**Fire Ceremony**

**Gayatri Mantra (*ghee)***

Om Bhur Bhu(r)vah(a) swah(a)

Om tat savitur varenyam

bhargo de-vasya dhi-mahi

dhi-yo yo nah(a)

pra-chodayat Om.

*(We meditate on the Supreme Effulgence of the three universes. May it enlighten our consciousness.)*

**Mahamrityunjaya Mantra *(rice)***

Om. Triambakam yajamahe sugandhim pushti vardhanam

Urvar-ukam-eva bhandhanan

mritoyor mukshi-ya mamritat. Swa-ha

*(We worship that One of divine vision who nourishes all living beings. May He free us from death and grant us immortality.)*

# HYMN TO BRAHMA

**Guru Brahma, Guru Vishna, Gurudeva Maheshwara**

**Guru sakshyat, parambrahma, tasmai sri guravay namaha**

**Brahma-nandam Parama-sukhadam**

**Kevalam Gyana Murtim**

**Dandwa Teetam, Gagana Sadrisham**

**Tatwama Shyam di Lakshyam**

**Ekam Nityam Vimalam Achalam**

**Sarvadhe Sakshi Bhutam**

**Bhawa Teetam Triguna Rahitam**

**Satguru Twam Namami**

# HYMN TO BRAHMA

**First verse: rough translation: (not sung)**

(Guru is Brahma, Vishnu and Shiva.[[1]](#footnote-1)

 He creates, sustains knowledge and destroys ignorance. I salute the Guru.)

**Sung in English: Full of bliss, giving joy, transcendent**

**Of higher knowledge the abode:**

**Dual no more, clear as the heavens**

**Known to all as "*Thou art That*".**

**He is pure, permament, unmoving,**

**the everlasting Seer of all;**

**Far, far beyond qualities and thought,**

**Guru Lord, I bow to Thee.**

Twameva Mata

Twameva Mata, Chapita Twameva.
Twameva Bandhu, Cha Sakha Twameva.
Twameva Vidya, Dravinum Twameva.
Twameva Sarvam Mama Deva Deva.

Thou art my mother, my father, thou art

Thou art my friend, like a brother Thou art

Thou art my wisdom, my wealth Thou art

Thou art my all, light of lights art Thou.

Here the devotee surrenders his or her individuality to the Lord for his Grace.

1. Brahma, Vishnu, Shiva are personified aspects of AUM: creative vibration, middle, and low cycle of vibration. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)