

**Part Two**  
**Eko For Sutra-Chanting Services**

## A. Morning Service

(*chōka fugin* 朝課諷經)

### Buddha Hall Sutra Chanting

(*butsuden fugin* 仏殿諷經)

Texts chanted:

“*Universal Gateway*” Chapter (*Fumonbon* 普門品)  
*Great Compassion Dharani* (*Daihi shu* 大悲呪)  
*Disaster-Preventing Dharani* (*Shōsai shu* 消災呪)[3 times]

Eko:

Having chanted the “*Universal Gateway of Avalokiteshvara Bodhisattva*” Chapter of the Lotus Sutra, *Great Compassionate Mind Dharani*, and *Marvelously Beneficial Disaster-Preventing Dharani*, we reverently offer the merit generated thereby to our Great Benefactor and Founder of the Doctrine, the Original Teacher Shakyamuni Buddha [or whatever other figure is currently enshrined as the main object of veneration in the practice place], to the Eminent Ancestor Dogen, and to the Great Ancestor Keizan, that it may adorn their awakening, the unsurpassed fruit of buddhahood. We further offer it to all the dharma-protecting devas; to the dharma-protecting saints; to the earth spirit of this place and to the monastery-protecting spirits; to the Bodhisattva Joho Shichiro Daigen Shuri; and to the tutelary deities enshrined in all halls.

What we pray for is peace in the land, harmony among nations, prosperity and longevity for donors throughout the ten directions, tranquility within the monastery, and ample sustenance for the community; may all sentient beings throughout the dharma realm equally perfect omniscience.

- © All buddhas throughout space and time,  
all honored ones, bodhisattvas, mahasattvas,
- © wisdom beyond wisdom, maha-prajnaparamita.

## **Sutra Chanting for the Arhats**

*(ōgu fugin 応供諷經)*

Text chanted:

*Heart Sutra (Hannya skingyō 般若心經)*

Eko:

We humbly beg your illumination and sympathetic response.

Having chanted the *Heart of Great Perfect Wisdom Sutra*, we transfer the merit generated thereby to the eternal three treasures in the ten directions; to the countless sages in the ocean of buddhahood; to the sixteen great arhats; and to all beings associated with the class of worthy ones.

What we pray is that you will use your three knowledges and six supernatural powers to turn the age of the end of the dharma into the age of the true dharma; use your five powers and eight liberations to lead living beings to the uncreated; continuously turn the two wheels of the monastery; and forever prevent the three disasters from afflicting the land.

## **Ancestors Hall Sutra Chanting**

*(sodō fugin 祖堂諷經)*

Texts chanted:

*Harmony of Difference and Equality (Sandōkai 参同契)*

*Precious Mirror Samadhi (Hōkyō zanmai 宝鏡三昧)*

Eko:

We humbly beg your true compassion and illumination.

Having chanted the *Harmony of Difference and Equality* and the *Precious Mirror Samadhi*, we dedicate this service to the successive generations of buddhas and ancestors who transmitted the flame, that we may repay their compassionate blessings :

Great Teacher Vipashyin Buddha

Great Teacher Shikhin Buddha

Great Teacher Vishvabhu Buddha

Great Teacher Krakucchanda Buddha

Great Teacher Kanakamuni Buddha

Great Teacher Kashyapa Buddha

Great Teacher Shakyamuni Buddha

Great Teacher Mahakashyapa

Great Teacher Ananda

Great Teacher Shanavasa

Great Teacher Upagupta

Great Teacher Dhritaka

Great Teacher Miccaka

Great Teacher Vasumitra

Great Teacher Buddhanandi

Great Teacher Buddhamitra

Great Teacher Parshva

Great Teacher Punyayashas

Great Teacher Ashvaghosna

Great Teacher Kapimala  
Great Teacher Nagarjuna  
Great Teacher Kanadeva  
Great Teacher Rahukata  
Great Teacher Sanghanandi  
Great Teacher Gayashata  
Great Teacher Kumarata  
Great Teacher Jayata  
Great Teacher Vasubandhu  
Great Teacher Manorhita  
Great Teacher Haklenayashas  
Great Teacher Simha Bhikshu  
Great Teacher Basiasita  
Great Teacher Punyamitra  
Great Teacher Prajnatara  
Great Teacher Bodhidharma  
Great Teacher Dazu Huike  
Great Teacher Jianzhi Sengcan  
Great Teacher Dayi Daoxin  
Great Teacher Daman Hongren  
Great Teacher Dajian Huineng  
Great Teacher Qingyuan Xingsi  
Great Teacher Shitou Xiqian  
Great Teacher Yaoshan Weiyan  
Great Teacher Yunyan Tansheng  
Great Teacher Dongshan Liangjie  
Great Teacher Yunju Daoying  
Great Teacher Tongan Daopi  
Great Teacher Tongan Guanzhi  
Great Teacher Liangshan Yuanguan  
Great Teacher Dayang Jingxuan  
Great Teacher Touzi Yiqing  
Great Teacher Furong Daokai  
Great Teacher Danxia Zichun

Great Teacher Changlu Qingliao  
Great Teacher Tiantong Zongjue  
Great Teacher Xuedou Zhijian  
Great Teacher Tiantong Rujing  
Great Teacher Eihei Dōgen  
Great Teacher Koun Ejō  
Great Teacher Tettsū Gikai  
Great Teacher Keizan Jōkin  
Great Teacher \_\_\_\_[name]\_\_\_\_  
Great Teacher \_\_\_\_[name]\_\_\_\_

(etc.)

