

**Chan Master Sheng-yen.
Memorial Service.**

Sunday, February 15th, 2009. 2:30 pm

Liturg books should not be placed on the floor.

When you are not holding the book please place it on your cushion.

At the end of the service please hold the book still whilst the closing gong sounds - do not rustle your papers.

Chanting of Amithaba Mantra

Mantra to Loosen the Knots of Oppression

An san tuo la chi tuo suo po he.

Repentance

All bad karma created by Buddhists,
coming from greed, hatred and ignorance
since time without beginning,
arising out of Body, Speech and Mind,
for all this the Buddhists do repent.

All bad karma created by Sentient Beings,
coming from greed, hatred and ignorance,
since time without beginning,
arising out of Body, Speech and Mind,
for all this the Sentient Beings do repent.

All bad karma created by Lonely Souls,
coming from greed, hatred and ignorance,
since time without beginning,
arising out of Body, Speech and Mind,
For all this the Lonely Souls do repent.

Warning to the Assembly

This day has passed.
Our lives, too, are closing.
Like fish with little water,
Joy will not last.
Let us work with pure effort.
Work as we would were our heads aflame.
Be mindful of impermanence.
Be careful of idleness.

The Prajnaparamita Heart Sutra

Edward Conze

When the Bodhisattva Avalokiteshvara was coursing in the deep Prajnaparamita,
he perceived that all five skandhas are empty, thereby transcending all sufferings.
Sariputra, form is not other than emptiness and emptiness not other than form.
Form is precisely emptiness and emptiness precisely form.
So also are sensation, perception, volition, and consciousness.
Sariputra, this voidness of all dharmas is not born, not destroyed,
not impure, not pure, does not increase or decrease.
In voidness there is no form, and no sensation, perception, volition or consciousness;
no eye, ear, nose, tongue, body, mind; no sight, sound, smell, taste, touch, thought;

there is no realm of the eye all the way up to no realm of mental cognition.

There is no ignorance and there is no ending of ignorance through to no ageing and death and no ending of ageing and death.

There is no suffering, no cause of suffering, no cessation of suffering, and no path.

There is no wisdom or any attainment.

With nothing to attain, Bodhisattvas relying on Prajnaparamita have no obstructions in their minds.

Having no obstructions, there is no fear, and departing far from confusion and imaginings, they reach Ultimate Nirvana.

All past, present and future Buddhas, relying on Prajnaparamita, attain Anuttara-Samyak-Sambodhi.

Therefore, know that Prajnaparamita is the great mantra of power, the great mantra of wisdom, the supreme mantra, the unequalled mantra, which is able to remove all sufferings.

It is real and not false.

Therefore recite the mantra of Prajnaparamita:

Mantra Repetition-108 times

Gate, Gate, Paragate, Parasamgate, Bodhi Svaha.

Valedictory Address

Chuan-Deng Jing-di

The Four Great Vows

I vow to deliver innumerable sentient beings.

I vow to cut off endless vexations.

I vow to master limitless approaches to Dharma.

I vow to attain Supreme Buddhahood.

Zhong Sheng Wu Bian Shi Yuan Du

Fan Nao Wu Jin Shi Yuan Duan

Fa Men Wu Liang Shi Yuan Xue

Fo Dao Wu Shang Shi Yuan Cheng

The Three Refuges

We take refuge in Buddha, and we wish all sentient beings

Will awaken to the Great Path, and make the Supreme Resolution.

We take refuge in Dharma, and we wish all sentient beings,

Will penetrate the Sutras, their wisdom as deep as the ocean.

We take refuge in Sangha, and we wish all sentient beings

Will be brought together in Great Harmony without any obstructions at all.

Zi Gui Yi Fo

Ti Jie Da Dao

Zi Gui Yi Fa

Shen Ru Jing Zang

Zi Gui Yi Seng

Tong Li Da Jung

Dang Yuan Zhong Sheng

Fa Wu Shang Xin

Dang Yuan Zhong Sheng

Zhi Hui Ru Hai

Dang Yuan Zhong Sheng

Yi Qie Wu Ai

Visualisation of Chenrezi

Chanting of Kuan Yin Mantra

Silence (10 min)

Tea