

Kanzeon Ceremony, Short Morning Service and Vespers



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Kesa Verse

(To be recited at our meditation seat, while making gassho)

- Meditation will end when the clappers sound
- All bow and, if you have a kesa, small kesa, or wagesa, bless it by holding it to your third eye and reciting the Three Homages, then place it on your head.
- With hands in gassho, all recite:

How great and wondrous are the
Clothes of Enlightenment,
Formless and embracing every treasure;
I wish to unfold the Buddha's teaching
That I may help all living things.
- Remove your kesa, small kesa or wagesa from your head and put it on. Wait with hands in meditation mudra.
- Two small gongs will sound, all bow.

Kanzeon Ceremony

(Pre-dawn Office)

- Water offering and dedication
- Three full bows. (*Toward the back of the hall.*)

(Note: if doing this ceremony as part of Short Morning Service, do two sets of bows here and two at end of Short Morning service, only.)

- Scripture Recitation:

The Scripture of Avalokiteshwara Bodhisattva*



In | verse, Mujinni Bodhisattva | asked, :
“World | Honoured One, po | sessor of all grace, | |
What | reason is there for the Buddha’s | Daughter, :
Great | Kanzeon, to | thus be so addressed?” | |
The | Honoured One made answer too in | verse, :
“Just | listen to the | life of Kanzeon. | |
To | calls from every quarter She re | sponds; :
Of | oceanic | depth Her holy vows. | |
* A | myriad Buddhas has She truly | served :
For | ages past be | yond all human thought | |

† And | made for aye great | vows of purity. | |
 When | people hear Her name, and see Her | form, :
 And | think of Her not | vainly in their hearts, | |
 † All | forms of ill, in | all the worlds, shall cease. | |
 If, | wishing harm, an enemy should try to push another
 in a fiery | pit, :
 The | victim should, on Kanzeon's great power, think,
 — and straightway that fiery pit shall be transformed
 into a | cool and silver lake. | |
 If, | drifting in the vast great ocean's foam, — we should
 be in danger of our lives from monstrous fish or
 evil | beings, :
 Let | us only think on Kanzeon's great power, — at
 once the sea will | all compassion be. | |
 If, | from the top of Sumeru, — we be hurled down by
 an enemy's cruel | hand, :
 Just | let us think on Kanzeon's great power and, — like
 the sun, we | will remain aloft. | |
 If, | chased by wicked ones, — we should fall upon a |
 mountain, :
 Let | us think again of Kanzeon's power — and no
 injury will e'en a single | hair of us sustain. | |
 If, | ringed by enemies, — we should be threatened by
 them, — all with their swords in | hand, :
 Just | let us think on Kanzeon's great power, —
 compassion then with | in their hearts will dwell. | |
 When | tyrants persecute us — and we stand at the place
 of exe | cution :
 Let | us only think on Kanzeon's great power, — the
 executioner's | sword will broken be. | |
 If, | bound in chains, — in prison, — let us just think on
 Kanzeon's great holy | power, :
 At | once the shackles | will then set us free. | |
 When | poisonous herbs, — or magic, threaten | harm, :
 The | power of Kanzeon, — if thought upon, — will

quickly send the | curse back whence it came. ||
 If | poisonous creatures, — evil ones, should | come, :
 U | pon great Kanzeon's power gently dwell, —
 straightway those evil | ones dispersed will be. ||
 When | snakes and scorpions attack us, — exhaling evil
 poisons, | scorching us, :
 By | dwelling on great Kanzeon's holy power — they
 will be turned a | way with shrieks of fear. ||
 When | lightning flashes and the thunder rolls, — when
 hailstones beat and rain in torrents | pours, :
 The | power of Kanzeon, — if thought upon, — will
 quickly clear the | heavens of the storm. ||
 If, | struck by cruel disaster's evil hand — or tortured by
 interminable pain, — we flee to Kanzeon's gentle |
 arms:
 She, | being wise and full of mystic power, — will save
 us from all | worldly grief and care. ||
 With | all miraculous powers well en | dowed :
 And | widely skilled in | knowledge of all things, ||
 In | all the world, in all the | quarters, :
 There | is not a place where | Kannon does not go. ||
 Hells, | evil spirits, — beastly creatures, — all the evil
 ways of living, — all the pain that comes from birth,
 old age, disease and | death :
 Will, | for eterni | ty, all pass away. ||
 Great | Kanzeon views all the world in | Truth, :
 Free | from defilement, | loving, knowing all, ||
 Full | of com | passion; :
 She | must always be prayed to, — adored for | all
 eternity. ||
 She | is a Light pure, — spotless, like the | sun, :
 With | wisdom does She darkness all dispel, subverting
 all e | ffects of wind and fire; ||
 † Her | all-illuming | light fills all the world. ||
 As | thunder shakes the universe does She control Her

