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His Word was in mine heart as a burning fire.

Jeremiah

Preface

Admonishment of the Holy Spirit

To All Who Would Consecrate the Flame of Life:

The consecration of human energies in the service of the Greater Light must be accompanied by understanding, diligence, willingness, and purity if the effective results which the supplicant desires are to manifest. Inasmuch as every son of heaven desires to assist each sincere seeker on the Path, I am directing my energies for the clarification of ideas and ideals pertaining to the splendor which may be evoked successively and successfully with each coming-together of either two or three in my name or a wholesome mass of thousands.

Just as by a mere wish man cannot lift himself by his bootstraps, so no one can manifest a greater understanding than that which he has received or developed. Trials and tribulations, when properly evaluated, are one means whereby individuals may obtain greater compassion for others who may be manifesting either more or less of desirable God-qualities. It will be seen, then, that one of the great requisites for each worshiper is to maintain harmony in the feelings.

All who would invoke divine qualities from the Godhead should hold in tender compassion those men of lesser moral, spiritual, or physical attainment and likewise not neglect to govern their energies when surveying men of broader achievement. Those who have either greater understanding, manifest spirituality, or

worldly goods, those who may be endowed by nature with a more attractive appearance, a more spritely form, or any quality which might become envied by others, ought to be compassionately understood. Neither men of lack nor men of stature should be criticized; but all should be held as children of the One Light, recognized for their willingness to serve the cause of heaven and to offer what services or wherewithal they hold in trust for the holy cause of Freedom.

The words of the Christ “To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the Truth”^{*} must be understood as applied to every lifestream without exception. It has been said that the exception proves the rule, but I am equally certain that the rule will prove that there are many more manifestly unexceptional people than there are exceptional ones. No man need stand in envy of another, for what one has done, another can do. The freewill power to cede and supersede lies within the great germinal spiritual qualities of man. The rhapsody of the human soul is never more exquisite than when expressing the harmony of its great divine pattern.

Human endeavors have been plagued with an almost unabated stream of disorder, confusion, inharmony, war, and struggle. Religious endeavors have provided sparse example of a “better way.” All inharmony is the result of the struggles of the human ego to assert itself in a superior manner to another part of life. Were each part of life to harmonize itself with its God Source, all contention would cease. Let all remember, then, that it is only in divine harmony that true consecration can be developed.

^{*}John 18:37.

For clarification of each one's responsibilities, the word *consecration* may be broken down into its root intent. The latter part of the word, *ration*, denotes that each man has a peculiar and special portion or ration of God's gifts. The word *con*, which means "with," is followed by the word *sec*, which can be pronounced "seek" to mean "seeking your own ration of the divine identity," or your portion of God's gifts. The word *with* signifies that the ritual of consecration cannot be performed alone, that it requires walking the path Godward with one's fellowman, being thy brother's keeper by helping him to secure his own portion of the divine identity.

Consecration, then, is a wholehearted, unselfish seeking of God's gifts for yourselves and mankind. It is best realized in the state of listening grace exemplified by the beloved Mother Mary—the consciousness which is constantly attuned to the voice within and then—with all diligence, purity, and alacrity—carries out the divine will.

Diligence of application refers to putting off human events and pleasures and seeking the kingdom of God first in obedience to the basic precept for disciples given by beloved Jesus: "Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you."* Through following this rule of conduct, the use of this ritual will become rhythmic and the faithful steward of heaven's energies will have the reward of freedom in greater service of the Light.

Willingness to serve refers to love and adoration of the will of God which supersedes mere ephemeral expressions of human vanity and exemplifies that determined

*Matt. 6:33.

and vigilant spirit of consciousness pronounced by beloved Jesus as he descended into the world of form: “Lo, I AM come to do thy will, O God!”*

Purity of purpose indicates clarity of motivation—a flawless sense of the divine design and a selfless desire to carry it out for the glory of God and the good of all men. It never submits to weakness or the false sense of separation from the completeness of God. Its reward in the form of protection is far above mortal ken. In the words of the knight Sir Galahad, “My strength is as the strength of ten because my heart is pure.”†

When these four qualities—consecration, diligence of application, willingness to serve, and purity of purpose—embody faith in God and in his love which rewards each seeker with a greater portion of himself, the purposes of consecrated group worship become self-evident.

The Maha Chohan

Keeper of the Flame

*Heb. 10:7, 9.

†Alfred, Lord Tennyson, “Sir Galahad,” stanza 1.

I. Welcome

(Congregation should be standing*)

Conductor:

Beloved friends of the Great Light of Freedom, I AM grateful for your love of the Light and your willingness to serve the holy cause of Freedom. Let us now in God's holy name, I AM, consecrate the energies of our beings to the establishment of the divine pattern upon earth, that the kingdom of God may come into manifestation in the individual hearts of all mankind, even as it is in universal manifestation.

Let us sing "Glory Be to the Father."

Glory be to the Father
And to the Son
And to the Holy Spirit!
As it was in the beginning,
Is now and ever shall be,
Life without end—
I AM, I AM, I AM!

[Gloria Patri—to be sung three times at a lively tempo]

*It is suggested that students be present fifteen minutes in advance of the formal opening of the service, take their seats, and silently commune with the God Presence in all life while sacred or classical music is played. The place consecrated to the giving and receiving of holy energies should not be used for unnecessary conversation before or after the meetings. No smoking, gum chewing or eating in the sanctuary. As the conductor enters and takes the platform, the entire group should stand in gratitude to the great light of God released from the I AM Presence into each one's consciousness.

II. Opening Prayer and Affirmations

Adoration

(Congregation remains standing)

Conductor:

O Thou adorable, eternal Presence of God which I AM, Thou One Supreme Reality descending from the Great Central Sun in a mighty tide of Light, in a cosmic cascade of Power, Wisdom, and Love:

I AM grateful for thy presence in the universe and for thy sustaining radiance which blazes forth cosmic peace everywhere. In Truth I AM the quickening power of Divine Love which animates this temple of immortal being.

