

## CEREMONY OF THE FLOWERS

This narration may be used to present or introduce Bethel Officers at open meetings such as installations, promotional meetings, etc. Any formation and/or seating arrangement may be used.

### NARRATOR:

**There are many flowers, and rare,  
In God's Garden,  
Nourished with tender care,  
In God's Garden.**

**Faith is there in radiant hue;  
Hope and kindness bloom there, too,  
Flowers of friendship ever true,  
In God's Garden.**

**Sown in human hearts, the seeds,  
Drenched with dew of goodly deeds,  
Yielding bloom to meet our needs,  
In God's Garden.**

**Come then, enter now Job's Daughters  
Walking as you would walk in God's Garden  
Touched with the light that comes from above  
Bearing a symbol of the dear Lord's love,  
The Horn of Plenty with for abundance does stand,  
Abundance of life's riches, given by his hands.  
Pause**

**The Bethel Choir enters, each carrying the Green Fern, a symbol of sincerity.**

**You are young as the morning  
Of one of God’s days,  
Yet a gift you are giving  
In so many ways.**

**A gift of sweet music  
Melodic and bright,  
Of Grace and Sincerity  
Shared here tonight.**

**Time rushes on  
And so very soon  
You’ll be living the hours  
Of God’s afternoon.**

**You’ll walk many paths  
From some friends you will part  
But the memory of this hour  
Will remain in your heart.**

**The Inner and Outer Guard enter, each carrying a Hyacinth, symbolic of faith.**

**\_\_\_\_\_ as Inner Guard, with love and grace  
Guard ever faithfully this sacred place.**

**\_\_\_\_\_ as Outer Guard, your tasks begin  
To close our gate against evil and sin.**

**The Junior and Senior Custodian enter, each holding a Purple Lilac for thoughtfulness.**

**\_\_\_\_\_ as Senior Custodian, keep the incense**

**burning bright  
 Gilding the day, silvering the night.  
 \_\_\_\_\_ as Junior Custodian, seek peace and  
 thoughtfulness and love  
 Ever mindful it is you who guard the dove.**

**The Musician, Librarian and Chaplain enter, each bearing a Lily which through all ages has symbolized purity.**

**\_\_\_\_\_ our Musician,  
 Just as flowers which are blooming, brighten our days,  
 Our Bethel is brightened when sweet music plays.  
 \_\_\_\_\_ as Librarian,  
 Knowledge is the flower in your care  
 God’s divine teachings, help us to share.  
 \_\_\_\_\_ as Chaplain,  
 Help us wrench free from evil’s control,  
 Remind us “Tis God who restoreth the soul.”**

**The Recorder and Treasurer enter, each carrying a Peony which stands for love.**

**\_\_\_\_\_ as Treasurer,  
 Not only earthly wealth, but noble treasures too  
 Are given for safe keeping trustfully to you.  
 \_\_\_\_\_ as Recorder,  
 Dip your pen in friendship, write of every act and deed  
 Let you records tell of faith and love, according to our creed.**

**The Five Messengers enter, each bearing a Gladiolus, a symbol of generosity and abundance.**

**\_\_\_\_\_ as First Messenger, tells the Pilgrims  
 How Job, restless and torn with every breath**

**Wearily, yearningly, longed for death.**

\_\_\_\_\_ as Second Messenger, tells the Pilgrims  
**How one said unto Job,  
If pure and upright thou would'st be  
Surely God would take heed of thee.**

\_\_\_\_\_ as Third Messenger, tells the Pilgrims  
**How one said unto Job,  
Behold the fear of the Lord is wise  
And understanding is evil to despise.**

\_\_\_\_\_ as Fourth Messenger, tells the Pilgrims how  
**The Lord spake unto Job and ended his strife  
Restoring faith, riches and peace into his life.**

\_\_\_\_\_ as Fifth Messenger, tells the Pilgrims how  
**Throughout the land, none were so fair  
As Job's Daughters,...so all did declare.**

**The Guide and Marshal enter, each carrying a Yellow Rose which denotes friendship.**

\_\_\_\_\_ as Marshal, you have a wonderful part  
**To guard our Flag with all your heart.  
Guard it with truth and love sublime  
Which will keep it unsullied to the end of time.**

\_\_\_\_\_ as Guide, lead the Pilgrims to the beautiful, to  
**the good,  
Guide them there in loving sisterhood  
Nor slaken for a moment your heart's endeavor  
To extend to them friendship and love forever.**

**The Junior and Senior Princess enter, each carrying an Orchid, a symbol of nobility, love and beauty.**

\_\_\_\_\_ as **Junior Princess**, remember that,  
**Nobility, love and beauty are not words alone,  
But they are the flowers from the seeds we have sown.  
In church, in school and home we must help them grow,  
To brighten the paths on which others must go.**

\_\_\_\_\_ as **Senior Princess**, remember that,  
**Life is splendid if well fulfilled,  
If never the word of God is stilled  
If each flower blooms as He has willed  
If with his teachings, the heart is thrilled  
Then life is splendid and well fulfilled.**

**The Honored Queen enters, bearing the flower of our Order, the Lily of the Valley, symbolic of purity.**

\_\_\_\_\_, **life gathers a bouquet of special flowers,  
Laughter is the sunshine, tears are the showers  
Which make them grow, help them to be  
A part of remembrance until eternity.**

**This hour for you..., a precious one  
Earned by your efforts and work well done  
Parents and loved ones proudly share  
This hour when a crown you start to wear.**

**New tasks have begun...ideals understood  
Ennobling your young Christian girlhood.**

Pause

**If when years hence all this will seen  
Like some shadowy half remembered dream,  
Your heart will recall your own chosen theme  
“The Ceremony of the Flowers.”**