

Mahajrya Baptism Service

INTRODUCTION: We come together today to celebrate the baptism into Mahajrya Buddhism of (name of member).

PRAYERS: The Master(Acharya) / Initiator(Dikshaka) leads these prayers, joined by the member, and all who want to:

- **Dandapati:** The Dandapati is a protection chant that reminds us of the importance to "better" oneself. As we act with virtue, we are protected with enhanced energy and the presence of the spiritual world.
- **Divine Mother TARA** (1 paragraph) This prayer tunes your consciousness to **TARA**, the Buddhist representation of all that there is in nature, the Divine mother, the creative force and sustaining force of the universe.

Om Namas Tare Ture vire
Tuttare bhaya-nashane
Ture sarvartha-da tare
Svaha-kare namo stute

Om Homage Oh Tare, Swift One Heroine
Tuttare who eliminates fears
Ture, the Saviouress granting all
Sound of Svaha, worshipped and praised

- **Baishajye Guru:** This prayer invokes the presence of the Medicine Buddha, also known as the Medicine King and Master of Medicine. It is a prayer to the completely awakened self, to bring forth healing (for the members if needed).

KUNDALINI CROSS: We draw the Kundalini Cross to summon Avalokiteshwara, Shiva, the Holy Ghost to inhabit our meeting.

- Beginning at the top of the cross, strike down
- Then one and a quarter circle clockwise, to the left of the cross
- Strike right
- Then two circles clockwise, ending at the bottom of the cross
- Strike up to the middle of the cross

- Then palm is retracted back a bit and strikes the middle of the form...(and feel the activating of all the place to evolve in consciousness)

VOWS: Baptism, or initiation into Mahajrya Buddhism is a conscious choice, and requires complete understanding of the Five Precepts and the Three Jewels.

The Five Precepts:

1. I vow to refrain from destroying living creatures—don't kill. This doesn't apply to eating animals unless it is your personal choice. For human death, it means don't kill for personal gain or as an expression of your emotions. It does not apply to self defense. If you are required to kill as part of your responsibility to society, such as your job in the military or the criminal justice system, you are only following the orders of another as part of societal structure.
2. I vow to refrain from taking that which is not given—don't steal. This refers not only to stealing from individuals, but also to stealing from organizations, such as cheating on income taxes or insurance claims.
3. I vow to refrain from sexual misconduct. Don't cause suffering. Use your judgment regarding societal mores.
4. I vow to refrain from incorrect speech—don't lie, but don't cause suffering.
5. I vow to refrain from intoxicating drinks and drugs which lead to carelessness. Don't get to the point that your personality or judgment is compromised.

STUDENT RECITES THE FIVE PRECEPTS (Master(Acharya) / Initiator(Dikshaka) says them one at a time, with student repeating)

The Three Jewels, also known as the Three Refuges:

1. The Buddha—Shakyamuni Buddha, the founder of Buddhism.
2. The Dharma—this means wisdom. Usually it refers to the written teachings of the Buddha (sutras), but the broader meaning is any wisdom which guides one along the path to Enlightenment, such as the teachings of Maha Vajra.
3. The Sangha—your spiritual community, the teachers and students of Maha Vajra.

STUDENT RECITES THE VOWS (Master(Acharya) / Initiator(Dikshaka) says them one at a time, with student repeating)

I take refuge in the Buddha

I take refuge in the Dharma

I take refuge in the Sangha

MANTRAS: Master(Acharya) / Initiator(Dikshaka) leads all guests in reciting one mala of each for the new member:

- Peace
- Compassion
- Favorable

END OF SERVICE: Honor new member and guests with prayer hands, giving thanks to everyone.



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