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Song: He touched me.

Narrator: Let us be in an attitude of prayer.

Chaplain: Our Heavenly Father, we thank you for your ray of love which shines from the Star of Hope and lights the pathway of life which we tread. We have been enriched by the touch of love in our lives. This love has been reflected in the lives of our departed Sisters and brothers. As our lives have been touched by theirs, we have benefited. We pray that, in our own way, we too may touch others for good. As we travel this earthly path, may we keep our faith so that we are strong in our belief and continue to be true to the principles of our Order. We praise your mercy and love. Amen.

Narrator: Many are the sacred ties now broken and the loving memories cherished of those who have touched our lives through the years. They have answered the call of our Master to abide in His loving care and mercy in His house of many rooms – that house, eternal in the heavens not made with hands.

Our loved ones who have gone before us have emulated the teachings of the heroines of our Star.

Fidelity to each vow spoken has been exemplified in the life of Adah, who represents the blue ray of our Star. Even though she was young, as many are who are called by the Master, she realized the importance of abiding by a promise made in good faith. She was willing to give her life to uphold this principle. So too, were our Sisters and Brothers as they realized the value of keeping one's word.

To Ruth, the keeper of the yellow ray, we attribute the virtue of constancy. In our relationship with others it is important to be constantly true to right and duty. This constancy is shown in the devotion to our Order and its beliefs. By our departed Sisters and Brothers.

Esther's loyalty was evinced by her responsible reaction to the plight of her kindred and friends. Loyalty many times comes at a high price. Esther was willing to risk all, in her position as Queen, in order to remain loyal to her race. Without this loyalty to our own beliefs, to our own families and to our friends, our lives would be quite lonely. This loyalty of our sisters and Brothers is evidenced by the strength of the bonds which unite our membership.

Faith is the substance of our belief, without Faith, our lives would be empty and meaningless. From day to day, the events in our world demand that our faith must be strong to meet whatever trial may assail us. The faith of Martha was portrayed in her answers to Jesus' queries. In like manner, the faith of all of us is tested daily in many

ways. We walk by faith and not by sight. So too did our dear departed Sisters and Brothers.

The red ray of Electa, symbolizing love, completes the rays of our star. Love for one another, love for our Teacher, example and redeemer seems to be the all encompassing ingredient in the fullness of life as we know it. Through love, our Sisters and Brothers have instilled in those whose lives they touched, the spirit of the mercy and care of our Heavenly Father.

The rays from the virtues of our heroines all combine to make the white ray of fidelity, constancy, loyalty, faith and love, combined in this merciful beam of light which have guided our departed members to the promised mansion of Eternal Life. May this light continue to shine upon our way.

Our tribute today is in memory of those who have walked through this earthly labyrinth of life and have left some of themselves in the hearts of us who are still on our earthly journey. They, as well as God, have touched our lives and have made a difference in us.

It is our firm belief that they are reunited with loved ones gone before and abide in the mercy and care of our Heavenly Father. Let us rejoice for them and know that all earthly cares are put aside and they have entered into the fullness of Eternal Life.

Let us unite in prayer.

Chaplain: Dear Father, thanks be to you for love and mercy and friendships dear to all. We are blessed by your promise of eternal life and look forward to joining those who have gone before us when we answer your call to come home. Continue to be with us as we rejoice together in the knowledge that those who have left this earthly tabernacle are in your love and care. We ask your blessing on all. Amen.

Song: How Great Thou Art.