loving | body :
 And | Her thought of great compassion, — like a cloud
 from which a rain of Dharma comes, as nectar, down,
 — destroys the flames of | evil passions all. ||
 When, | threatened by court judgments or, in camp, —
 the military should oppress | us, :
 Let | us but think on Kanzeon's great power — and all
 our | enemies will be dispersed. ||
 * She | is a most exquisite Voice, — a Voice that all the
 world encompas | ses; :
 The | Voice of Brahma, — Voice of oceans — One that
 all the voices of the | world does much excel, ||
 † Be | cause of this our thought must | always dwell
 upon Her. ||
 Let | us never cherish thoughts of doubt about great
 Kanze | on :
 Who | is all pure and holy and a refuge true, —
 * protecting in all grief, — in | trouble, death,
 disaster. ||
 She | possesses merit all, — regards all things with a
 compassionate eye and, — like the ocean, — holds
 within Herself a mass of virtues inestima | ble, :
 † For | this She must for | ever be adored.” ||
 Then | rose up Jiji Bo | satsu :
 To | stand before the | Buddha, saying thus, ||
 “World | Honoured One, — they, who this Scripture
 hear of Kanzeon Bo | satsu, :
 Must | indeed no small a | mount of merit gain ||
 For | here Her life of perfect | action is described. ||
 This | is the life of One Who, — all endowed with
 powers all mir | aculous, :
 Ap | pears in | all directions.” ||
 When | the Buddha thus finished the recitation in the |
 hall : Of | this great Scripture which makes clearly
 plain — the life and work of | the All-Sided One, ||
 All | people present then, — a great concourse, — in

number four and eighty thousand | strong, :
 With | all their hearts | cherished a longing deep ||
 For | the Supreme Enlightenment with | which :
 No | thing in all the | universe compares. ||

– Offertory (*Sung by the precentor*) :



Whole - heartedly do we recite this Scripture.



We offer the merits thereof, candles, flowers,



and fruit to Kanzeon,



the Great Compassionate Bodhisattva, Who



is . . our ex - am - ple.



When - ever this Scripture is recited Great



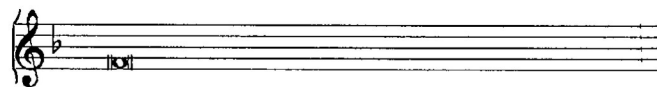
Compassion is with us



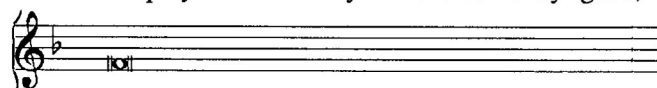
and we are searching for It with-in our - selves.



We pray for peace in all the world;



we pray that evil may be overcome by good;

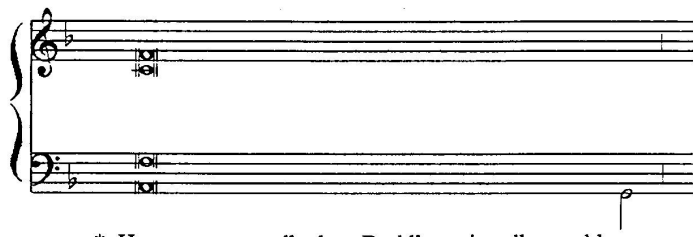


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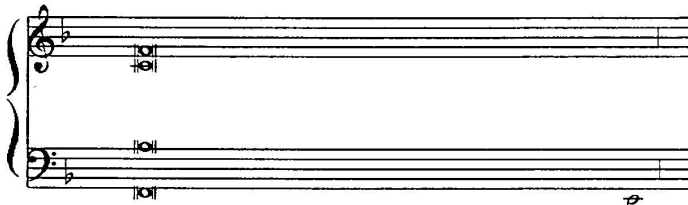


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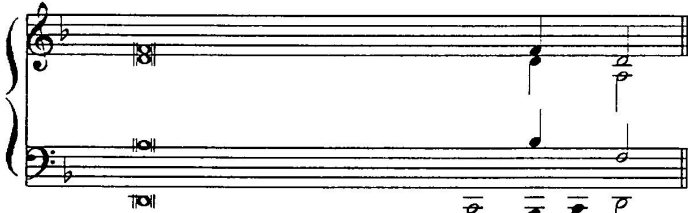
– Three Homages (*Sung by All*)



* Homage to all the Buddhas in all worlds,



* Homage to all the Bodhisattvas in all worlds,



* Homage to the Scripture of Great Wis - dom.

