

## Mahajrya Marriage Service

**INTRODUCTION:** We come together today to celebrate the marriage of (name of members).

**PRAYERS:** The Master(Acharya), Initiator(Dikshaka) leads these prayers, joined by 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	Om! Homage! O Tare, Swift One, Heroine!
Tuttare bhaya-nashane	Tuttare who eliminates fears!
Ture sarvartha-da tare	Ture, the Saviouress granting all benefits!
Svaha-kare namo stute	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:** The Master(Acharya), Initiator(Dikshaka) introduces and draws the 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)

**SPEECH:** (2 to 5 minutes max, about non-attachment and collaboration of beings in their evolution)

*Suggestion for speech:*

You have made a loving commitment to strive to be responsible and harmonious in your relationship together.

**In life's decisions, look to 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 incorrect speech—don't lie, but don't cause suffering.
4. I vow to refrain from sexual misconduct—don't cause suffering. Use your judgment regarding societal mores.
5. I vow to refrain from intoxication to the point of carelessness—don't allow your personality or judgment to become compromised.

**When you need consolation, guide each other to 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.

Be conscious that marriage is a human system. Love one another, but detach. For at the level of the Soul, you are merely streams of consciousness flowing together for a while, each contributing to the evolution of the other.

**SPOUSES:** (Invite spouses to share a few comments about their experience)

**COMMUNION MALA:** Take a mala (brought by the couple), and wrap it around the hands of the couple, hand in hand, while everyone chants the mantras.

## MANTRAS:

1. Celebrant priest chants a few prayers to bring a personal experience to the ceremony. This could include requests of the couple and any traditional Mahajrya prayers.
2. Celebrant Priest leads all guests in reciting one mala of each:
  - Peace
  - Compassion
  - Favorable for everything to be fine

**END OF SERVICE:** honor members and guests with prayer hands, giving thanks to everyone.



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