

Original Mind Zen Sangha Liturgy

The Four Great Vows

(Bell rings three times, then all together:)

Sentient beings are numberless; we vow to help them all.
Delusions are countless; we vow to see through them all.
Opportunities to awaken are infinite; we vow to embrace them all.
The Buddha Way is endless; we vow to embody it.

Introducing the Dharma Talk

This Dharma, incomparably profound and minutely subtle,
is rarely encountered, even in hundreds of thousands of millions of ages.
Now we see it, hear it, hold and maintain it.
May we completely realize the true mind of all Buddhas.

Giving Thanks

Infinite realms of light and dark convey the Buddha Mind.
Birds and trees and stars and we ourselves come forth in perfect harmony.
We practice and recite this for all beings in the world,
in grateful thanks to our many guides along the Way.

Parting Words

(Bell rings three times, then teacher recites:)

Life and death are of supreme importance.
Time passes swiftly by and opportunities to awaken are easily lost.
Strive to realize your true nature.
Do not squander your time by night or day.