- One set of three full bows. (*Toward the back of the hall.*)
- Three gratitude bows



Short Morning Service

- Two sets of three full bows. (*One set toward the back of the hall, one set toward the center of the hall.*)
- Water offering and dedication
- Scripture Recitation:

The Scripture of Great Wisdom*



When one | with deepest | wisdom of the heart :
That is beyond dis | criminative thought, | |
The Holy Lord, — great | Kanzeon Bosatsu, :
 Knew that the skandhas five were, — as they are, —
 in their self-nature, — | void, unstained and
 pure. | |
O Shariputra, | form is only pure, :
Pure is all form; there | is, then, nothing more than
 this, | |
For what is form is pure — and | what * is pure is
 form; :
The same is also true of all sensation, — thought,
 ac | tivity and consciousness. | |

O Shariputra, | here all things are pure :
 For they are neither | born nor do they wholly die; ||
 They are not stained nor | yet immaculate; :
 In | creasing not, decreasing not. ||
 O Shariputra, — in this pure there is no form, — sen-
 sation, — thought, — activity or | consciousness; :
 No eye, — ear, — nose, — tongue, — body, — mind;
 — no form, no tastes, — sound, — | colour, touch
 or objects; ||
 Vision none; — no consciousness; — no knowledge
 and no | sign of ignorance; :
 Until we come to where old age and death have
 ceased — and so has all ex | tinction of old age and
 death ||
 For here there is no suffering, — nor yet again is there
 ac | cumulation, :
 Nor again annihilation nor an Eightfold Path, —
 no | knowledge, no attainment. ||
 In the mind of the Bosatsu who is truly one with Wis-
 dom Great the | obstacles dissolve :
 * And, — going on beyond this human | mind, he IS
 Nirvana. ||
 All the Buddhas True of present, past and | future they
 ARE all, :
 Because upon Great Wisdom they rely, — the per-
 fect | and most high enlightenment. ||
 The Prajnaparamita one should know — to be the
 Greatest | Mantra of them all, :
 The highest and most peerless Mantra too;
 * allayer | of all pain Great Wisdom is, ||
 It is the very | Truth, no falsehood here. :
 This is the | Mantra of Great Wisdom, hear! ||
 + O Buddha, going, going, | going on + beyond :
 And always going on beyond, — always BECOMING |
 Buddha. Hail! Hail! Hail! ||

The Litany Of the Great Compassionate One*



Adoration to the Triple | Treasure! :
 Adoration to Kanzeon Who is the Great
 Com | passionate One! ||
 Om to the One Who leaps beyond all | fear! :
 Having adored Her, — may I enter into the heart of the
 Noble, | Adored Kanzeon! ||
 Her life is the completion of | meaning; :
 It is pure, — it is that which makes all beings victori-
 ous —and cleanses the | path of all existence. ||
 Om, — O Thou Seer, — World tran | scending One! :
 O hail to the | Great Bodhisattva! ||
 All, — all is defilement, defilement, earth, | earth. :
 Do, do the | work within my heart. ||
 O great Victor, I hold on, hold | on! :
 To Indra the Cre | ator I cry! ||
 Move, move, my defilement- | free One! :
 Come, come, hear, hear, a | joy springs up in me! ||
 Speak, speak, give me di | rection! :
 Awakened, awakened, | I have awakened! ||
 O merciful One, com | passionate One, :
 Of daring ones the | most joyous, hail! ||
 Thou art all suc | cessful, hail! :
 Thou art the great suc | cessful One, hail! ||
 Thou hast attained mastery in the | discipline, hail! :
 Thou hast a weapon with | in Thine hand, hail! ||
 Thou hast the Wheel within Thine | hand, hail! :

Thou Who | hast the lotus, hail! ||
Hail to Thee Who art the root of e | ternity! :
Hail to Thee Who | art all compassion! Hail! ||
Adoration to the Triple | Treasure! Hail! :
Give ear unto | this my prayer, hail!