Let all vain imaginations then cease, fading as a mist before the great dazzling sun of my own Divine Reality. Let all vibratory actions of the earthly senses keep silent and be at peace in humble, grateful, loving, adoring service to this great Divine Being which I AM.

Thou art the sole* reality of my total being—the completeness of the pattern of obedience to the precepts of heaven and the full acceptance forever of the glory of thine own mighty Presence, the sustaining center of being sealed within my heart flame.

Amplify, pulsate, elevate, and raise now the qualities of the sacred fire into manifestation within me. Keep me humble before Thee, positive to the world, and forever in the service of the mighty light of God that never fails.

*soul

Optional: The conductor may invite the congregation to offer with him the Opening Prayer, the Candlelighting Ceremony, the Invocation “Because Thou Art, I AM,” the Cup Service, the Benediction, and the Blessing of Christ Peace.

Transfiguring Affirmations of Jesus the Christ

(Congregation recites or sings in unison while standing)

I AM THAT I AM

I AM the Open Door which no man can shut

I AM the Light which lighteth every man that
cometh into the world

I AM the Way

I AM the Truth

I AM the Life

I AM the Resurrection

I AM the Ascension in the Light

I AM the fulfillment of all my needs and
requirements of the hour

I AM abundant Supply poured out upon all Life

I AM perfect Sight and Hearing

I AM the manifest Perfection of Being

I AM the illimitable Light of God made manifest
everywhere

I AM the Light of the Holy of Holies

I AM a son of God

I AM the Light in the holy mountain of God

III. Candlelighting Ceremony

(Congregation remains standing)

Conductor:

O Thou Great Presence of Immortality, Thou Being of all being which I AM, the one essence and the one life of the Flame, and the one Flame of immortal Life blazing in all hearts:

I AM joyfully calling unto Thee and the great hierarchies of heaven, the Great Divine Director, the Seven Mighty Elohim, the Seven Beloved Archangels, and the Seven Beloved Chohans of the Rays to assist now in the establishment of the Mighty Unfed Flame, the Threefold Flame of Love, Wisdom, and Power, within the temple of my being.

Conductor lights candles:

In the name of the Presence of God which I AM and by and through the magnetic power of the immortal, victorious Threefold Flame of Love, Wisdom, and Power within my heart, I call forth these flames from the wondrous altars of heaven as love tokens of the sacred fire and emanations of the mighty light rays from the very heart of God.

We dedicate ourselves—all that we are, all that we ever hope to be, and all that Thou in thy greater wisdom hope for us—to the Holy Christ Flame manifest now within every heart; to the supreme Mighty I AM Presence in the sun of all suns; to beloved Alpha and Omega; to beloved Helios and Vesta; to the Great Silent Watcher and all Silent Watchers for the earth and her evolutions;

Note: For a shorter service, use paragraphs 1 through 3 on p. 12 and conclude with last paragraph on p. 13.

to beloved Sanat Kumara and the lovely Lady Master Venus; to beloved Omri-Tas, ruler of the violet planet; to beloved Lord Gautama at Shamballa, Lord of the World; to beloved Lord Maitreya, Cosmic Christ and Planetary Buddha; to beloved Jesus the Christ and Kuthumi, World Teachers; to the Seven Mighty Elohim and their divine complements; to the Seven Beloved Archangels, their Archeiai, and the entire angelic hosts of Light; to our beloved Lord the Maha Chohan, the Great Divine Director, and the Seven Beloved Chohans of the Rays; to the beloved Goddess of Liberty and the Great Karmic Board; to beloved Mother Mary, the beloved Goddess of Purity, and the entire ascended retinue of gods and goddesses; to beloved Virgo and Pelleur; beloved Aries and Thor; beloved Oromasis and Diana; beloved Neptune and Luara; the precious elemental builders of form; and all ascended and cosmic beings, powers, activities, and legions of Light in or on all worlds whatsoever, offering ourselves in the service of the Great Light to renewed consecration this day.

[Candlelighting has been completed. Conductor faces candles with arms outstretched and hands cupped.]

We enshrine these flames as tangible offerings from our hearts and the hearts of the great heavenly beings and qualify them as glorious symbols of divine Love, Wisdom, and Power to draw into our worlds now and forever the power of Light, glorifying our way back to heaven's radiant perfection, which I AM now manifesting.

IV. Invocation and Adoration to the Great Central Sun

“Because Thou Art, I AM”

(Congregation is seated)

Conductor: (Please be seated.)

O holy Presence of God, Thou great Source of all Life, hallowed be thy sacred name, I AM. We lovingly pour out our gratitude to Thee for thy supreme essence, design, and loving care for each manifestation of thy Self in form. Our hearts overflow with gratitude for thy presence in all creation; for in truth all creation can and shall declare when in the presence of true illumination and understanding, “Lo, because Thou art, I AM.”

We give Thee back now, our Father-Mother God, all energy which we have ever vested in any imperfect manifestation, whether known or unknown by us; for Thou art pure love and living Truth, and there is no other power that can act except thy Love. Let thy will be done in us daily; let thy kingdom of perfection manifest across the face of the whole earth in the hearts, minds, and lives of all who are so blessed as to live thereupon.

O beloved God Self, as we raise our consciousness and power of vision to behold Thee, release to us thy immortal substance of the sacred fire according to our individual need, so that as we go forward in thy name and service and are weighed in the great balance of perfection, we may not be found wanting.

We call upon the law of forgiveness and the violet transmuting flame for each transgression of thy perfect and harmonious law of eternal Love for ourselves and for all mankind, the Nature kingdom and the devic evolution. Give us thy Christ Spirit of illumined forgiveness, that in the fullness of understanding we may exonerate all who have ever caused us sorrow, back to the earliest beginning of our individualized manifestation.

