1. **Meaning**

A shrine is the place for revering Lao Mu, our Heavenly Mother Ming Ming Shang Di. Therefore, whenever we arrive at or depart from a shrine, we must use the Arrival / Departure Ritual to pay respect appropriately.

If there are Tao Transmitting Masters present, we must also include them in the ritual, in order to express reverence for the Heavenly Decree.

(The Primary and Secondary Conductors of Ceremony are the ones who call out the steps of the ritual.)

1. **Procedure**

Primary: Seal-bow, kneel

Greeting / farewell to Ming Ming Shang Di, ﬁve bows

Secondary: 1 bow, 2 bow, 3 bow, 4 bow, 5 bows

Primary: All heavenly deities, three bows

Secondary: 1 bow, 2 bow, 3 bows

Primary: Mi Le Buddha, three bows

Secondary: 1 bow, 2 bow, 3 bows

Primary: Nan Hai Ancient Buddha, one bow Secondary: 1 bow

Primary: Ji Gong Living Buddha Secondary: 1 bow

Primary: Yueh Huei Bodhisattva Secondary: 1 bow

Primary: Shi Zuen

Secondary: 1 bow

Primary: Shi Mu

Secondary: 1 bow

Primary: Tao Transmitting Master

Secondary: 1 bow

Primary: Introducer and Guarantor Secondary: 1 bow

Primary: All seniors and cultivators, one bow Secondary: 1 bow

Primary: Rise, Seal-bow

Arrival / Departure Ritual is completed

Secondary: Step back

**Note:** When Grand Senior Masters, Senior Masters, Senior Tao Transmitting Masters, Tao Transmitting Masters are also participating in the Arrival / Departure Ritual:

Primary: Seal-bow, kneel

All senior masters; 1 bow

Secondary: 1 bow

Primary: Rise, Seal-bow, kneel

All Tao Transmitting Masters; 1 bow

Secondary: 1 bow

Primary: Rise, Seal-bow

Arrival / Departure Ritual is completed

Secondary: Step back

**1. Daily Worship Ritual**

Primary: Seal-bow, kneel

Ming Ming Shang Di, ten bows

Secondary: 1 bow, 2 bow, 3 bow, 4 bow, 5 bow, 6 bow, 7 bow, 8 bow, 9 bow, 10 bows

Primary: Rise, Seal-bow, kneel

Heaven / Earth / Sovereign / Parents / Teachers, ﬁve bows (9 bows on 1st & 15th, special occasions etc.)

Secondary: 1 bow, 2 bow, 3 bow, 4 bow, 5 bows

Primary: All heavenly deities, ﬁve bows (or 9 bows)

Secondary: 1 bow, 2 bow, 3 bow, 4 bow, 5 bows

Primary: Mi Le Buddha, ﬁve bows (or 9 bows)

