

DAILY CHANTS

Verse of the Robe

Vast is the robe of liberation,
a formless field of benefaction;
wearing the universal teaching,
I realize the one true nature,
thus harmonizing all being.

Repentance

All my ancient tangled karma
from beginningless greed, hate and delusion,
born through body, speech, and mind
I now fully avow.

All our ancient tangled karma
from beginningless greed, hate and delusion,
born through body, speech, and mind
We now fully avow.

All the ancient tangled karma
from beginningless greed, hate and delusion,
born through body, speech, and mind
All being now fully avows.

Refuges

I take refuge in Buddha
I take refuge in Dharma
I take refuge in Sangha.

We take refuge in Buddha,
immersing body and mind deeply in the way,
awakening true mind;
We take refuge in Dharma,
entering deeply the merciful ocean of Buddha's Way;
We take refuge in Sangha, bringing harmony to everyone, free from hindrance.

Now all being has completely taken refuge in Buddha,
Now all being has completely taken refuge in Dharma,
Now all being has completely taken refuge in Sangha.

Four Practice Principles

Caught in the self-centered dream, only suffering;
holding to self-centered thoughts, exactly the dream.
Each moment, life as it is, the only teacher;
being just this moment, compassion's way.

Bodhisattva Vow

Beings are numberless, I vow to free 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 embody it.

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Dharma gates are boundless, this vow enters them all;
Buddha's way is unsurpassable, this vow embodies it.

Sharing the merit

May our intention permeate equally every being and place with the true merit of Buddha's way.

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