



**Mountain View Buddhist Temple
Goshoki Hoonko Service
January 10, 2021**

- **Opening Remarks**
- **Kansho**
- **Hyobyakumon (*Aspiration*)**
- **Sutra Chanting – *Juseige***
- **Six Paramitas**
 - Dharma School 5th & 6th Grade Class
- **Dharma School Message – Rev. Maribeth “Smitty” Smith**
- **Words of Appreciation – Doug Sawamura, Temple President**
- **Adult Dharma Message – Rev. Maribeth “Smitty” Smith**
- **Closing Remarks**

**Hoonko Seminar with Rev. “Smitty” immediately following Service
Watch Party (live Sunday morning).**

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JU SEI GE **(Gatha of the Important Vows)**

JU SEI GE is a poem or *gatha* found in the *Larger Sutra of the Buddha of Immeasurable Life (Dai Muryo Ju Kyo or Dai-Kyo for short)*, one of the three Principal Sutras of Jodo Shinshu. This sutra delivered by Sakyamuni Buddha, relates how all sentient beings will attain liberation from suffering and sorrow in this world through the compassion of Amida Buddha. The historical Sakyamuni Buddha does this by telling the tale of the Bodhisattva Dharmakara who declares, in the presence of Lokeshvararaja Buddha, his intentions to become a Buddha himself. In the process, Bodhisattva Dharmakara declares a total of 48 vow that must be fulfilled before he can attain Buddhahood. Upon the fulfillment of all these vows, Bodhisattva Dharmakara become the Amida Buddha.

The JU SEI GE can be found following all of the 48 vows and can be looked upon as a summary of these vows into three basic pledges. For this reason, in some traditions this Gatha is sometimes called the *San Sei Ge* meaning the Gatha of the Three Sacred Pledges. They refer to Dharmakara's pledge to:

1. Establish the most incomparable vow in the world.
2. Become a great provider and aid all those in suffering and need.
3. Attain Buddhahood and have his Name (*Namo Amida Butsu*) heard throughout the ten quarters of the universe.

The establishment of the vows by a bodhisattva is very important in the process of attaining Buddhahood. They are a reflection of the heart and mind of that Bodhisattva manifesting true wisdom and compassion. What is of importance in the Larger Sutra is the sincerity and diligence by the Bodhisattva Dharmakara to carry out these vows for eons until their completion and finally attaining the Supreme Attainment of Buddhahood becoming the Amida Buddha.

JU SEI GE (Gatha of the Important Vows)

The Sutra On The Buddha of Immeasurable Life
-- delivered by Sakyamuni Buddha

*I have made vows, unrivalled in all the worlds;
I shall certainly reach the unsurpassed Way.
If these vows should not be fulfilled,
May I not attain perfect Enlightenment.*

*If I should not become a great benefactor
In lives to come for immeasurable kalpas
To save the poor and the afflicted everywhere,
May I not attain perfect Enlightenment.*

*When I attain Buddhahood,
My Name shall be heard throughout the 10
directions;
Should there be any place where it is not heard,
May I not attain perfect Enlightenment.*

*Free of greed and with profound mindfulness
And pure wisdom, I will perform the sacred
practices;
I will seek to attain the unsurpassed Way
And become the teacher of heavenly beings and
humans.*

*With my wondrous power I will shine a great
light
Illuminating the worlds without limit
And dispel the darkness of the three defilements
And deliver all from suffering and pain.*

*Having obtained the eye of wisdom,
I will remove the darkness of ignorance;
Blocking all paths of evil
I will open the gate to Attainment*

*Having attained Buddhahood untainted,
My majestic lights shall radiate in the ten
directions
Outshining the sun and the moon
And surpassing the brilliance of the heavens.*

*I will open the Dharma-storehouse for the
multitudes
And endow them all with treasures of merit.
Being always among the multitudes
I will proclaim the Dharma with a lion's roar.*

*I will make offerings to all the buddhas
Thereby acquiring roots of virtue.
When my vows are fulfilled and wisdom
perfected,
I will be the master of the three worlds.*

*As the Buddha's wisdom is unimpeded,
There is no place its light cannot reach,
May my power of Merit and wisdom
Be equal to the Most Honored One.*

*If these Vows are to be fulfilled,
Let this universe of a thousand million worlds
quake
And let all the heavenly beings
Rain down rare and marvelous blossoms from
the sky.*

*I take refuge in Amida Buddha
I take refuge in Amida Buddha
I take refuge in Amida Buddha
I take refuge in Amida Buddha
I take refuge in Amida Buddha*

*May this merit and virtue
Be shared equally with all beings.
May we together awaken the Bodhi Mind
And attain birth in the Realm of Serenity and Joy*

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Leader:

GA GON CHO SEI GAN

Sangha:

HIS- SHI MU JO DO

SHI GAN FU MAN ZOKu

SEI FU JO SHO GAKu

GA O MU RYO KO

FU I DAI SE SHU

FU SAI SHO BIN GU

SEI FU JO SHO GAKu

GA SHI JO BUTSU DO

MYO SHO CHO JIP- PO

KU KYO MI SHO MON

SEI FU JO SHO GAKu

RI YOKU JIN SHO NEN

JO E SHU BON GYO

SHI GU MU JO DO

I SHO TEN NIN SHI

JIN RIKI EN DAI KO

FU SHO MU SAI DO

SHO JO SAN KU MYO

KO SAI SHU YAKU NAN

KAI HI CHI E GEN

MES- SHI KON MO AN

HEI SOKU SHO AKU DO

TSU DATSU ZEN SHU MON

KO SO JO MAN ZOKu

I YO RO JIP- PO

NICHI GATSU SHU JU KI

TEN KO ON PU GEN

I SHU KAI HO ZO

KO SE KU DOKU HO

JO O DAI SHU CHU

SEP- PO SHI SHI KU

KU YO IS- SAI BUTsu

GU SOKU SHU TOKU HON

GAN E SHITSU JO MAN

TOKU I SAN GAI O

NYO BUTSU MU GE CHI

TSU DATSU MI FU SHO

GAN GA KU E RIKI

TO SHI SAI SHO SON

SHI GAN NYAK- KOK- KA

DAI SEN O KAN DO

KO KU SHO TEN NIN

TO U CHIN MYO KE ●

Leader:

NA MAN DA BU ●

Sangha:

NA MAN DA BU

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NA MAN DA ● BU

Leader:

GAN NI SHI KU DOKU

Sangha:

BYO DO SE IS- SAI

DO HOTSU BO DAI SHIN

O JO AN ● RAK-● KOKu

SIX PARAMITA

(Leader)

(Sangha)

Dana

Giving

I shall give unselfishly to others.

Sila

Discipline

I shall follow the teachings of the Buddha.

Ksanti

Patience

I shall be patient and understanding.

Virya

Endeavor

I shall do my best in all things.

Dhyana

Meditation

I shall reflect on the teachings of the Buddha.

Prajna

Wisdom

I shall seek the light of wisdom.