Secondary: 1 bow, 2 bow, 3 bow, 4 bow, 5 bows

Primary: Nan Hai Ancient Buddha, ﬁve bows

Secondary: 1 bow, 2 bow, 3 bow, 4 bow, 5 bows

Primary: Saints of the Five Religions, ﬁve bows

Secondary: 1 bow, 2 bow, 3 bow, 4 bow, 5 bows

Primary: Ji Gong Buddha, ﬁve bows

Secondary: 1 bow, 2 bow, 3 bow, 4 bow, 5 bows

Primary: Yueh Huei Bodhisattva, ﬁve bows

Secondary: 1 bow, 2 bow, 3 bow, 4 bow, 5 bows

Primary: The Masters of Dharmic Laws, ﬁve bows

Secondary: 1 bow, 2 bow, 3 bow, 4 bow, 5 bows

Primary: Chang Sheng Da Di, ﬁve bows

Secondary: 1 bow, 2 bow, 3 bow, 4 bow, 5 bows

Primary: Zhao Jun, three bows

Secondary: 1 bow, 2 bow, 3 bows

Primary: Shi Zun, three bows

Secondary: 1 bow, 2 bow, 3 bows

Primary: Shi Mu, three bows

Secondary: 1 bow, 2 bow, 3 bows

Primary: Zhen Dian Guardian Marshal, three bows

Secondary: 1 bow, 2 bow, 3 bows

Primary: Zhen Dian Guardian General, three bows

Secondary: 1 bow, 2 bow, 3 bows

Primary: Jiao Hua Bodhisattva, three bows

Secondary: 1 bow, 2 bow, 3 bows

Primary: All Celestial Immortals, three bows

Secondary: 1 bow, 2 bow, 3 bows

Primary: Tao Leaders, one bow

Secondary: 1 bow

Primary: Senior Masters

Secondary: 1 bow

Primary: Tao Transmitting Masters

Secondary: 1 bow

Primary: Introducers and Guarantors

Secondary: 1 bow

Primary: Our own ancestors

Secondary: 1 bow

Primary: Kneel to read the Prayer of Vows and Repentance

Disciple, [state your name], kneel sincerely before the lotus throne of Ming Ming Shang Di, blessed with the authentic transmission of the Tao. Three bows

Secondary: 1 bow, 2 bow, 3 bows

Primary: Mi Le Buddha, with wondrous dharma that is inﬁnite, protects all sentient beings, I repent before the Buddha to correct my errors and renew myself so that we may complete the heavenly work together. Three bows

Secondary: 1 bow, 2 bow, 3 bows

Primary: For everything related to the temple, if I have done anything wrong, may Mi Le Buddha forgive me. Ten bows

Secondary: 1 bow, 2 bow, 3 bow, 4 bow, 5 bow, 6 bow, 7 bow, 8 bow, 9 bow, 10 bows

Primary: Nan Wu Ah Mi Shi Fo Tien Yuen. Ten bows

Secondary: 1 bow, 2 bow, 3 bow, 4 bow, 5 bow, 6 bow, 7 bow, 8 bow, 9 bow, 10 bows

Primary: Rise, Seal-bow, kneel, beseech the great mercy of Lao Mu

To keep all sentient beings away from calamities

One hundred bows

Secondary: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, one

1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, two

1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, three

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1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, eight

1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, nine

1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, one hundred bows

Primary: Jin Gong Patriarch, ﬁve bows

Secondary: 1 bow, 2 bow, 3 bow, 4 bow, 5 bows

Primary: Tien Ran Ancient Buddha, ﬁve bows

Secondary: 1 bow, 2 bow, 3 bow, 4 bow, 5 bows

Primary: Zhong Hua Sheng Mu, ﬁve bows

Secondary: 1 bow, 2 bow, 3 bow, 4 bow, 5 bows

Primary: , three bows

Secondary: 1 bow, 2 bow, 3 bows

(Please continue to revere the Chien Ren [senior masters] who have passed away for each branch)

(Below are examples from the Ji Chu Zhong Shu branch)

Primary: Tsi Li Da Xian, three bows

Secondary: 1 bow, 2 bow, 3 bows

Primary: Tsi Hua Zhen Jun, three bows

Secondary: 1 bow, 2 bow, 3 bows

Primary: Tsi Yo Di Jun, three bows

Secondary: 1 bow, 2 bow, 3 bows

Primary: Tsi Zheng Tian Jun, three bows

Secondary: 1 bow, 2 bow, 3 bows

Primary: Grand Senior Master Chang, three bows

Secondary: 1 bow, 2 bow, 3 bows

Primary: Rise, Seal-bow, kneel

All accomplished Senior Masters, one bow

Secondary: 1 bow

Primary: All accomplished Tao Transmitting Masters, one bow

Secondary: 1 bow

***(Morning Worship Ritual)***

Primary: Rise, Seal-bow, kneel

Beseech again the great mercy of Lao Mu to eliminate evil temptations and tests, one hundred bows

***(Evening Worship Ritual)***

Primary: Rise, Seal-bow, kneel

Beseech again the great mercy of Lao Mu

For our sincere repentance, one hundred bows

Primary: Rise, Seal-bow, the Morning (Midday, Evening) Worship Rituals completed

Secondary: Step back