

## 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.<sup>1</sup>)

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, permanent, 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.

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<sup>1</sup> Brahma, Vishnu, Shiva are personified aspects of AUM: creative vibration, middle, and low cycle of vibration.