Because Thou art both with us and in us, we fear not; for there is no power apart from Thee that can permanently hurt, destroy, or despoil the beauty of Life's immortal and perfect expression. Thou art the power by which we are raised to the high sense of righteousness which is the master blueprint of life for all. O Father Eternal, show us now the glory which we knew with Thee in the beginning before the world was.

Adoration to the Great Central Sun

(Congregation sings while standing)

Conductor: (Please rise.)

Great Central Sun, Thou we adore
Enfold us in thy Presence here
Thou art the Light forevermore
O Alpha and Omega dear.

Shine on, shine on, O lovely Light
Make all our discord melt away
Filling our worlds with great delight
As peace and happiness hold sway.

O Helios and Vesta dear
Draw us to Thee, O Light sublime
Transmuting all the shadows here
'Til all on earth becomes divine.

Now once again, Great Central Sun
We sing thy praises here below
Help us to feel we have become
That oneness we desire to know.

O radiant holy Threefold Flame
Expanded in our grateful hearts
Belov'd I AM is thy great name
In us fulfill all Thou art.

All glory to the Light above
All glory to the Light below
All glory to the Three-in-One
All glory from all life now flows.

Melody: original or hymn "Sun of my soul" (hymn tune "Hursley").
Number 587 in *Church Universal and Triumphant Book of Hymns and Songs*.

V. Prayer and Invocations to the I AM

Conductor: (Please be seated.)

I AM Lord's Prayer by Jesus the Christ

(Congregation recites or sings while seated)

Our Father who art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy name, I AM.
I AM thy Kingdom come
I AM thy Will being done
I AM on earth even as I AM in heaven
I AM giving this day daily bread to all
I AM forgiving all Life this day even as
I AM also all Life forgiving me
I AM leading all men away from temptation
I AM delivering all men from every evil condition
I AM the Kingdom
I AM the Power and
I AM the Glory of God in eternal, immortal
manifestation—
All this I AM.

Note: This prayer may either be recited or sung; see song 62 in *Church Universal and Triumphant Book of Hymns and Songs*.

Call to the Fire Breath

by the Goddess of Purity

(Congregation recites or sings while seated)

I AM, I AM, I AM the Fire Breath of God
From the heart of beloved Alpha and Omega.
This day I AM the Immaculate Concept
In expression everywhere I move.
Now I AM full of joy
For now I AM the full expression
Of Divine Love.

My beloved I AM Presence,
Seal me now
Within the very heart of
The expanding Fire Breath of God:
Let its purity, wholeness, and love
Manifest everywhere I AM today and forever!

[Repeat three times, then recite the closing]

I accept this done right now with full power. I AM
this done right now with full power. I AM, I AM, I AM
God Life expressing perfection all ways at all times. This
which I call forth for myself I call forth for every man,
woman, and child on this planet.

Note: This prayer may either be recited or sung; see song 4 in *Church
Universal and Triumphant Book of Hymns and Songs*.

Six Mighty Cosmic Light Calls

(Congregation recites while seated)

1. Unfailing Light of God, I AM calling your perfection into action in me now! (3x)
Unfailing Light of God, I AM calling your perfection into action in this organization now! (3x)
Unfailing Light of God, I AM calling your perfection into action on the earth now! (3x)
2. The blazing Light of God in the fullness of its power is victorious now! (3x)
3. Mighty Arcturus, thou Elohim of God, descend with that Light of a thousand suns to transmute all human selfishness and discord on the earth now! (3x)
4. The Light of God never fails, and the beloved Mighty I AM Presence is that Light! (3x)
5. We speak to all misqualified energy: You have no power! Your day is done! In God's name, I AM, be thou dissolved and transmuted into Light, Illumination, and Love forever! (3x)
6. The unlimited hosts of Light now move with lightning speed around the whole world, and all human shadows melt away before God's Love! (3x)

VI. To the Liberty Flame

(Congregation recites or sings while standing)

Conductor: (Please rise.)

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag*

I pledge allegiance to the flag
Of the United States of America
And to the Republic for which it stands:
One nation under God, indivisible
With liberty and justice for all.

America, We Love You†

America, we love you!
America, we love you!
America, we love you!
And our love is great enough to hold you
eternally victorious in the Light!

*may be recited while facing Old Glory, hand over heart; see song 682 to sing the Pledge if desired

†given immediately following the Pledge with left hand touching heart chakra and right hand extended palm up in gesture of devotion and blessing of the flag as it represents America and the I AM Race worldwide

Following the “Pledge of Allegiance” and the “America, We Love You” the congregation may sing any one of the following patriotic hymns: 680, 684, 685, 686, 687, 704, 415, 703, 711, 724, 234, 235, 236.

VII. Announcements

(Congregation is seated)

Conductor: (Please be seated.)

This activity of The Summit Lighthouse is conducted under the auspices of Church Universal and Triumphant under the direction of the Ascended Master El Morya, Chief of the Darjeeling Council of the Great White Brotherhood, and his Messengers Mark and Elizabeth Prophet.

Founded by Saint Germain, the Keepers of the Flame Fraternity is an outer branch of the Great White Brotherhood composed of a body of disciples pledged wholeheartedly to magnify the Flame of Life in the children of God and to support the work of the Ascended Masters through Community Teaching Centers and Study Groups around the world. The Maha Chohan and the Lords of the Seven Rays sponsor the monthly lessons and outreach, working individually to initiate all who take up the cause of world Freedom, Peace, and Enlightenment under the Knight Commander.

Weekly meetings are held in this sanctuary each _____ (give day, and state morning, afternoon, evening) at _____ o'clock in accordance with the requirements of the Great Law. All are welcome to participate in this service and to acquaint themselves further with the teachings of the Ascended Masters through the weekly *Pearls of Wisdom* and published books and by attending Summit University.

(Announcements of other Church Universal and Triumphant activities, lectures, classes, and quarterly conferences may be given here.)

