

# Hawaii Betsuin Spring Higan Service

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## Vandana and Ti'sarana

### Vandana

**Ancient Chant**

Na - mo tas - sa Bha - ga - va to, A - ra -  
Hom - age to Him, the Ex - alt - ed One, The En -  
ha to, Sam - ma - sam bud - dhas - sa.  
light - ened One, The Supremely A - wak - ened One.

### Ti-Sarana

Bud - dham Sa - ra - nam Gac - cha - mi.  
I go to the Bud - dha for guid - ance.

Dham - mam Sa - ra - nam Gac - cha - mi.  
I go to the Dhar - ma for guid - ance.

San - gham sa - ra - nam Gac - cha - mi.  
I go to the San - gha for guid - ance.

## Gassho to Amida

- Leader:**  
Namo Amida Butsu  
**Everyone:**  
I recite Amida's Name.  
With deep joy and gratitude,  
I gassho to Amida.
- Trees and grasses and flowers  
All grow in Great Compassion.  
This Light shines throughout the world.  
I gassho to Amida.
- Flowers bloom and flowers fall;  
From the seeds sprout new flowers;  
This is the Truth unchanging.  
I gassho to Amida.
- Springtime brings the happy birds,  
Their songs all praise Amida;  
I join them in Nembutsu.  
I gassho to Amida.
- When I call Amida's Name  
It's Amida calling me;  
Buddha's voice, my voice are one.  
I gassho to Amida.
- When I'm lonely I recite  
Namo Amida Butsu,  
Then I feel Great Compassion.  
I gassho to Amida.
- Nembutsu in work and play,  
Every day with Amida,  
Every moment filled with Light.  
I gassho to Amida.
- Remember the Golden Chain,  
"Kindness to all living things."  
I will follow this teaching.  
I gassho to Amida.
- In the clear bright morning sun,  
In the fading light of day,  
In the darkness of the night,  
I gassho to Amida.
- Namo Amida Butsu  
I live in Great Compassion.  
This great power guides my life.  
I gassho to Amida.

## Nembutsu

**Leader:**  
NA MAN DA BU

**Everyone:**  
NA MAN DA BU  
NA MAN DA BU  
NA MAN DA BU  
NA MAN DA BU  
NA MAN DA BU

## Ekōku

**Leader:**  
The virtue of Amida's Vow

**Everyone:**  
Is shared equally by all;  
Together attaining Awakened Mind,  
We are born in the Land of Peace.

## Golden Chain of Love

I am a link in Amida Buddha's Golden Chain of Love that stretches around the world. I must keep my link bright and strong.

I will try to be kind and gentle to every living thing and protect all who are weaker than myself.

I will try to think pure and beautiful thoughts, to say pure and beautiful words, and to do pure and beautiful deeds, knowing that on what I do now depends not only my happiness or unhappiness but also that of others.

May every link in Amida's Golden Chain of Love be bright and strong, and may we all attain Perfect Peace.

## Gratefulness II

By the Benevolence of Amida's Light  
How in utmost we entrust, deep thanks express;  
For our debt to teachers for their guidance true,  
We dedicate ourselves in gratefulness.