



Memorial Service

for

Willis “Bill” Clare Bullard Jr.

(July 12, 1943 - December 18, 2020)



6:45 p.m. CST

Wednesday February 3rd, 2021

Inconceivable Joy Temple
Austin Zen Center
Austin, Texas

Order of Service:

Procession

Incense Offering & Three Bows

Doshi invites brief words from family & friends

Incense Offering

The Doshi will offer incense on behalf of the family & friends during the chanting of the Dai Hi Shin Dharani.

DAI HI SHIN DHARANI

Namu kara tan no tora ya ya namu ori ya boryo ki chi shifu
ra ya fuji sato bo ya moko sato bo ya mo ko kya runi kya ya
en sa hara ha ei shu tan no ton sha namu shiki ri toi mo ori
ya boryo ki chi shifu ra rin to bo na mu no ra kin ji ki ri mo
ko ho do sha mi sa bo o to jo shu ben o shu in sa bo sa to no
mo bo gya mo ha te cho to ji to en o bo ryo ki ru gya chi kya
rya chi i kiri mo ko fuji sa to sa bo sa bo mo ra mo ra mo ki
mo ki ri to in ku ryo ku ryo ke mo to ryo to ryo ho ja ya chi
mo ko ho ja ya chi to ra to ra chiri ni shifu ra ya sha ro sha
ro mo mo ha mo ra ho chi ri yuki yuki shi no shi no ora san
fura sha ri ha za ha za fura sha ya ku ryo ku ryo mo ra ku
ryo ku ryo ki ri sha ro sha ro shi ri shi ri su ryo su ryo fuji
ya fuji ya fudo ya fudo ya mi chiri ya nora kin ji chiri shuni
no hoyo mono somo ko shido ya somo ko moko shido ya
somo ko shido yu ki shifu ra ya somo ko nora kin ji somo
ko mo ra no ra somo ko shira su omo gya ya somo ko sobo
moko shido ya somo ko shaki ra oshi do ya somo ko hodo
mogya shido ya somo ko nora kin ji ha gyara ya somo ko
mo hori shin gyara ya somo ko namu kara tan no tora ya ya
namu ori ya boryo ki chi shifu ra ya somo ko shite do modo
ra hodo ya so mo ko

Dedication & All Buddhas

Kokyo: The immaculate light reaches everywhere leaving no place unilluminated, in tranquility embracing all emptiness.

Returning from oneness into the world of discrimination the affairs of the mundane are seen as but a dream.

Humbly we invoke the guidance of the Three Treasures.

Respectfully we have offered incense, flowers and light, and chanted the Loving Kindness Sutra and the Dai Hi Shin Dharani, offering the merit for the sake of Willis Bullard on this occasion of his memorial service.

Kindly we pray that in the realm of life and death this one person, Willis Bullard, like the precious Dragon Jewel, shine as the emerald sea, clear and complete, as the clear blue sky, in the Dharma everywhere guiding the world in ascending the path to enlightenment.

We pray for his peace, for his contentment, for his freedom. May he together with all beings realize the awakened way.

Assembly: All Buddhas, ten directions, three times;
All honored ones, Bodhisattva Mahasattvas;
Wisdom beyond Wisdom,
Maha Prajna Paramita

Closing 3 bows

Recession

Doshi and ceremonial attendants only; Assembly remains until 2 final bells.



On the Meaning of Chanting the Daihi Shin Dharani:

The Daihi Shin Dharani, or “Great Compassionate Mind Dharani” is a veneration of the bodhisattva of compassion, Avalokitesvara, the regreder of the cries of the world. Much in the same way that the ‘English’ word “abracadabra” has no meaning, dharanis are very rarely translated as they really have no meaning other than as mantras or ‘spells’. Often the syllables are thought to make an auspicious sound, or have an esoteric or symbolic meaning. According to Soto School Scriptures for Daily Services and Practice (Sotoshu Shumucho, 2001), “translating” dharanis into English must begin with a reconstruction of the text in an original Indic language (presumed to be Sanskrit) and then translated from that into English. “From the standpoint of critical scholarship, however, the reconstruction of a complete, ostensibly original text is a highly dubious process, for there is no way of knowing for sure which Indic or Central Asian language served as the starting point for any given Chinese transliteration”.

In Soto Zen the Daihi Shin Dharani is traditionally chanted as part of memorial services as a prayer for peace, ease, and well-wishing for the recently departed, and to help them in their transition into whatever next phase of birth & death they will enter. The 49-day memorial service marks the end of the intermediary period and final loosening of connections to this worldly realm before rebirth in the next realm, according to one’s own karma, or action.