

## DEDICATION

*Thus on this Full Moon morning, we offer the merit of the  
Bodhisattva Way, through all world systems,  
to the unborn nature of all being.*

All Buddhas, Ten Directions, Three Times.

All Beings, Bodhisattva - Mahasatvas.

Wisdom Beyond Wisdom, Mahaprajna Paramita.

## FOUR BODHISATTVA VOWS

Beings are numberless, I vow to save them.

Delusions are inexhaustible, I vow to end them.

Dharma gates are boundless, I vow to enter them.

Buddha's Way is unsurpassable, I vow to become it.



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## Full Moon Bodhisattva Ceremony Renewal of Precepts

### REPENTANCE

All my ancient twisted karma  
From beginningless greed, hate and delusion  
Born through body, speech and mind  
I now fully avow.

### HOMAGES

Homage to the Seven Buddhas before Buddha.  
Homage to Shakyamuni Buddha.  
Homage to Maitreya Buddha.  
Homage to Manjusri Bodhisattva.  
Homage to Samantabhadra Bodhisattva.  
Homage to Avalokitesvara Bodhisattva.  
Homage to the Succession of Ancestors.

### REFUGES

*I take refuge in Buddha.*

Before all being, immersing body and mind deeply in the  
Way, awakening true mind.

*I take refuge in Dharma.*

Before all being, entering deeply the merciful ocean of  
Buddha's Way.

*I take refuge in Sangha.*

Before all being, bringing harmony to everyone, free from  
hindrance.

## **PURE PRECEPTS**

*I vow to refrain from all evil.*

It is the abode of the law of all Buddhas;  
It is the source of the law of all Buddhas.

*I vow to make every effort to live in enlightenment.*

It is the teaching of anuttara samyaksambodhi.

*I vow to live and be lived for the benefit of all beings.*

It is transcending profane and holy and  
taking self and others across.

## **GRAVE PRECEPTS**

*I vow not to kill.*

By not killing life the Buddha tree seed grows.  
Transmit the life of Buddha and do not kill.

*I vow not to take what is not given.*

The self and objects are such as they are, two yet one.  
The gate of liberation stands open.

*I vow not to misuse sexuality.*

Let the three wheels of self, object and action be pure.  
With nothing to desire one goes along together  
with the Buddhas.

*I vow to refrain from false speech.*

The Dharma Wheel turns from the beginning.  
There is neither surplus nor lack.  
The sweet dew saturates all and harvests the truth.

*I vow to refrain from intoxicants.*

Originally pure, don't defile. This is the great awareness.

*I vow not to slander.*

In the Buddhadharma, go together, appreciate together,  
realize together and actualize together.

Don't permit faultfinding.

Don't permit haphazard talk.

Do not corrupt the Way.

*I vow not to praise self at the expense of others.*

Buddhas and Ancestors realize the vast sky  
and the great earth.

When they manifest the noble body,  
there is neither inside nor outside in emptiness.

When they manifest the Dharma body,  
there is not even a bit of earth on the ground.

*I vow not to be avaricious.*

One phrase, one verse -  
that is the ten thousand things and one hundred grasses;  
one Dharma, one realization - is all Buddhas and Ancestors.  
Therefore, the beginning, there has been no stinginess at all.

*I vow not to harbor ill will.*

Not negative, not positive, neither real nor unreal,  
there is an ocean of illuminated clouds  
and an ocean of bright clouds.

*I vow not to disparage the Three Treasures.*

To expound the Dharma with this body is foremost.  
The virtue returns to the ocean of reality.  
It is unfathomable;  
we just accept it with respect and gratitude.