VIII. Scriptural Reading and Testimonial

(Congregation remains seated)

The congregation remains seated while the conductor reads aloud a brief (up to 15-minute) selection from a volume of the Climb the Highest Mountain series. The Ascended Master Lanello has requested that Climb the Highest Mountain be read consecutively year-round as scripture “that all might realize that the communion cup of our Lord—his Body and his Blood—is truly broken in this Teaching. It is for all people. And the firstfruits must have it and hear it, learn it from childhood and know the meaning of the Word, as it builds upon the foundations of the Old and New Testaments and those ancient teachings which have descended out of the East.”

After Climb the Highest Mountain has been read once through, the conductor should read one chapter a week from *Corona Class Lessons*; if the chapter contains two *Pearls of Wisdom*, both should be read.

When readings from *Corona Class Lessons* have been completed, the conductor may choose selections from the texts and legends published in *The Lost Years of Jesus* about Jesus’ sojourn in the East. He may also read from *The Lost Teachings of Jesus* volumes I and II. Following these, readings from *Prayer and Meditation*, *Lords of the Seven Rays*, *Saint Germain On Alchemy*, and other published works by the Messengers Mark and Elizabeth Prophet are appropriate.

After the weekly scriptural reading, a member of the congregation may witness to the fruit of the application of the teachings of the Ascended Masters in his life. Testimonials should be no longer than 10 minutes.

A minister may elect to give a 15- to 20-minute sermon in place of or in addition to the reading. Lay brothers and sisters may elect to give a 5- to 10-minute homily with the approval of the Office of Ministry.

IX. Decree and Song Service

Sealing of the Temple Prayer for God-Illumined Vision

(Congregation remains seated)

Conductor:

As we prepare to consecrate our energies in the offering of decrees and songs to the service of the ascended hosts for the blessing of the Lightbearers of the world, we invoke the presence of the angelic hosts of Light, elemental builders of form, and Holy Christ Selves of all earth's evolutions to assist us here in this mighty cosmic service of Light, to join in our invocations, to accept the release of the sacred fire into their heart's chalices, and to gird the planet round with the sustained momentum of Light's victory.

It has been said, "Without vision the people perish." In the name of our own Mighty I AM Presence, we therefore appeal to that magnificent God-being the beloved mighty Elohim Cyclopea to give us the power of God-illuminated vision, that we may blend the energies of our united consciousness into one matrix, one grand design, for the protection and sealing of this place of worship in the highest service of the Light and our complete dedication to our own Divine Presence and the Ascended Masters.

Let us now visualize together the walls of this place of worship as three feet thick, composed of white-fire substance the color of the sun when shining upon new-fallen snow, ascending and descending from the heart of beloved Alpha and Omega in the Great Central Sun, from the heart of beloved Helios and Vesta in the sun of our system, and from the heart of beloved Virgo and

Pelleur in the sun of even pressure within the center of the earth, forming a threefold action of the mighty tube of Light.

Let us envision now a mighty blue-flame pillar surrounding the tube of Light. See it enfold this entire place of worship and all assembled in a surge of blue-flame protection from the heart of beloved Hercules in a balancing, sustaining action for the entire planet.

Let us envision the radiant spiral violet flame within this tube of Light, whose centripetal and centrifugal action weaves a violet flame carpet beneath our feet as it ascends from the heart of beloved Virgo and Pelleur to connect with the Great Central Sun Magnet.

Let us behold in the center of this place of worship the secret love star, its nine points of dazzling golden-pink light radiating out in all directions scintillating needle-like rays, expanding through the walls of light to bless all mankind. And let us see the Goddess of Purity enthroned high in the upper atmosphere radiating her flame of cosmic purity throughout this forcefield and service.

In conclusion, let us visualize before the altar interlaced crystalline triangles forming the six-pointed star of Mighty Victory, embracing within it the glorious All-Seeing Eye of God whose mighty light ray passes through the head area and aura of each person, transmuting all human concepts, feelings, suggestions and manifestations and all cause, effect, record and memory that is less than the Divine Plan into the Ascended Masters' purity and God-control.

[At this juncture in your Ritual proceed with your Decree and Song Service.]

X. Cup Service

We Raise Our Cup to Thee

(Congregation is standing)

Conductor: (Please rise.)

O beloved I AM Presence, Thou Great God Flame, Thou mighty fount of Eternal Being, Thou unifying Spirit of Immortal Life, Thou essence of the sacred fire, charge us with thy mighty light rays and let the fullness of thy radiance descend and enfold us. Let thy magnificent cosmic Threefold Flame of Love, Wisdom, and Power come forth into manifestation now and take full possession of our entire consciousness, being, and world.

We call unto Thee and to the Lords of white fire and blue flame from the heart of the Great Central Sun, to the Lords of Sirius, the Lords of Individuality, the Lords of Form, the Lords of Mind, and the great Lords of Karma to command and direct into action now the crystal sword, the precipitating sword, and the emerald ray in the full cosmic power of the Cosmic Christs in action to go forth and to cut all life on this planet free from everything that is less than thy glorious perfection.

We call now to the heart of God to blaze forth the immortal flame of eternal Truth, the transfiguring, resurrecting, and ascending flame of cosmic light, that we and all life may be raised into thy great cup of living flame to be baptized with the sacred fire and prepared for entrée into the Holy of Holies through the complete regeneration of all energies ever focused within our entire consciousness, being, and world.

Note: For a shorter service, the Cup Service may be omitted.

In the name of the beloved Goddess of Purity, we raise the cup of our consciousness and our very being directly to our own individualized God Presence, that we may be given the elixir of immortal Life and enter into sweet communion with the God Flame within us. We call for the manifest reality of our Being to be revealed to us, that in the days of service ahead we may ever abide in the folds of thy blessed consciousness.

I AM by thy grace a son of God! Let the words of the Holy Spirit spoken unto beloved Jesus be heard now within the temple of our being. Speak Thou the sacred fiat! Let ring the holy tone “Thou art my beloved Son in whom I AM well pleased!” So be it in God’s holy name, I AM. We thank Thee and accept it done this hour in full power.