**Sutra Chanting for Founding and Former Abbots**  
(*kaisan rekijū fugin* 開山歷住諷經)

Text chanted;

*Great Compassion Dharani* (*Daihi shu* 大悲呪)

Eko:

We humbly beg your true compassion and illumination.

Having chanted the Great Compassionate Mind Dharani, we dedicate this service to each of the following great teachers, that we may repay their compassionate blessings:

Great Teacher\_\_\_\_[name]\_\_\_\_

Great Teacher\_\_\_\_[name]\_\_\_\_

Great Teacher\_\_\_\_[name]\_\_\_\_

(etc.)

We also offer this karma to Great Teachers [names], that it may enhance their names.

## **Mortuary Hall Sutra Chanting**

*(shidō fugin 祠堂諷經)*

Text chanted:

*Verse from the “Life Span” Chapter (Juryōhon ge 寿量品偈)*

Eko;

We humbly beg the three treasures for their illumination.

Having chanted the verse from the *“Life Span of the Tathagata” Chapter of the Lotus Sutra*, we transfer the merit generated thereby to the names of the deceased monks of this monastery and the deceased sangha members throughout the dharma realm; to the spirits of the founding patrons of this monastery, (names), and the martyrs of every nation; to the donors enshrined in the mortuary hall; to the six close kin and seven generations of parents of the pure assembly gathered at this monastery; and to sentient beings throughout the dharma realm.

May they equally perfect awakening.

## **B. Abbreviated Morning Service**

(*ryaku chōka fugin* 略朝課諷經)

### **Sutra Chanting for Repaying Blessings**

(*hōon fugin* 報恩諷經)

Text chanted:

*Heart Sutra* (*Hannya shingyō* 般若心經)

Eko:

Having chanted the *Heart of Great Perfect Wisdom Sutra*, we reverently offer the merit generated thereby to our Great Benefactor and Founder of the Doctrine, the Original Teacher Shakyamuni Buddha [or whatever other figure is currently enshrined as the main object of veneration in the practice place], to the Eminent Ancestor Dogen, to the Great Ancestor Keizan, to the successive generations of buddhas and ancestors who transmitted the flame, to the founding abbot of the monastery, Great Teacher (name), and to the eternal three treasures in the ten directions, that we may repay their compassionate blessings. We further offer it to the tutelary deities of this monastery, the dharma-protecting devas, and good spirits.

What we pray for is the flourishing of the true dharma, harmony among all nations, tranquility within the monastery, and that all conditions may be favorable.

## **Sutra Chanting for All Spirits**

*(banrei fugin 万靈諷經)*

Text chanted:

*Great Compassion Dharani (Daihi shu 大悲呪)*

Eko:

We humbly beg the three treasures for their illumination.

Having chanted the *Great Compassionate Mind Dharani*, we transfer the merit generated thereby to names of the deceased monks throughout the dharma realm; to the founding patrons of this monastery, (names); to the donors enshrined in the mortuary hall; and to sentient beings throughout the dharma realm.

May they equally perfect awakening.

## C. Other Sutra-Chanting Services

### **Kitchen Sutra Chanting**

(*sōkō fugin* 竈公諷經)

Text chanted;

*Great Compassion Dharani* (*Daihi shu* 大悲呪)

Eko:

Having chanted the *Great Compassionate Mind Dharani*, we transfer the merit to the kitchen god of this monastery, that he may guard the dharma and protect the people.

### **Midday Sutra Chanting**

(*nitchū fugin* 日中諷經)

*Victor's Dharani* (*Sonshō darani* 尊勝陀羅尼)

Eko:

Having chanted the *Crown of the Victor Dharani*, we reverently offer the merit generated thereby to our Great Benefactor and Founder of the Doctrine, the Original Teacher Shakyamuni Buddha [or whatever other figure is currently enshrined as the main object of veneration in the practice place], to the Eminent Ancestor Dogen, to the Great Ancestor Keizan, to the three treasures in the ten directions, and the myriad spirits of the triple world.

What we pray for is tranquility within the monastery, a calm setting for cultivation of the way, the avoidance of all calamities, and that all conditions may be favorable.

## **Evening Sutra Chanting**

(*banka fugin* 晚課諷經)

Texts chanted:

*Great Compassion Dharani* (*Daihi shu* 大悲呪)

*Ambrosia Gate* (*Kanromon* 甘露門)

Eko:

Universal Transference of Merit (*Fuekō* 普回向)

May this merit extend universally to all, so that we together with all beings realize the buddha way.

