

RYAKU FUSATSU
Full Moon Bodhisattva Precepts Ceremony

REPENTANCE

(call and response – 3 times; kneeling in chokei)

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

HOMAGES

(call and response – 3 times; standing)

Homage to the Seven Buddhas before Buddha
Homage to the Seven Buddhas before Buddha (bow)
Homage to Shakyamuni Buddha
Homage to Shakyamuni Buddha (bow)
Homage to Maitreya Buddha
Homage to Maitreya Buddha (bow)
Homage to Manjusri Bodhisattva
Homage to Manjusri Bodhisattva (bow)
Homage to Samantabhadra Bodhisattva
Homage to Samantabhadra Bodhisattva (bow)
Homage to Avalokitesvara Bodhisattva
Homage to Avalokitesvara Bodhisattva (bow)
Homage to the Succession of Ancestors
Homage to the Succession of Ancestors (bow)

FOUR BODHISATTVA VOWS

(call and response – 3 times; kneeling in chokei)

Beings are numberless, I vow to save them
Beings are numberless, I vow to save them
Delusions are inexhaustible, I vow to end them
Delusions are inexhaustible, I vow to end them
Dharmas are boundless, I vow to master them
Dharmas are boundless, I vow to master them
Buddha's way is unsurpassable, I vow to become it
Buddha's way is unsurpassable, I vow to become it (bow)

THE REFUGES

(kokyo chants; group responds at end of "song" – 1 time; standing)

I take refuge in Buddha....song.....
Before all being, (bow)
immersing body and mind,
deeply in the Way,
awakening true mind.
I take refuge in Dharma....song.....
Before all being, (bow)
entering deeply
the merciful ocean,
of Buddha's way.
I take refuge in Sangha....song.....
Before all being, (bow)
bringing harmony
to everyone,
free from hindrance.

PURE PRECEPTS

(kneeling in chokei)

All: *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.
All: *I vow to make every effort to live in enlightenment.*
Doshi: It is the teaching of anuttara samyaksambodhi
And the path of the one who practices and that which is practiced.
All: *I vow to live and be lived for the benefit of all beings.*
Doshi: It is transcending profane and holy
And taking self and others across.

GRAVE PRECEPTS

(kneeling in chokei)

All: *I vow not to kill.*
Doshi: By not killing life the Buddha tree seed grows.
Transmit the life of Buddha and do not kill.
All: *I vow not to take what is not given.*
Doshi: The self and objects are such as they are, two yet one.
The gate of liberation stands open.
All: *I vow not to misuse sexuality.*
Doshi: Let the three wheels of self, object and action be pure.
With nothing to desire one goes along together with the Buddhas.
All: *I vow to refrain from false speech.*
Doshi: The Dharma Wheel turns from the beginning.
There is neither surplus nor lack.
The sweet dew saturates all and harvests the truth.
All: *I vow to refrain from intoxicants.*
Doshi: Originally pure, don't defile. This is the great awareness.
All: *I vow not to slander.*
Doshi: In the Buddhadharmas, go together, appreciate together,
realize together and actualize together. Don't permit fault-finding.
Don't permit haphazard talk. Do not corrupt the Way.
All: *I vow not to praise self at the expense of others.*
Doshi: 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.
All: *I vow not to be avaricious.*
Doshi: 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.
All: *I vow not to harbor ill will.*
Doshi: Not negative, not positive, neither real nor unreal, there is an ocean of illuminated clouds and an ocean of bright clouds.
All: *I vow not to disparage the Three Treasures.*
Doshi: 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.

DEDICATION

Thus on this Full Moon morning (night),
we offer the merit of the Bodhisattva Way,
through all world systems, to the unborn nature of all being.
All Buddhas, ten directions, three worlds
Honored ones, Bodhisattvas, Mahasattvas
Wisdom beyond wisdom, Maha Prajna Paramita