– Offertory (*Precentor*):

We offer the merit of this recitation of The Scripture of Great Wisdom and the Litany of the Great Compassionate one in gratitude to:

(Ancestral Line sung by all while kneeling or sitting, if possible)

* Bibashibutsu Daiocho,
* Shikibutsu Daiocho,
* Bishafubutsu Daiocho,
* Kurusonbutsu Daiocho,
* Kunagonmunibutsu Daiocho,
* Kashobutsu Daiocho,
* Shakyamunibutsu Daiocho,
Makakashyo Daiocho,
Ananda Daiocho,
Shonawashyu Daiocho,
Ubakikuta Daiocho,
Daitaka Daiocho,
Mishaka Daiocho,
Bashumitsu Daiocho,
Butsudanandai Daiocho,
Fudamitta Daiocho,
Barishiba Daiocho,

Funayashya Daiosho,
Anabotei Daiosho,
Kabimora Daiosho,
Nagyaarajyuna Daiosho,
Kanadaiba Daiosho,
Ragorata Daiosho,
Sogyanandai Daiosho,
Kayashyata Daiosho,
Kumorata Daiosho,
Shyyata Daiosho,
Bashyubanzu Daiosho,
Manura Daiosho,
Kakurokuna Daiosho,
Shishibodai Daiosho,
Bashyashita Daiosho,
Funyomitta Daiosho,
Hannyatara Daiosho,
Bodaidaruma Daiosho,
Taiso Eka Daiosho,
Kanchi Sosan Daiosho,
Daii Doshin Daiosho,
Daiman Konin Daiosho,
Daikan Eno Daiosho,
Seigen Gyoshi Daiosho,
Sekito Kisenn Daiosho,
Yakusan Igen Daiosho,
Ungan Donjyo Daiosho,
Tozan Ryokai Daiosho,
Ungo Doyo Daiosho,
Doan Dohi Daiosho,
Doan Kanshi Daiosho,
Ryozan Enkan Daiosho,

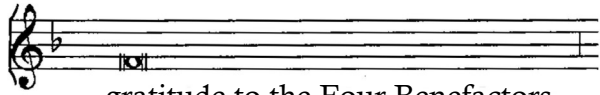
Daiyo Kyogen Daioشو,
Tosu Gisei Daioشو,
Fuyo Dokai Daioشو,
Tanka Shijyun Daioشو,
Choro Seiryو Daioشو,
Tendo Sokaku Daioشو,
Setcho Chikan Daioشو,
Tendo Nyojyo Daioشو,
Eihei Koso Daioشو,
Koun Ejyo Daioشو,
Tettsu Gikai Daioشو,
Keizan Jokin Daioشو,
Meiho Sotetsu Daioشو,
Shugan Dochin Daioشو,
Tetsuzan Shikaku Daioشو,
Keigan Eishو Daioشو,
Chuzan Ryohun Daioشو,
Gisan Tonin Daioشو,
Shogaku Kenryu Daioشو,
Kinen Horyu Daioشو,
Teishitsu Chisenn Daioشو,
Kokei Shojun Daioشو,
Sesso Yuho Daioشو,
Kaiten Genju Daioشو,
Shuzan Shunshو Daioشو,
Chozan Senyetsu Daioشو,
Fukushu Kochi Daioشو,
Meido Yuton Daioشو,
Hakuho Gentekki Daioشو,
Gesshu Soko Daioشو,
Manzan Dohaku Daioشو,
Gekkan Giko Daioشو,

Daiyu Essho Daioشو,
Kegon Sokai Daioشو,
Shoun Taizui Daioشو,
Nichirin Togo Daioشو,
Sonno Kyodo Daioشو,
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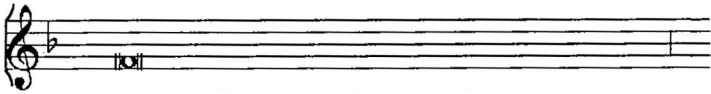
– Offertory (*Sung by the precentor*):



We pray that we may be able to show our



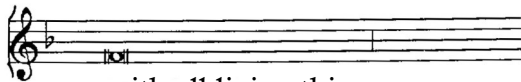
gratitude to the Four Benefactors,



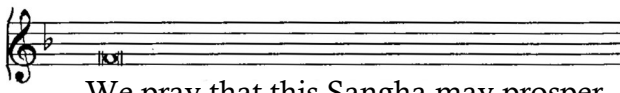
rescue all beings in the Three Worlds



and make the Four Wisdoms perfect together



with all living things.