XI. Ascended Master Dictation

(Congregation is seated)

Members of the congregation place their attention on the Mighty I AM Presence as they sit in silent meditation in communion with the entire Spirit of the Great White Brotherhood and the Ascended Master whose dictation is being given. The posture for receiving the Light of a dictation is to be seated in a lotus or half-lotus or to sit with legs uncrossed, both feet flat on the floor. The spine should be erect and the hands should be separated and placed palms upward on the knees. Hands may be cupped or have the thumb touching the index finger and the other fingers extended out naturally in the chin mudra. At the conclusion of the dictation all stand to give their respect and devotion to the Ascended Master who has dictated, reciting the responsive reading "I AM Thankful" led by the conductor.

I AM Thankful

by Lanello

(Congregation recites while standing)

Conductor: (Please rise.)

O mighty heart of God so pure,
I AM grateful now to Thee.
O gracious arms of Light secure,
I AM grateful so to be.
O circling bond of Love, endure,
I AM grateful to be free.

Thankful, thankful, thankful
AM I for thy Love.
Thankful, thankful, thankful
I AM, O God above.
Thankful, thankful, thankful
AM I in thy name.
Thankful, thankful, thankful
I AM for each God Flame.

XII. Holy Communion

The conductor invites the congregation to sing a Communion hymn or a hymn to Jesus Christ or the Maha Chohan.* During this, the Communion servers come before the altar in pairs. Each woman carries a bowl with wafers or cubes of bread and each man carries trays of grape juice prepared in small plastic cups. The congregation remains standing while a Communion blessing by one of the Messengers is played or read by the conductor.

After the blessing each set of servers goes to their designated station; the congregation comes forward row by row in single file to receive Communion and then returns to their seats. While Communion is being served the congregation may sing familiar hymns to Jesus, or *Panis Angelicus* by César Franck or any classical piece of music may be played.

Communion Blessing

by the Messenger Mark L. Prophet

(Congregation is standing)

Conductor: (Please rise.)

O eternal God, Thou who art one with all life, with the blessed consciousness of everyone who has ever lived upon the planetary body and held sweet awareness of thyself, Thou who hast broken the Bread of Life in the midst of the earliest temples of the Brotherhood, Thou who hast showered upon mankind awareness of thy kingdom of other worlds, of the strange and beautiful

*Before and during the serving of Holy Communion, the following hymns may be sung: 75-85, 118, 124, 126, 131, 132, 173, 178.

beauty that is in thy consciousness, be now Father, Mother, eternal God unto each one of us. Help us to hold gentle awareness of thy perfection working in these walls of time and serving to remind us that we can indeed make our lives sublime. For Thou hast already prepared the matrice of perfection and endowed each heart and being with that matrice.

Forgive us for our errors, the tragedies that we have created as we have gazed upon Darkness rather than Light. Help us to the newness of discovery of that rainbow of promise shining just beyond the bend in the wall of time. Let us see that hope is everywhere, that hope is real tonight for our world regardless of the appearances of tragedy and takeover and the thrusts of the denizens of darkness.

Reveal to us thy light, thy sweet and subtle light that shineth greater than any light that has ever shown upon land or sea. And break Thou the bread of Life with each of us, communing with us this night in memory of our Lord and Saviour, of the eternal Christos, the fountain from Eden that is the Creator and the Tree of Life that from the beginning of the ages was the foundation of the divine seed in man, springing up as immortality and fruition, as maturity and beauty, as the perfection of the plan in the life of each one that will change us effectively from glory unto glory, even as by thy Spirit. In Thee is no Darkness but only the Light of Life and that Light is the Light of men. So be it.

So do Thou this that we ask of Thee this night. And let thy hand and the hand of the angels change the substance we take into our bodies into the spiritual essence of the sacred fire, that as there passes down into the center of our body these broken fragments we take and partake of in memory of Thee, we may also understand the cup of the mission that is before us each one.

To partake of this is our joy. And may we surrender beautifully and completely not only for this hour, O Father, but for every hour to come when thy perfection shall make us all at last one without fear or torment.

It is to thy nearness that we dedicate ourselves, for Thou art with us always, even to the end of the age of cycles and the beginning of the new.

Our Father, so do Thou this thing in the name of the living Christ and to the sacraments of our immortal soul and the Light thereof. It is done in the name of God. It is done in the name of Christ. It is done in the name of the Brotherhood Eternal. So be it.

XIII. Love Offering

Love Offering Blessings

by the Messenger Elizabeth Clare Prophet

(Congregation is seated)

Conductor:

[Blessing 1]

Beloved Mighty I AM Presence from the heart of God, in the name of Jesus Christ, in the name of my beloved Holy Christ Self, bless this offering from our hearts. Multiply it for the blessing of all Lightbearers, for the publishing of the Word, for the comforting of those that mourn, for the feeding of those who are hungry, and for the descent of the garment of salvation and the robe of righteousness upon every child of God upon earth.

To this end, O beloved holy angels, we send you to the four corners of the earth to bring home to us our brothers and sisters of Light and to glorify the Mighty I AM Presence within them.

Ending: (Conclude either blessing with this ending)

Receive our offering, O Father. May it be acceptable in thy sight.

In the name of Jesus, in the name of Mother Mary, in the name of Saint Germain, Amen.

[All make the sign of the cross for the blessing of the offering.]

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, in the name of the Mother, Amen.

Note: When blessing the love offering, the conductor raises his hands over the offering, palms downward.

[Blessing 2]

Almighty God, Our Father-Mother, beloved Jesus, Mother Mary and Saint Germain, *blaze* forth thy Light and thy Presence to multiply this our love offering today! *Multiply* the Threefold Flame of our hearts! *Multiply* our wisdom, love and power! *Multiply* thy Light in our body, soul and mind, our chakras and the aura of thy Presence round us! *Multiply* the great source of God within us to bless all life! *Multiply* our sacred labor in the fields of thy Word and Work, whitened to the harvest! *Multiply* the ingenuity of our hearts carried out through our minds and hands! *Blaze* thy Light through us!

