

THE FULL MOON BODHISATTVA CEREMONY

REPENTENCE

(Everyone)

All my ancient twisted karma
From beginningless greed, hate and delusion
Born through body, speech and mind
I now fully avow. * (3 times)

HOMAGES

(Each line is chanted twice: first by Kokyo, then by Everyone)

Homage to_ the seven Buddhas before Bu__ddha

Homage to_ Shakyamuni Bu__ddha

Homage to_ Maitreya Bu__ddha

Homage to_ Samantabhadra Bodhisa__ttva

Homage to_ Avalokiteshvara Bodhisa__ttva

Homage to_ the succession of A__ncestors

FOUR BODHISATTVA VOWS

(Everyone)

Beings are numberless, I vow to save them
Delusions are inexhaustible, I vow to end them
Dharma gates are boundless, I vow to enter them
Buddha's Way is unsurpassable, I vow to become it.

REFUGES

(Kokyo)

I take refuge in Buddha_____

(Everyone)

Before all being
Immersing body and mind deeply in the Way
Awakening true mind.

(Kokyo)

I take refuge in Dharma_____

(Everyone)

Before all being
Entering deeply the merciful ocean
Of Buddha's Way.

(Kokyo)

I take refuge in Sangha_____

(Everyone)

Before all being
Bringing harmony to everyone,
Free from hindrance.



/PURE PRECEPTS/

(everyone) I vow to refrain from all evil.

(Doshi) It is the abode of the law of all Buddhas; it is the source of the law of all Buddhas.

I vow to make every effort to live in enlightenment.

It is the teaching of anuttara samyaksambodhi and the path of the one who practices and that which is practiced.

I vow to live and be lived for the benefit of all beings.

It is transcending profane and holy and taking self and others across.

/GRAVE PRECEPTS/

(everyone) I vow not to kill.

(Doshi) By not killing life the Buddha tree seed grows. Transmit the life of Buddha and do not kill.

I vow not to take what is not given.

The self and objects are such as they are. Two yet one. The gate of liberation stands open.

I vow not to misuse sexuality.

Let the three wheels of self, object and action be pure. With nothing to desire one goes along together with the Buddhas.

I vow to refrain from false speech.

The Dharma Wheel turns from the beginning. There is neither surplus nor lack. The sweet dew saturates all and harvests the truth.

I vow to refrain from intoxicants.

Originally pure, don't defile. This is the great awareness.

I vow not to slander.

In the BuddhaDharma, go together, appreciate together, realize together and actualize together. Don't permit fault-finding. Don't permit haphazard talk, do not corrupt the Way.

I vow not to praise self at the expense of others.

Buddhas and Ancestors realize the vast sky and the great earth. When they manifest the noble body, there is neither inside nor outside in emptiness. When they manifest the Dharma body there is not even a bit of earth on the ground.

I vow not to be avaricious.

One phrase, one verse—that is the ten thousand things and one hundred grasses; one Dharma, one realization—is all Buddhas and Ancestors. Therefore, from the beginning, there has been no stinginess at all.

I vow not to harbor ill will.

Not negative, not positive, neither real nor unreal, there is an ocean of illuminated clouds and an ocean of bright clouds.

I vow not to abuse the three treasures.

To expound the Dharma with this body is foremost. The virtue returns to the ocean of reality. It is unfathomable; we just accept it with respect and gratitude.

OFFERING

(Doshi) On this Full Moon night
We offer the merit of the Bodhisattva Way
Through every world system
To the unborn nature of all being

DEDICATION

(Everyone) ALL BUDDHAS, TEN DIRECTIONS, THREE WORLDS
ALL VENERABLE ONES, BODHISATTVAS, MAHASATTVAS
WISDOM BEYOND WISDOM, MAHA PRAJNA PARAMITA