

2021 Mountain View Buddhist Temple
Online
HANAMATSURI SERVICE

花まつり・釈尊降誕会法要

Service Order:

1. Opening Remarks: Chairperson
2. Kansho (Call to Service)
3. Chanting before the *Hanamido*
SAN BU JO (With *Sange* – Paper petals “KEHA” scattering)
HYOBYAKUMON - ASPIRATION
KANBUTSU GE
4. Sutra Chanting: JU SEI GE
5. Buddhist Reading: Threefold Refuge MVBT YBA
6. Gatha: *HANA WA SAKU* MVBT Choir
7. Dharma Message: Rev. Yushi Mukojima
8. Closing Gatha: *Ondokusan I* MVBT Choir
9. Words of Appreciation: Bob Matsumoto, temple president
10. Closing Remarks: Chairperson

Service Chairperson: MVBT YBA
Musician: MVBT Choir

Immediately following the service, the Sangha is invited to a short, special Hanamatsuri Entertainment program hosted by the Dharma School

SAN BU JO
(Three Respectful Invitations)

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BU JO MI DA NYO RAI NIU DO JOU
We respectfully call upon Amida Tathagata to enter this place of practice,

(scatter flower petals)

SAN GE RAKU *As we joyfully scatter flowers of welcome.*

BU JO SHA KA NYO RAI NIU DO JOU
We respectfully call upon Sakyamuni Tathagata to enter this place of practice,

(scatter flower petals)

SAN GE RAKU *As we joyfully scatter flowers of welcome.*

BU JO JIP - PO NYO RAI NIU DO JOU
We respectfully call upon the Tathagata of the 10 directions to enter this place of practice,

(scatter flower petals)

SAN GE RAKU● *As we joyfully scatter flowers of welcome.*

KAN BUTSU GE
(The Gatha on Bathing the Buddha)

Leader:

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GA KON KAN MOKU SHO NYO RAI

Sangha:

GA KON KAN MOKU SHO NYO RAI

JO CHI SHO GON KU DOKU JU

JO CHI SHO GON KU DOKU JU

GO JOKU SHU JO RYO RI KU

GO JOKU SHU JO RYO RI KU

DO SHO NYO RAI JO HOS-SHI

DO SHO NYO RAI JO HOS-SHI●

“We now bathe all the Tathagatas

Whose pure Wisdom is adorned with innumerable virtues.

They cause sentient beings of the five periods of decay to be separated from their sufferings

And together attain the pure Dharma-body of the Tathagatas.”

THE LIFE OF THE BUDDHA

The Sakya clansmen dwelled along the Rohini River that flows among the southern foothills of the Himalayas. Their King, Suddhodana Gotama, had transferred his capital to Kapila and there had a great castle built and ruled wisely, winning the joyful acclaim of his people.

The Queen's name was Maya. She was the daughter of the King's uncle who was also the king of a neighboring district of the same Sakya clan.

For twenty years they had no children. Then after dreaming a strange dream, in which she saw a white elephant entering her side, Queen Maya became pregnant. The King and the people looked forward with joyful anticipation to the birth of a royal child. According to their custom the Queen returned to her parents' home for the birth, and while on her way, in the beautiful spring sunshine, she rested in the flower garden of Lumbini Park.

The trees were abloom with beautiful flowers which gave off pleasant fragrances; the deep blue grasses were like the tail feather of a peacock and they swayed like soft fine silk blown by the wind. The Queen took a pleasant stroll; she leaned on the limb of an Asoka tree which had drooped down by the weight of its flowers. At that moment, the child was born, suddenly and yet peacefully. Immediately after birth, he took seven steps in each of the four directions and proclaimed, "In Heaven above and the Earth below, I alone am the most honored one; I shall dispel the suffering that fills the world." This memorable day was the eighth day of April.

The divine beings residing in space praised the virtues of the mother, Queen Maya. The Serpent King rained down cold and warm water and bathed the body of the Baby. The great earth trembled and shook with joy throughout heaven and earth. The joy of the King was extreme as he named the child, Siddhartha, which means, "Every wish fulfilled."

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Hanamatsuri or "Flower Festival" is the service commemorating the birth of Prince Siddhartha Gautama who latter became Sakyamuni Buddha. The date is given in the Mahayana tradition as April 8, 565 BC. In the Therevada tradition it is on the full moon day of the fifth month of 623 BC.

For this service, a flower decorated shrine known as a Hanamido or "flower pavilion" representing Lumbini Garden is set up in front of the Onaijin. Sometimes the Hanamido is placed upon the back of a statue of a white elephant recalling Queen Maya's dream. In the center of the Hanamido is a small statue of the baby Siddhartha with the right hand pointing towards the sky and the left hand pointing to the ground. In the bowl is sweet tea and the pouring of the tea over the statue is symbolic of the sweet rain bathing the baby when he was born. This is the ritual called "Kanbutsu."

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(BIRTHDAY SERVICE FOR PRINCE SIDDHARTHA GAUTAMA)



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