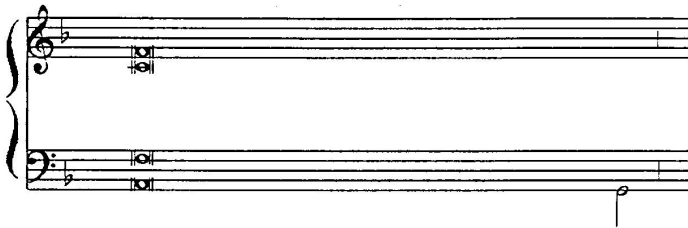


We pray that this Sangha may prosper

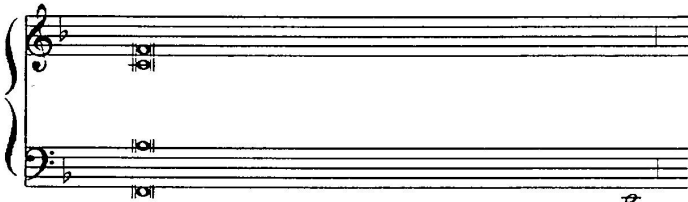


and all misfortune cease.

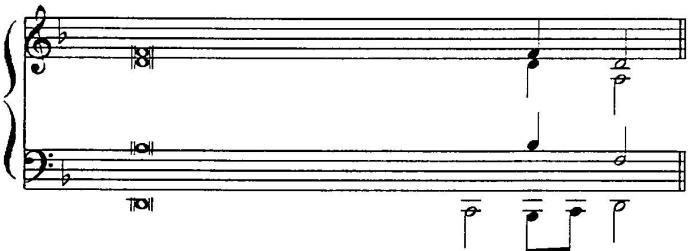
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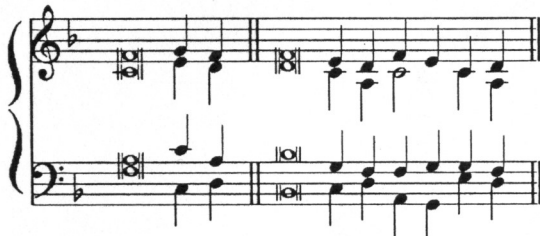
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- Three gratitude bows



Evening Office (Vespers)

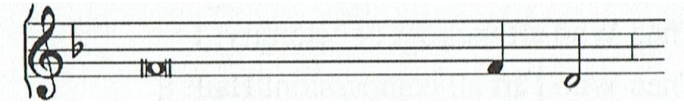
- (*Ceremony is done seated at our meditation places, hands held in gassho, if we are not reading.*)

The Litany Of the Great Compassionate One*



Adoration to the Triple | Treasure! :
 Adoration to Kanzeon Who is the Great
 Com | passionate One! ||

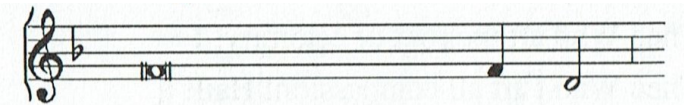
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 ous —and cleanses the | path of all existence. | |
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 O hail to the | Great Bodhisattva! | |
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 Thou hast the Wheel within Thine | hand, hail! :
 Thou Who | hast the lotus, hail! | |
 Hail to Thee Who art the root of e | ternity! :
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 Adoration to the Triple | Treasure! Hail! :
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Invocation of Achalanatha *

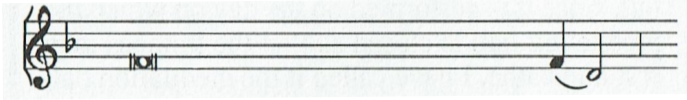


Hail to the Mandala! — Let us so be engulfed within
its praises evermore that, — by our own wills and
vigilance, — may we our fetters | cut away. ||
May we within the temple of our own hearts dwell —
amidst the myriad | mountains. ||
Hail! | Hai! Hail! ||



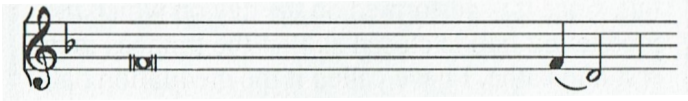
Invocation of Mahakala *

Let us be engulfed within the Mandala of the Sons and
Daughters of Buddha. | Hail! ||
The Arrow of Emptiness. | Hail! ||



Invocation of the Cosmic Buddha *

Hail, — the beneficent Mystic, — the Treasure. | Hail! | |



The Golden Bell that Rings but Once *

Peace upon the | pillow | |



MAKURA OM, MAKURA OM, MAKURA OM



