

Sambujō (三奉請)

(Three Respectful Callings)



Bu jo - u 1. mi — da — nyo ra - i
 2. sha — ka —
 3. jip — pō —



ni - u — do - u jo — u Sa - n ge - e



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We respectfully welcome Amida Buddha to our temple as we scatter flowers of joy.

We respectfully welcome Śākyamuni Buddha to our temple as we scatter flowers of joy.

We respectfully welcome the Buddhas of all times and places to our temple as we scatter flowers of joy.

Four Noble Truths

Leader:

All:

Duhkha – Difficulty

Dissatisfaction comes from not living in accord with the truth of impermanence and interdependence.

Samudāya – Arising

The delusion of self-importance, expressed through greed and anger, is the cause of *duhkha*.

Nirodha – Cessation

The transformation of greed, anger, and delusion is the cure for *duhkha*.

Mārga – Path

Śākyamuni Buddha taught the Eightfold Path as medicine for putting an end to *duhkha*.

Eightfold Path to Happiness

Leader:

The teachings of the Buddha help us to understand the oneness of all life. To lead us in the right direction, the Buddha provided us with the Eightfold Path:

All:

Right Views: To keep free of prejudice and superstition and to see the true nature of life.

Right Thoughts: To turn our minds away from violence and hatred.

Right Speech: To refrain from harmful talk and to use our words wisely.

Right Conduct: To see that our deeds come from peace and goodwill. To grow every day in the Buddha's teachings.

Right Livelihood: To try to earn our living in such a way that we avoid causing suffering.

Right Energy: To use our energies to promote the overcoming of ignorance and destructive desires.

Right Mindfulness: To cherish a good mind, for all that we think and do has its roots in the mind.

Right Meditation: To study the teachings of the Buddha and to practice them to the best of our abilities.

Leader:

May the presence of the Buddha, who said that he would live in his teachings, be our guide. May we follow this path until we, too, realize nirvāna.

Vandana Ti-Sarana

(Homage and Three Refuges)

◦ Leader

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A - ra - ha - a - to Samm' - sam - bud - dhas - sa

Leader: 1st / All: 2nd

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Bud - dham sa - ra - nam gac - cha - mi

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Dham - mam sa - ra - nam gac - cha - mi

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Sam - gham sa - ra - nam gac - cha - mi

Homage to Śākyamuni Buddha, the Blessed One, the Noble One, the Perfectly Awakened One.

I go to the Buddha for guidance.

I go to the Dharma for guidance.

I go to the Sangha for guidance.

NAMO KIE BUTSU ↘
 NAMO KIE HO ◦ ↗
 NAMO KIE SOO ↘

Jūseige (重誓偈)

The Larger Sutra of Immeasurable Life
Dharmākara Reiterates the Vows

I have established the all-surpassing vows
And will unfailingly attain supreme enlightenment.
If these vows should not be fulfilled,
May I not attain perfect enlightenment. [12th Vow]

If, for countless kalpas to come,
I should not become a great benefactor
And save all the destitute and afflicted everywhere,
May I not attain perfect enlightenment. [13th Vow]

When I have fulfilled the Buddha-way,
My name shall pervade the ten quarters;
Should there be any place it is not heard,
May I not attain perfect enlightenment. [17th Vow]

Freed from greed and with deep right-mindedness
And pure wisdom, I will perform the sacred practices
In pursuit of supreme enlightenment
And become the teacher of devas and humans.

Emitting a great light with my majestic power,
I will completely illuminate the boundless worlds;
Dispelling, thereby, the darkness of the three defilements,
I will deliver all beings from suffering and affliction.

Having acquired the eye of wisdom,
I will remove the darkness of blind passions;
Blocking the path to the evil realms,
I will open the gate to the good realms.

When my practice and merits are fulfilled,
 My majestic brilliance shall reach everywhere in the ten quarters,
 Outshining both the sun and the moon;
 Even the heavenly lights shall be hidden and obscured.

For the sake of all beings I will open forth the Dharma-store
 And universally bestow its treasure of virtue upon them.
 Among the multitudes of beings
 I will always preach the Dharma with a lion's roar.

Making offerings to all the Buddhas,
 I will acquire all the roots of virtue;
 With my vows fulfilled and wisdom perfected,
 I will be the hero of the three worlds.

Like your unimpeded wisdom, O Buddha Lokeśvararāja,
 My wisdom shall reach everywhere and illuminate all;
 May the power of my virtue and wisdom
 Be equal to that of yours, O Most Honored One.

If these vows are to be fulfilled,
 The great thousand worlds will shake in accord,
 And from the sky all the devas
 Will rain down rare and wondrous flowers.

As soon as Bhikṣu Dharmākara finished speaking these verses, the entire earth shook with six kinds of tremors. The heavens rained down wondrous flowers upon it. There was spontaneous music in the sky, which praised him, saying, "You will unfailingly attain supreme, perfect enlightenment." Hereupon, Bhikṣu Dharmākara, fully possessed of these great vows and his mind being sincere and not false, made a supramundane aspiration and earnestly sought to attain nirvāṇa.

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The virtue of Amida's Vow,
Is shared equally by all;
Together attaining Awakened Mind,
We are born in the Land of Peace.

