

BODHISATTVA CEREMONY

Doshi enters, offers incense

Doshi and sangha do three full bows

REPENTANCE *(Kneeling in Chokey, repeat 3 times, bowing after each set of 4)*

All my ancient tangled karma

From beginningless greed, hate, and delusion

Born through body, speech, and mind

I now fully avow.

HOMAGES *(Standing, repeat 3 times, bowing after each individual homage)*

Homage to the seven Buddhas before Buddha

Homage to Shakyamuni Buddha

Homage to Maitreya Buddha

Homage to Manjusri Bodhisattva

Homage to Samantabhadra Bodhisattva

Homage to Avalokitesvara Bodhisattva

Homage to the succession of Ancestors

FOUR VOWS *(Kneeling, repeat 3 times, bowing after each set of 4)*

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 *(Standing, bowing after each Refuge)*

I take refuge In Buddha

Before all being,

Immersing body and mind deeply in the Way,

Awakening true mind.

I take refuge In Dharma

Before all being,

Entering deeply the merciful ocean

Of Buddha's Way.

I take refuge in Sangha
Before all being,
Bringing harmony to everyone,
Free from hindrance.

PURE PRECEPTS *(In Kneeling Position)*

(Everyone) I vow to refrain from all evil.

(Doshi) It is the abode, the source, and the law of all Buddhas.

I vow to do all that is good.

It is the teaching of anuttara samyak sambodhi. It is the path and the practice.

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

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

GRAVE PRECEPTS

(Everyone) I vow not to kill.

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

I vow not to take what is not given.

Self and objects are such, two yet one. The gate of liberation stands open.

I vow not to misuse sexuality.

Let the three wheels of self, objects, 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 not to sell the wine of delusion.

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

I vow not to slander.

In the Buddha Dharma, go together, appreciate, realize, and actualize together. No fault-finding. No 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, nor a bit of earth on the ground.

I vow not to be avaricious.

One phrase, one verse--is the ten thousand things and one hundred grasses. One dharma, one realization is all Buddhas and Ancestors. From the beginning, there has been no stinginess at all.

I vow not to harbor ill will.

Neither negative nor positive, neither real nor unreal. There is an ocean of illuminated clouds and an ocean of ornamented clouds.

I vow not to abuse the three treasures.

To expound the Dharma with this body is foremost. Virtue returns to the unfathomable ocean of reality. Let us accept it with respect and gratitude.

EKO/DEDICATION (Doshi) Thus we offer the merit of the Bodhisattvas' way through every world and to the unborn nature of all being

JI HO SAN SHI or ALL BUDDHAS (*Three Bows*)