pure element of water,  
shared by us in Thy Name, link us in bonds of  
Brotherhood with all men and with Thee.*

**Congregation :** *Now, and for evermore.*

**Congregation joins in singing.**

*Immortal Love, for ever full,  
For ever flowing free,  
For ever shared, for ever whole,  
A never-ebbing sea !*

*If simple oft our service be,  
That service Thou dost own.  
We bring our varying gifts to Thee,  
And Thou rejectest none.*

*To Thee our full humanity,  
Its pains and joys belong ;  
Within Thy heart we live in Thee,  
And in Thy strength grow strong.*

*O Lord and Master of us all.  
Whate'er our name or sign,  
We own Thy sway, we hear Thy call,  
And form our lives by Thine.*

Such of the Congregation as have received the water, or do not desire to do so, may sit, after the hymn.

## CLOSING

### Congregation stands.

Power : My brothers, we who are bound to one another in Brotherhood, and are pledged to our Lord's Service,

Congregation : And in His "service is perfect freedom",

Power : As freely we have received His Blessing, so freely let us give the best of ourselves to our fellowmen.

Power : To the glory of the MYSTIC STAR and to the helping of my fellowmen, I dedicate my Strength,

Judge : My Justice,

Wisdom : My Knowledge,

Scientist : My Accuracy,

Joy : My Industry,



Servant : My Obedience,  
Beauty : My Art,  
Craftsman : My Skill,  
Love : My Compassion,  
Healer : My Healing,  
Congregation : My Devotion, my Steadfast-  
ness, my Gentleness.

#### THE BLESSING OF ALL LIVING CREATURES

Power : And now to Angels and to men, and  
to all living creatures, be Peace and Joy,

Congregation : IN HIS NAME.

The Service is finished.

## RECESSIONAL

## I

Lord, from Thine all-strengthening Presence,  
    Gifts of peace we take away ;  
Shedding where the darkness fastens,  
    Light from Wisdom's brightening ray.

    We, Thy children, pledge our duty,  
    Heart and hand for service true.

Teach us, Lord, to read Thy message,  
    Writ on each faith's mystic page ;  
Till Thy Truth's increasing glory  
    Guides mankind from age to age.

    We, Thy children, pledge our duty,  
    Heart and hand for service true.

Joyful we adore Thy Splendour,  
    Of Thy Beauty nature tells ;  
Always Thou art nearest to us,  
    When in each heart Pity dwells.

    We, Thy children, pledge our duty,  
    Heart and hand for service true.

Strong and tender, pure and holy,  
 May we grow by Thy Love's aid ;  
 Each for all, as Thou dost teach us,  
 Swiftly in Thy pattern made.  
 We, Thy children, pledge our duty,  
 Heart and hand for service true.  
*C. Jinarâjadâsa*

## II

O Master ! when Thou callest,  
 No voice may say Thee nay,  
 For blest are they that follow  
 Where Thou dost lead the way ;  
 In freshest prime of morning,  
 Or fullest glow of noon,  
 The note of heavenly warning  
 Can never come too soon.  
 O Master ! where Thou callest,  
 No foot may shrink in fear,  
 For they who trust Thee wholly  
 Shall find Thee ever near ;

And chamber still and lonely,  
Or busy harvest-field,  
Where Thou, Lord, rulest only,  
Shall precious produce yield.

O Master ! whom Thou callest,  
No heart may dare refuse ;  
'Tis honour, highest honour,  
When Thou dost deign to use ;

Our brightest and our fairest,  
Our dearest—all are Thine ;  
Thou who for each one carest,  
We hail Thy love's design.

They who go forth to serve Thee,  
We too who serve at home,  
May watch and pray together  
Until Thy kingdom come ;

In Thee for aye united,  
Our song of hope we raise,  
Till that blest shore is sighted  
Where all shall turn to praise.

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