

Mahakarunika Puja

Here we sit in a mandala of a pure land,
Around us, the sentient beings of the three realms,
Vast —
Equal to the limits of space.

From now until I gain awakening
I turn towards the Buddha, and the Dharma,
And also the noble Sangha.
On the greatest of these Noble Ones,
I call.
O quintessence of Great Compassion,
Expressed in skilful Play
To you, I call.
To all my teachers, right to the Buddha,
I call.

Grant your blessing
That my mind turns to the Dharma
Grant your blessing
That my Dharma follows the Path
Grant your blessing
That the Path dissolves my illusion
Grant your blessing
That appearances arise as Dharmadhatu
Grant your blessing
That unDharmic thoughts don't arise
Grant your blessing
That love and compassion do arise
And that both Bodhicittas abundantly flower

MUSIC, MANTRA, OFFERINGS

“For the sake of all beings
Equalling the skies
Who have been my mother
I will gain unsurpassable awakening
To this purpose I will practice this profound yoga
Path of all the Buddhas”

[recite three times]

Then:

Om svabhavasuddha sarvadharmasvabhavasuddho ‘ham

EMPTINESS MEDITATION

From the limitless dimension, Dharmadhatu
A wish fulfilling throne of jewels,
A lotus seat unspotted by samsara,
A moon disc, perfect clarity and light,
Is where I sit
Avalokitesvara, embodiment of all Buddhas
Am I
The colour of spotless conch and water crystal
Whose very pleasant smiling face
Is calm and graceful.
I hold my palms together at my heart
Above I hold a crystal mala
And a lotus with a jewel
Dressed in delightful silks and jewels
Handsome with my indigo locks and topknot

Above my head I feel your presence
Chief of all sources of refuge
Uniting the timeless awareness of all Buddhas
O well pleased Lord
Of the Lotus Family.

I myself, as the body of the deity
Am like the appearance of a reflection in a mirror
Am myself the dance of illusion
Am the union of appearance and emptiness
Beautiful like a dancer appearing in diverse costumes
A comely reflection of the appearances of mind.

To you, precious teacher
I call for the pointing out instruction
O truly complete Buddha
Measureless Light
Please look on me with a loving heart
Grant your blessing
To wipe away the obscurement of my evil acts
And quickly fill my stocks of merit and wisdom
Grant your blessing
So pure samadhi may arise
And I swiftly gain Buddhahood.

Dharma is what pervades samsara
Nirvana
Happiness
And suffering
And the root of all Dharmas is my own mind.
In mind there is no colour and no shape
Being no thing by nature
It is empty of 'one' and 'many'
Being empty
It is free of arising, ceasing and dwelling
Being free
It is unceasing clear appearance
Where all constructs come to rest
This mind of peace is unbounded and free
Let go and relax free from all activity

SITTING

Now inside, within my heart
Upon a lotus moon
The letter: HRIH
Encircling it is the mantra of six syllables
And light rays issue forth
Urging the Jina's compassion
For the welfare of the six classes of beings

OM MA NI PA DME HUM

(Voiced, repetitive in threes, cloud style.)

offerings can also be made here (and elsewhere in the ritual also)

The vision dissolves into light and merges into us all.

By this good act may I and other sentient beings
In this life live long, have good health and meet the true Dharma
In the next, being born in the Sukhavati field
May we swiftly attain the rank of Avalokita!
With body, speech and mind seen always
As the deity, his mantra and jnana,
Fulfil all beings' welfare through the power of compassion,
And accomplish all the deeds of Bodhisattvas
In this life, the next, and the Bardo in between
May we never let go the hook of compassion,
Of the Buddha Measureless Light,
and be preserved from all downfall.

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