XIV. The Sealing of the Service

Benediction

by El Morya

(Congregation is standing)

Conductor: (Please rise.)

O Thou essence of God-Good, Thou wondrous Holy Will which I AM, gird now the planet round with thy radiance and seal each heart in its God-design until there is fulfilled in the temple of man's being the sacred unfoldment of all that is recorded there by fingers of living fire.

As the law of God was written and engraven upon stone and handed to Moses, so we say now, O Thou Holy One, engrave thy laws upon the hearts and minds of men and let them feel the pressure both of thy offering and of their acceptance of that holy offering.

I call now to the entire Darjeeling Council assembled to bring mankind to a rapt attention whereby there is created within them the recognition of the mighty tide of Light that pours forth from their own heart center:

Make them aware in their extremities of that which is within. Make them aware of the Eternal Presence anchored there. Make them aware of the Eternal Presence anchored everywhere within the universal consciousness. Make them aware that no thing exists outside of the great circle of thy hallowed Being.

Note: While giving the prayers and blessings included in the Sealing of the Service, including the Lorica, the conductor places the thumb and two fingers of his left hand at his heart chakra and extends his right hand in blessing, palm outward.

For Thou art All and in all and in Thee there is no room for darkness, discord or despair. In Thee is the all-expansive, all-pervading supreme glory which comes forth from the sun and is the power to light man's way to the end of the day of his own individualized perfection.

Hallow Thou, then, these hearts and heart chalices. Hallow, then, these Grail presences. And make of these the holy knights of the Table Round, those who shall commune in such purity as to be worthy of thy Love.

Our Father in heaven, we thank Thee. We consecrate these souls in Saint Germain's name to the Holy Brotherhood of Light. We say, seal them in the mighty flames of God. Let them be kept within the hollow of his hand and abide there forever.

With the sign of the heart and the head and the hand, the Brotherhood Eternal conveys to you the Presence of God throughout each day to come.

Abide in this . . .

Abide in this . . .

Abide in this . . .

Blessing of Christ Peace

by Kuthumi

(Congregation recites while standing)

May the peace of Christ surround you
May the peace of Christ abound in you
May the peace of Christ be with you
May the peace of Christ shine forth from you
May the peace of Christ be established upon earth
And may his Flame abide in all.

Optional Blessing:

The Sign of the Heart, the Head and the Hand . . .

With the sign of the heart, the head and the hand to you,* may the peace of the Presence abide with you. Wherever you are, wherever you go, may the glorious peace of your Presence flow. Through days of service and nights of rest, may the peace of your Presence keep you blessed.

With the sign of the heart, the head and the hand to you,* may Lord Gautama's and Jesus' cosmic cross of white fire watch between thee and me as we are absent one from the other and ever present with our God.

Peace be upon you.

*While saying these words the conductor touches his heart chakra and then third eye with the thumb and two fingers of his right hand, then extends his hand toward the congregation palm outward in the gesture of peace and benediction.

Saint Patrick's Lorica for Protection

(To be recited by the congregation with the conductor before the Returning of the Flames. Congregation remains standing.)

I bind me to-day,
God's might to direct me,
God's power to protect me,
God's wisdom for learning,
God's eye for discerning,
God's ear for my hearing,
God's word for my clearing.

God's hand for my cover,
God's path to pass over,
God's buckler to guard me,
God's army to ward me,
 Against snares of the devil,
 Against vice's temptation,
 Against wrong inclination,
 Against men who plot evil,
 A near or afar, with many or few.

Christ near,
Christ here,
Christ be with me,
Christ beneath me,
Christ within me,
Christ behind me,
Christ be o'er me,
Christ before me.

Note: *Lorica* is a Latin word meaning "breastplate."

Christ in the left and the right,
Christ hither and thither,
Christ in the sight
 Of each eye that shall seek me,
 In each ear that shall hear,
 In each mouth that shall speak me—
Christ not the less
In each heart I address.

I bind me to-day on the Triune—I call,
With faith in the Trinity—Unity—God over all.

Returning of the Flames

(Congregation remains standing)

Congregation remains standing until the conductor has silently offered the gift of our heart's fire to our God Parents, beloved Alpha and Omega, has called for the light invoked to be taken to the heart of the Cosmic Christ, and has extinguished the candles (first Jesus' side and then Saint Germain's side), which have been charged with the devotions offered during the service. As soon as the candles are extinguished, the recording of the recessional, "Hallelujah, Amen" or another uplifting hymn or other piece of music, begins. If a hymn is played, all join in singing as the conductor retires to the back of the sanctuary to greet members of the congregation at the door as they exit. No private business is to be conducted on church premises following services.

Hallelujah, Amen

(Congregation sings while standing)

Hallelujah, Amen, Amen
Hallelujah, Amen.
Hallelujah, Amen, Amen
Hallelujah, Amen.
Hallelujah, Amen, Amen
Hallelujah, Amen.
Amen, Amen
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah.
Hallelujah, Amen, Amen
Hallelujah, Amen.

O Judah, rejoice, rejoice!
Rejoice, O Judah, in songs divine
With Cherubim and Seraphim harmonious join
With Cherubim and Seraphim harmonious join
Hallelujah, Amen, Amen
Hallelujah, Amen.
And in songs divine, harmonious join
Hallelujah, Amen, Amen
Hallelujah, Amen.
Amen. Amen. .
Hallelujah, Amen.

Note: Dots denote beats

From *Judas Maccabaeus* by George Frederick Handel, number 56 in *Church Universal and Triumphant Book of Hymns and Songs*.

XV. Instructions

For the Conductor of the Ritual

The term “conductor” used herein refers to the director of the ritual and order of service. The Ascended Masters have designated this term because it is used to describe the leader of an orchestra and denotes one who is expected to keep divine harmony within himself and thereby be a conductor of the Light of God released for the blessing of the congregation and all Lightbearers of the world.

