

Heart of Great Perfect Wisdom Sutra

Avalokiteshvara Bodhisattva, when deeply practicing prajna paramita, clearly saw ◎ that all five aggregates are empty and thus relieved all suffering. Shariputra, form does not differ from emptiness, emptiness does not differ from form. Form itself is emptiness, emptiness itself form. Sensations, perceptions, formations, and consciousness are also like this. Shariputra, all dharmas are marked by emptiness ; they neither arise nor cease, are neither defiled nor pure, neither increase nor decrease. Therefore, given emptiness, there is no form, no sensation, no perception, no formation, no consciousness; no eyes, no ears, no nose, no tongue, no body, no mind; no sight, no sound, no smell, no taste, no touch, no object of mind; no realm of sight... no realm of mind consciousness. There is neither ignorance nor extinction of ignorance... neither old age and death, nor extinction of old age and death ; no suffering, no cause, no cessation, no path ; no knowledge and no attainment. With nothing to attain, a bodhisattva relies on prajna paramita, ◎ and thus the mind is without hindrance. Without hindrance, there is no fear. Far beyond all inverted views, one realizes nirvana. All buddhas of past, present, and future rely on prajna paramita ◎ and thereby attain unsurpassed, complete, perfect enlightenment. Therefore, know the prajna paramita as the great miraculous mantra, the great bright mantra, the supreme mantra, the incomparable mantra, which removes all suffering and is true, not false. Therefore 29 we proclaim the prajna paramita mantra, the mantra that says : "Gate Gate • Paragate Parasamgate • Bodhi Svaha."

Dedication Verse

Having chanted the Heart of Great Perfect Wisdom Sutra, we reverently offer the merit generated thereby to our Great Benefactor and Founder of the Doctrine, the Original Teacher Shakyamuni Buddha, to the Eminent Ancestor Dogen, to the Great Ancestor Keizan, to the successive generations of buddhas and ancestors who transmitted the flame and to the eternal three treasures in the ten directions, that we may repay their compassionate blessings.

We further offer it to the tutelary deities, the dharma-protecting devas, and ancestral spirits of this land.

What we pray for is the flourishing of the true dharma, harmony among all nations, tranquility within the community, and that all conditions may be favorable.

May we together realize the Buddha-Way.

All Buddhas throughout space and time

All honored ones, Bodhisattvas, Mahasattvas

Wisdom beyond wisdom, Maha Prajna Paramita.

Robe Verse

How great, the robe of liberation,
a formless field of merit.

Wrapping ourselves in Buddha's teaching,
we free all living beings.

Repentance Verse

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

Sutra-Opening Verse

The unsurpassed, profound, and wondrous dharma is rarely met with,
even in a hundred, thousand, million kalpas.

Now we can see and hear it, accept and maintain it.

May we unfold the meaning of the Tathagata's truth.

Universal Transference of Merit

May this merit extend universally to all, so that we together with all beings
realize the buddha way.