

# Say the Black and Do the Red

The hearthkeeper walks down the central aisle, striking the ground with the aspergillum held in her tail as she walks. When the hearthkeeper reaches the sanctuary steps, an acolyte pulls back the sanctuary curtain obscuring the star hearth. The hearthkeeper ascends the steps. Without turning away from the hearth, she recites the opening prayer.

Thou, O Uncaused One, art the cause of all that is.  
Thou, O Unmoved One, set the heavens in motion.  
Thou, O unchanging One, art the wellspring of life.  
Thou, O Unknowable One, art the source of all we know.  
Thou whose light fills all of Creation, art the light we cannot see.

O Infinite One, who are we, the most infinitesimal of thy creatures, that thou heedest our cries?

The Hearthkeeper turns to her litter.

Let us howl, o little ones, may our voices rise to the Empyrean.

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