After the conductor has announced the Gloria Patri, the usher admits those who may have arrived after the service was formally opened. The conductor may admit other latecomers at various intervals during the Ritual and the Decree Service. The conductor may invite the congregation to offer with him the Opening Prayer, the Candlelighting Ceremony, the Invocation “Because Thou Art, I AM,” the Cup Service, the Benediction, and the Blessing of Christ Peace.

If no candles are available, the candlelighting ceremony should still be given, bearing in mind that the flames are outer symbols of the radiant Flame of Life to which every Keeper of the Flame is dedicated.

Group Decree and Song Service

This portion of the service following the Sealing of the Temple is for the giving of decrees and songs taken from *Prayers, Meditations and Dynamic Decrees for Personal and World Transformation*; *Church Universal and Triumphant Book of Hymns and Songs*; and such other mantras, decrees, and rosaries as are published by the Messenger from time to time. As the Ascended Masters themselves have created a divine matrix for this activity and released it in the worded decrees, no alterations or abbreviations should be made. Such deviations do not support the original intent of beloved Saint Germain and El Morya. Immediately

preceding the preamble of a decree, recorded invocations by one of the Messengers may be played and the conductor may make a specific invocation or intercessory prayer on behalf of the Lightbearers of the world. Individual inserts may also be given simultaneously following the preamble.

It is always desirable to use the decree and song recordings released by Church Universal and Triumphant for a portion of or for the entire service. Songs and decrees recorded at our headquarters containing the voices of hundreds of devotees and instruments whose sounds carry the vibrations of the altar and the heavenly hosts do multiply the action of those offering their adorations in Teaching Centers, Study Groups and private homes around the world. The oneness of the sound in adoration on Sundays and throughout the week creates a worldwide communion and a oneness of the members of the Great White Brotherhood unascended. Go to the online bookstore at www.SummitLighthouse.org or contact Customer Service at 1-800-245-5445 or 406-848-9500 for currently available recordings.

Selections of decrees and songs are made by the conductor according to the needs of the hour. They should commence with the tube of light and protection decrees followed by violet flame and forgiveness decrees. Numbers 6.00 or 6.01 and at least one verse from 6.02 are suggested as well as prayers for the Lightbearers of the world and our beloved Church and any decrees which may be specified from time to time by the Ascended Masters, Messengers and Board of Directors of Church Universal and Triumphant.

Ascended Master Dictation

During the Cup Service a chalice, preferably crystal, may be raised by the conductor as a focal point for the Light released from on high and as a symbol of the individual heart chalice for the congregation. Classical or devotional music may be played during this invocation.

Following the Cup Service, the Ascended Master address is given. Where the Messenger Elizabeth Clare Prophet is not present, an audio or video recording of a dictation from a member of the hierarchy of Light delivered through her or the Messenger Mark L. Prophet or one of the Messengers' lectures released by The Summit Lighthouse is played. The conductor announces the name of the Ascended Master who will speak.

Usually only one dictation is played per meeting, unless two or more Ascended Masters spoke at the original session; however, circumstances may dictate otherwise. Where recordings are not available, Ascended Master dictations from Church Universal and Triumphant conferences or selections from the *Pearls of Wisdom*, *Climb the Highest Mountain*, and other Summit Lighthouse publications may be read. Keepers of the Flame Lessons are not to be read in group meetings; they are for private and individual use only.

Since there is no better exposé of Truth than the Ascended Masters' own words, which are cups of Light, the conductor should in general refrain from giving personal instruction at the formal weekly Sacred Ritual Service. However, ministers may elect to give a 15- to 20-minute sermon in place of or in addition to the reading. Lay brothers and sisters may elect to give a 5- to 10-minute homily with the approval of the Office of Ministry. Newcomers should be referred to the Keepers of the Flame Lessons, *Pearls of Wisdom*, and other published writings of the Ascended Masters. Their questions are better answered individually after the service or at other informal gatherings arranged for this purpose where the assimilation of the Word through the ritual, decrees, and dictations is not the sole purpose of the service. This uniform order of service unites the hearts and energies of Community Teaching Centers chartered by Church Universal and Triumphant and Summit Lighthouse Study Groups throughout the world and upholds the highest standards set by the Great White Brotherhood for this organization of the

chelas of the Ascended Masters.

After the Ascended Master dictation or reading, the group rises and recites the responsive reading “I AM Thankful” either once or three times. This is followed by the serving of Holy Communion and the collection of the love offering. Holy Communion may also be given earlier in the service to accommodate families.

Holy Communion

The conductor reads or plays the recording of a Communion blessing by one of the Messengers. The blessing is not given in unison with the congregation. Communion is served by the conductor and those approved to assist him. Communion servers must either be ministers, lay ministers, lay brothers or lay sisters, current board members of Teaching Centers and Study Groups, or others specifically approved through the Office of Ministry. If approved communion servers are not available, communion may be placed on a small table separate from the main altar and members of the congregation may serve themselves.

Love Offering

After the ushers collect the love offering and bear it to the altar, a love offering blessing by one of the Messengers is read or played by the conductor or a minister may give a blessing. When blessing the love offering the conductor raises his hands over the offering, palms downward. Contributions are to be used to defray expenses connected with hall rentals, upkeep of the sanctuary, and the purchase of publications and audio and video recordings of sermons and dictations of the Ascended Masters delivered through the Messengers. When these expenses are met, contributions may be used for outreach and other special projects. Group conductors are not salaried.

Contributions to Church Universal and Triumphant, its chartered Teaching Centers and some Study Groups are tax

deductible in the United States. Envelopes may be provided for identification so that donors can receive a receipt for their love offerings. Church Universal and Triumphant Community Teaching Centers and chartered Study Groups are required to tithe the love offering to the Mother Church to help support the ongoing releases of the Ascended Masters.

