

# AUDIENCE CHANTS FOR PRIEST ORDINATION

## INVOCATION

*Leader:*

Invoking the presence and compassion of our ancestors  
In faith that we are Buddha  
We enter Buddha's Way  
Homage to all Buddhas in the ten directions  
Homage to the complete Dharma in the ten directions  
Homage to every Sangha in ten directions  
Homage to our first teacher Shakyamuni Buddha  
Homage to the succession of Bodhisattvas and Ancestors, women & men  
Homage to Eihei Dogen Zenji  
Homage to Shogaku Shunryu Daiocho  
May their presence and compassion sustain us now.  
Let us chant the names of Buddha

*Ordinee & Audience:*

Homage to the Dharmakaya Vairochana Buddha  
Homage to the Sambhogakaya Lochana Buddha  
Homage to the Nirmanakaya Shakyamuni Buddha  
Homage to the future Maitreya Buddha  
Homage to all Buddhas in the ten directions, past, present, and future  
Homage to the Mahayana Saddharma Pundarika Sutra  
Homage to Manjusri, the Perfect Wisdom Bodhisattva  
Homage to Samantabhadra, the Shining Practice Bodhisattva  
Homage to Avalokitesvara, the Infinite Compassion Bodhisattva  
Homage to the many Bodhisattvas, Mahasattvas  
Homage to the Maha Prajna Paramita

## DURING HEAD SHAVING

*Leader:*

Only the mind of a Bodhisattva  
Can cut through this drifting-wandering life  
And take the path of nirvana.  
This virtue cannot be defined.

*Ordinee and Audience (Repeat):*

ONLY THE MIND OF A BODHISATTVA  
CAN CUT THROUGH THIS DRIFTING-WANDERING LIFE  
AND TAKE THE PATH OF NIRVANA.  
THIS VIRTUE CANNOT BE DEFINED.

## DURING 2<sup>ND</sup> HEAD SHAVING

*Leader:*

In our past, present, and future karma  
The bonds of attachment are hard to break.  
Realization beyond the realm of karma  
Is the offering of true compassion

*Ordinee and Audience (Repeat):*

IN OUR PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE KARMA  
THE BONDS OF ATTACHMENT ARE HARD TO BREAK.  
REALIZATION BEYOND THE REALM OF KARMA  
IS THE OFFERING OF TRUE COMPASSION

## AFTER HEAD SHAVING

*Abbot:*

In this world of birth and death  
When we realize our imperturbable way-seeking mind  
Bodhi is right at hand.  
This very beginners-mind Bodhisattvas know  
As immeasurably deep and wide.  
Not even a Buddha can define it.

*Ordinee and Audience (Repeat):*

IN THIS WORLD OF BIRTH AND DEATH  
WHEN WE REALIZE OUR IMPERTURBABLE WAY-SEEKING MIND  
BODHI IS RIGHT AT HAND.  
THIS VERY BEGINNERS-MIND BODHISATTVAS KNOW  
AS IMMEASURABLY DEEP AND WIDE.  
NOT EVEN A BUDDHA CAN DEFINE IT.

## CLOSING CHANTS

*Ordinee and Audience chant 3 times:*

LIKE A CLOUD IN AN ENDLESS SKY  
A LOTUS IN MUDDY WATER  
WE LIVE IN THE PURE MIND OF BUDDHA.

*Three bows (audience does seated bows)*

*Leader:*

ALL BUDDHAS, TEN DIRECTIONS, THREE TIMES  
ALL BEINGS, BODHISATTVAS, MAHASATTVAS  
WISDOM BEYOND WISDOM, MAHA PRAJNA PARAMITA