

Sutra Chanting For Idaten

(*Idaten fugin* 韋駄天諷經)

Texts chanted:

Heart Sutra (*Hannya shingyō* 般若心經)

Disaster-Preventing Dharani (*Shōsai shu* 消災呪) [3 times]

Eko:

Having chanted the *Heart of Great Perfect Wisdom Sutra* and *Marvelously Beneficial Disaster-Preventing Dharani*, we offer the merit generated thereby to the dharma-protecting Venerable Deva Idaten, the envoy who oversees meals in the kitchen, the god in charge of hot water and fire.

What we pray for is tranquility within the monastery, safety inside and out, the prevention of fire and theft, and the support of donors and believers.

Offering to the Main Object of Veneration

(*bonzon jōgu* 本尊上供)

Text chanted:

Heart Sutra (*Hannya shingyō* 般若心經)

Eko:

Having chanted the *Heart of Great Perfect Wisdom Sutra*, we offer the merit to our Great Benefactor and Founder of the Doctrine, the Original Teacher Shakyamuni Buddha [or whatever other figure is currently enshrined as the main object of veneration in the practice place], to the Eminent Ancestor Dogen, and to the Great Ancestor Keizan, that it may adorn their awakening, the unsurpassed fruit of buddhahood.

We humbly pray that the blessings of the four benefactors may be fully requited, that the three classes of existences may all be saved, and that sentient beings throughout the triple world equally perfect omniscience.

(What we hope for is prosperity for the household, long continuity of the family line, prevention of disasters, and that all conditions may be favorable.)

Sutra Chanting for Mortuary Hall Patrons

(*shidō danna fugin* 祠堂檀那諷經)

Texts chanted: *not specified*

[Note: For use in the annual memorial service for the founding patron of each monastery.]

Eko:

Purity perfected, the light penetrates,
calmly shining throughout the void.
Coming back and viewing the world
like something in a dream.

We humbly beg the three treasures for their illumination.

On this occasion of the monthly/annual day/eve of the memorial of (dharma name), we have respectfully prepared offerings of incense, flowers, lamps, and candles (sweet tea/hot water/fruit/tea/delicacies/savories) and chanted sutras and dharanis, that the merit generated thereby may assist his/her awakened spirit and adorn the land of his/ her reward.

We humbly pray that within the current of birth and death he/she shall be as the lustrous pearl shimmering