The Sealing of the Service

While giving the prayers and blessings in the Sealing of the Service, including the Lorica, the conductor places the thumb and two fingers of his left hand at his heart chakra and extends his right hand in blessing, palm outward. In addition to or instead of the “Blessing of Christ Peace” the conductor may give “The Sign of the Heart, the Head and the Hand . . .” Following this the congregation may recite in unison with the conductor “Saint Patrick’s Lorica for Protection.”

The congregation remains standing while the conductor silently returns the flames to beloved Alpha and Omega in the Great Central Sun. As soon as the candles have been extinguished, “Hallelujah, Amen” or another piece of recessional music may be played as the conductor retires to the back of the sanctuary to greet members of the congregation as they exit. Light refreshments may be served as people congregate in Christian fellowship. Spiritual music may continue.

Music should be played fifteen minutes after the benediction for those who desire to be seated to absorb the radiation from the octaves of Light. Piano, organ, or symphonic instrumental recordings may be used. Selections should be sacred or classical in keeping with the exalted vibrations of the heavenly hosts bestowed upon all during the service.

Instructions For Your Altar Setup

The central focus of the altar is the Chart of Your Divine Self, which is hung centered above the altar table. The Chart is flanked by the Charles Sindelar portraits of Saint Germain on the right and Jesus Christ on the left as you face the altar. The pictures are hung so that Saint Germain's and Jesus' eyes are level with each other and level with the center of the upper figure in the Chart. A portrait of Kuthumi may be hung to the left of Jesus' portrait or on the left side of the sanctuary if there is not room above the altar. El Morya may be similarly positioned to the right of Saint Germain.

The Chart and the portraits of the Masters are available in various sizes suitable for framing for an altar. A folding standup portable altar, containing five panels with the Chart and the Masters' portraits, is also available in laminated heavy stock for use in a temporary location. Go to the online bookstore at www.SummitLighthouse.org or contact Customer Service at 1-800-245-5445 or 406-848-9500 for currently available sizes and prices.

A rectangular library table may be used for the altar. The table should be centered beneath the Chart. It may extend beyond the portraits of Jesus and Saint Germain but it should not be shorter if at all possible.

The altar at headquarters is a wooden table (14 ft. long, 3 ft. wide, and 32 in. high from the riser on which the Messenger stood or 39 in. high from the floor). It is covered with colored fabric and skirted with a pleated drape of the same material. A white linen altar cloth narrower than the width of the table is draped over the colored cloth. You may wish to cover your table with a cloth in a pastel shade of any one of the seven rays—white, yellow or gold, pink, violet, purple, green, and blue. The narrower altar cloth that is usually draped over the colored cloth should be white.

The following focuses are part of the altar arrangement in King Arthur's Court. It is recommended to follow this general pattern in order to anchor the flame from the High Altar in your own sanctuary.

1. A chalice made of cut glass or crystal (lead crystal is acceptable) placed in the center of the altar beneath or in front of the lower figure in the Chart. If you do not have a crystal or glass chalice available, a simple clear glass bowl may be substituted.

2. Candles. The formal number of candles used on the altar is fourteen, seven on each side. One, two, three, or seven may be substituted. Where fire regulations do not permit the use of candles, a candelabra with flame bulbs may be used. Candles may be the pastel shades of the colors of the rays, but custom favors white candles.

3. The King James Version of the Bible. If you use the Jerusalem Bible to further illumine the King James Version, you may also keep that Bible on the altar. Bibles should be behind and to the left of the conductor so that they are easily accessible.

4. The representative "Books of the Law": the first volume of the Climb the Highest Mountain series, *The Lost Years of Jesus*, and *The Lost Teachings of Jesus I and II*. It is preferable to use the hardbound editions of these volumes. These four books are stacked on top of each other or are standing between bookends. The design of the bookends should reflect religious symbolism or complement the rest of your altar decor.

5. 5" x 7" or 8" x 10" standing, framed photographs of the Two Witnesses, the Messengers Mark L. Prophet and Elizabeth Clare Prophet. Mark L. Prophet's photograph should be on Jesus' side of the altar and Elizabeth Clare Prophet's on Saint Germain's side.

6. One or more vases of fresh or artificial flowers.

7. Selected statuary of Cosmic Beings or Ascended Masters, such as Jesus Christ, Saint Francis, Gautama Buddha, Lord Maitreya, Lord Krishna, Lord Shiva, Archangel Michael,

Archangel Gabriel, the Goddess of Liberty, Kuan Yin, and Mother Mary.

8. Pieces of natural quartz crystal and amethyst crystal are optional.

Life-size statues of Mother Mary (to the conductor's right) and Kuan Yin (to the conductor's left) may be put up in your place of worship as focuses of the Divine Mother East and West. Matching chairs may be positioned at both ends of the altar for the conductor and assistant conductor. A small chest or a stand with drawers placed next to the chairs may be used for decree and song books, Sacred Ritual booklets, a glass of water for the conductor, and other materials needed at the altar.

The American flag is displayed to the conductor's right beyond the picture of Jesus; to the conductor's left beyond Saint Germain's picture is the flag of Church Universal and Triumphant or the flag of the state or nation where the group is located. A Nativity scene is displayed year-round on a table at a right angle to the altar on Saint Germain's side. Musicians, their instruments, and a choir for live accompaniment are either to the right or the left of the conductor. Equipment for recording or for playing audio and video recordings can be to the right of the conductor or in the rear of your place of worship.

To conduct the Sacred Ritual for Keepers of the Flame wherever you may find yourself or if you serve the infirm or immobile, all you need is a portable altar, which can even fit in a backpack or briefcase, a simple glass as a chalice, two candles, your Sacred Ritual booklet, decree and song books, a means to play recordings of decrees and hymns, and extra decree booklets for those who may be participating in the Ritual with you. In this way you can also bring the "Watch With Me" Jesus' Vigil of the Hours, Saint Germain Service or other services to out-of-the-way places or wherever you may be invited to conduct a service.