

Offertory for Two Ancestors Memorial

The pure body of the dharma realm fundamentally has no emerging or disappearing. The power of the vow of great compassion is manifest throughout the goings and comings of birth and death.

Crossing over ten thousand leagues of billowing waves and returning home empty-handed, from far away Dogen planted the extraordinary seedling of Tendo on exquisitely craggy shores. Receiving the alms bowl in the fourth generation, Keizan ate the meal with his entire body and transplanted Eihei's spiritual tree to the Hourglass Drum woods.

The Treasury of the True Dharma Eye, bequeathed to us has promoted the soft and subtle way of the ancestors. *The Record of the Transmission of Light*, that marvelous account, proclaims and spreads their open-hearted style of Zen. Already there are ninety-some chapters of marvelous text; how could there not be fifty two generations of dharma lamps? At this temple the virtues of old buddhas are always reverently praised, and thus the blessings of the two ancestors are always recompensed.

On this x day of y month, we have humbly arrived at the time of the Highest Ancestor, Great Master Joyo Dogen, and the Greatest Ancestor, Great Master Josai Keizan's great final nirvana. We have offered incense, flowers, cakes, tea, lamps, candles, respectfully gathered the pure assembly of dharma descendents who are present here, and in unison chanted the *Litany of the Great Compassionate One*, and *The Lifespan of the Tathagata Chapter of the Lotus Sutra* in gratitude to them. We offer up the excellent merit accumulated thereby to the luminous mirror of the two ancestors, to requite their compassionate blessings.

May the sun and moon hang together, shining their radiance on all fourteen thousand temples of our school. May parent and child be intimate, extending their compassion to trillions of humans and devas in the ten directions. May the two ancestors' light shine through to this age, manifesting the season of "one blossom with five petals," and offering abundant assistance to all their descendents, that the ancestral wind shall ever blow.

Closing Invocation: All Together

- All Buddhas throughout space and time,
- All Honored Ones, Bodhisattvas, Mahasattvas,
- Wisdom beyond wisdom, Maha Prajna Paramita.