## **Prayers Sutra Chanting**

(*shukutō fugin* 祝禱諷經)

Text chanted:

*Heart Sutra* (*Hannya shingyō* 般若心經)

Eko:

He of majestic golden visage, stately king of awakening, uniquely honored in the triple world, revered by the myriad spirits. On every occurrence of this auspicious day, the pure assembly reverently gathers in its entirety, fills the great buddha hall, and chants the *Heart of Great Perfect Wisdom Sutra*. We reverently offer the merit to our Great Benefactor and Founder of the Doctrine, the Original Teacher Shakyamuni Buddha [or whatever other figure is currently enshrined as the main object of veneration in the practice place], to the Eminent Ancestor Dogen, and to the Great Ancestor Keizan.

Gazing up, we beg their vast compassionate blessings. Bowing down, we are moved by their everlasting spiritual virtue.

We wholeheartedly pray for the flourishing of the true dharma, peace in the land, harmony among all nations, and that all conditions may be favorable.

## **Sutra Chanting For Tutelary Deities**

(*chinju fugin* 鎮守諷經)

Text chanted:

***Great Compassion Dharani*** (*Daihi shu* 大悲呪)

Eko:

Supernatural merits vast and wide, sacred virtues clear and bright, prayed to by all, and always responsive.

Seeking your sacred wisdom, we beg your illumination. Having chanted the *Great Compassionate Mind Dharani*, we transfer the blessings generated thereby to (name), the tutelary deity of this monastery; and to the earth spirit and protecting spirits of this monastery; to the dharma-protecting devas and good spirits. May it increase their majestic light and their virtues, immeasurable as the ocean.

What we pray for is tranquility within the monastery, practice without hindrance, peace in the land, and harmony among all nations.

## **Sutra Chanting For Idaten**

(*Idaten fugin* 韋駄天諷經)

Texts chanted:

*Heart Sutra* (*Hannya shingyō* 般若心經)

*Disaster-Preventing Dharani* (*Shōsai shu* 消災呪)[3 times]

Eko:

Having chanted the *Heart of Great Perfect Wisdom Sutra* and *Marvelously Beneficial Disaster-Preventing Dharani*, we offer the merit generated thereby to the dharma-protecting Venerable Deva Idaten, the envoy who oversees meals in the kitchen, the god in charge of hot water and fire.

What we pray for is tranquility within the monastery, safety inside and out, the prevention of fire and theft, and the support of donors and believers.

## **Offering to the Main Object of Veneration**

(*honzon Jōgu* 本尊上供)

Text chanted:

*Heart Sutra* (*Hannya shingyō* 般若心經)

Eko:

Having chanted the *Heart of Great Perfect Wisdom Sutra*, we offer the merit to our Great Benefactor and Founder of the Doctrine, the Original Teacher Shakyamuni Buddha [or whatever other figure is currently enshrined as the main object of veneration in the practice place], to the Eminent Ancestor Dogen, and to the Great Ancestor Keizan, that it may adorn their awakening, the unsurpassed fruit of buddhahood.

We humbly pray that the blessings of the four benefactors may be fully requited, that the three classes of existences may all be saved, and that sentient beings throughout the triple world equally perfect omniscience.

(What we hope for is prosperity for the household, long continuity of the family line, prevention of disasters, and that all conditions may be favorable.)

### **Sutra Chanting for Mortuary Hall Patrons**

(*shidō danna fugin* 祠堂檀那諷經)

Texts chanted: *not specified*

[Note: For use in the annual memorial service for the founding patron of each monastery.]

Eko:

Purity perfected, the light penetrates,  
calmly shining throughout the void.  
Coming back and viewing the world  
like something in a dream.

We humbly beg the three treasures for their illumination.

On this occasion of the monthly/annual day/eve of the memorial of (dharma name), we have respectfully prepared offerings of incense, flowers, lamps, and candles (sweet tea/hot water/ fruit/tea/delicacies/savories) and chanted sutras and dharanis, that the merit generated thereby may assist his/her awakened spirit and adorn the land of his/ her reward.

We humbly pray that within the current of birth and death he/she shall be as the lustrous pearl shimmering

undisturbed in the vast sea; that on the shore of nirvana he/she shall be as a cinnamon moon shining alone in the azure sky; so that he/she will guide the entire world, together climbing the path to awakening.

### **Sutra Chanting for Patrons' Ancestors**

(*dannotsu senmō ruidai fugin* 檀越先亡累代諷經)

Texts chanted: *not specified*

Eko:

the clear cool moon of the bodhisattva floats in the sky of utter emptiness; in the pure water of the mind of beings, the reflection of bodhi will appear.

We humbly beg the three treasures for their illumination.

Having chanted the preceding sutras and dharanis, we offer the merit generated thereby to the spirits of ancestors and deceased family members of the (aharma name) household, to the six close kin and seven generations of parents, and to all sentient beings of the dharma realm, including the myriad spirits of the triple world both with and without connections to the living.

What we pray for is that their delusion of long kalpas will now be extinguished; that the marvelous wisdom of true emptiness will hereby appear; and that they will immediately comprehend the uncreated and quickly confirm the fruit of buddhahood.