Lighting/Sending off the Holy Lamps Propriety

Instructions:

- Lighting the holy lamps is to invite Heavenly mother to prayer hall
- Before start of the propriety, one must ask permission from Master or the most senior Tan Zhu (TZ)
 - "Master / Tan Zhu Ci Bei, I am going to light up/sent off the Holy Lamp. Thank you Master / Tan Zhu Ci Bei"
- After completion of the propriety, one must ask permission from Master or the most senior Tan Zhu (TZ)
 - "Master / Tan Zhu Ci Bei, the Holy Lamp has been lighted up/sent off. Thank you Master / Tan Zhu Ci Bei"

1. Lighting the Holy Lamps

1	Bow to Heavenly Mother to begin Lighting the Holy Lamps propriety.
2	Say this preparation verse to all:
	"Tao brothers and sisters, we are going to start lighting the Holy Lamps. Now I would like to ask you to stand in separate groups of males and females, tidy your attire, and to maintain silence."
3	Move to the first kneeler.
	Bow, kneel down and pray 10 times.
4	Rise Bow Move to the incense stick position.
	Take the incense stick from the vase, dip it in oil, and use a lighter to light the incense stick.
5	Light up the Mother Lamp (center lamp) and then take a Bow.
	Use one hand to hold the incense stick vertically while the other hand is kept by the side of the body. Move to the next lamp.
6	Light up the Sun lamp (right lamp) and then take a Bow.
	Use one hand to hold the incense stick vertically while the other hand is kept by the side of the body. Move to the next lamp.
7	Light up the Moon lamp (left lamp) and then take a Bow.
8	Use one hand to hold the incense stick vertically while the other hand is kept by the side of the body. Move to the incense stick position.
	Put the incense stick back in the vase.
9	Say this completion verse to all:
	"Everyone takes a Bow to Heavenly Mother."
10	Bow to Heavenly Mother to complete Lighting the Holy Lamps propriety.



2. Sending off the Holy Lamps

1	Bow to Heavenly Mother to begin Sending off the Holy Lamps propriety.
2	Say this preparation verse to all:
	"Tao brothers and sisters, we are going to start sending off the Holy Lamps. Now I would like to ask you to stand in separate groups of males and females, tidy your attire, and to maintain silence."
3	Move to the first kneeler.
	Bow, Kneel down and pray 10 times.
4	Rise Bow Move to the fan position.
	Take up the fan. Use one hand to hold the fan vertically while the other hand is kept by the side of the body. Move to the Moon Lamp.
5	Send off the Moon Lamp (left lamp) and then take a Bow.
	Use one hand to hold the fan vertically while the other hand is kept by the side of the body. Move to the next lamp.
6	Send off the Sun lamp (right lamp) and then take a Bow.
	Use one hand to hold the fan vertically while the other hand is kept by the side of the body. Move to the next lamp.
7	Send off the Mother lamp (center lamp) and then take a Bow.
8	Use one hand to hold the fan vertically while the other hand is kept by the side of
	the body. Move to the fan position.
	Put the fan back.
9	Say this completion verse to all:
	"Everyone takes a Bow to Heavenly Mother."
10	Bow to Heavenly Mother to complete Sending off the Holy Lamps propriety.

