Autumn Equinox Evening Service 2011

[In City Center courtyard]

Shashu bow, doshi incense offering, small bell rolldown and three prostrations with four small bells as usual.

Second incense offering, doshi bows at altar \bullet Doshi does three more bows on bowing mat $\bullet \bullet \bullet$

Kokyo announces:

Heart of Great Perfect Wisdom Sutra 🔶

Avalokiteshvara Bodhisattva, when deeply practicing prajna paramita, clearly saw that all \bigcirc 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 O, 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 \bigcirc 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 we proclaim the prajna paramita mantra, the mantra that says: •

Gate Gate Paragate • Parasamgate Bodhi Svaha

Doshi makes statement, then invites congregation to read poems or words related to the season. At conclusion of poems or words offered by congregation, doshi will bow to signal doan stop. ■

Kokyo then chants Eko:

In the Dharma world there is no increase, no decrease; no coming, no going; no beginning, no ending.

Out of infinite compassion Buddhas appear in this transient world and continuously convey the unsurpassed, penetrating and perfect Dharma.

On this day we celebrate the Autumn Equinox

and enter the turning of the season from summer to fall, from light to dark; we have gathered here with the setting sun, offered flowers, incense and light and we have chanted the Heart of Great Perfect Wisdom Sutra, the merit of which we offer to: •

↑ Our great original teacher Shakyamuni Buddha To all Bodhisattva Mahasattvas To Eihei Dogen Daiosho To Shogaku Shunryu Daiosho •

 \downarrow May our practice in this new season flower into big, joyful and compassionate

mind for ourselves and all beings. \sim

All Buddhas Ten Directions Three Times All Honored ones Bodhisattvas Mahasattvas Wisdom Beyond Wisdom Maha Prajna Paramita

Three prostrations doshi steps back and bows, twice doshi turns and bows at courtyard door