

**SIXTEENTH ANNUAL  
BUDDHIST SOCIETY OF PITTSBURGH  
VESAK GATHERING**

**SUNDAY, MAY 5<sup>TH</sup> 2024**

**BATHING THE BABY BUDDHA**

**ZEN CENTER OF PITTSBURGH**

YOU ARE INVITED TO PRESS YOUR PALMS TOGETHER AND BOW, THEN USE THE LADLE TO POUR WATER INFUSED WITH FLOWERS AND FRAGRANT SPICES OVER THE STATUE OF THE BABY BUDDHA THREE TIMES. THE BATHING OF THE BABY BUDDHA IS AN EXPRESSION OF GRATITUDE, BRINGING YOUR INTENTION TO THE MOMENT.

**INTRODUCTION TO THE CEREMONY AND THE THEME**

**JOHN BOGAARD**

VESAK IS THE MAJOR BUDDHIST HOLIDAY OF THE YEAR AS IT CELEBRATES THE BIRTH, ENLIGHTENMENT AND PASSING AWAY (PARINIRVANA) OF THE HISTORICAL BUDDHA. THIS YEAR'S THEME IS **WATERING OUR COMMON ROOTS**.

**WELCOME & DHARMA MESSAGE**

**PHRA VIDSRATANAPORN**

**KRITAPINIHAN DANCE**

**WAT PADHAMMARATTANA**

THIS DEVOTIONAL DANCE IS A BLESSING DANCE USUALLY PERFORMED AT AUSPICIOUS CEREMONIES AND GENERAL EVENTS. FEMALE PERFORMERS DRESS AS, AND PRETEND TO BE, ANGELS. THE DANCERS DANCE ACCORDING TO THE LYRICS, AND AT THE END SCATTER A TRAY OF FLOWERS, BLESSING ALL BEINGS. DANCERS: PIYAPORN JORDANOFF, KRISSANAPORN SUWANNANAN

**LIGHTING OF CANDLES**

**REPRESENTATIVES FROM ALL SANGHAS**

**INVOCATION**

**DHAMMA GONE YEE MONASTERY**

**CHANTING OF THREE REFUGES**

**NEIGHBORHOOD ZEN**

BUDDHAM SARANAM GACCHÂMI  
DHAMMAM SARANAM GACCHÂMI  
SANGHAM SARANAM GACCHÂMI

DUTIYAMPI BUDDHAM SARANAM GACCHÂMI  
DUTIYAMPI DHAMMAM SARANAM GACCHÂMI  
DUTIYAMPI SANGHAM SARANAM GACCHÂMI

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TATIYAMPI SANGHAM SARANAM GACCHÂMI

**INCENSE OFFERING**

**LAUGHING RIVERS SANGHA**

**SUTRA RECITATION**

**SAKYAMUNI BUDDHA TEMPLE**

**DHAMMA TALK**

**REV. KOTOKU CRIVELLO**

**CHILDREN'S BUDDHIST SONG**

**PITTSBURGH BUDDHIST CENTER**

**BUDDHIST READING**

**PITTSBURGH BUDDHIST WOMEN SANGHA**

**MEDITATION FOR WORLD PEACE**

**BHANTE PEMARATANA**

**CHILDREN'S BUDDHIST SONG**

**CLEVELAND BUDDHIST VIHARA**

**DEDICATION OF MERITS**

**BELMONT ZEN CENTER**

THE MERIT GAINED THROUGH OUR DHARMA ACTIVITIES,  
WE NOW DEDICATE TO ALL BEINGS  
FOR THE ALLEVIATION OF THEIR SUFFERING.  
I DEDICATE MY LIFE, PRACTICE AND FAITH,  
TO THE ENLIGHTENMENT OF ALL BEINGS.  
MAY WE ALL ATTAIN BUDDHAHOOD TOGETHER.

**OFFERING CHILDREN'S CRAFTS TO THE BUDDHA**

**ALL CHILDREN**

**CEREMONY OF WATERING THE COMMEMORATIVE PLANT**

**EVERYONE**

**CLOSING SONG FOR THE CEREMONY**

**LED BY LAUGHING RIVERS SANGHA**

**WE ARE ALL ONE**

WE ARE ALL THE LEAVES OF ONE TREE (2X)  
THE TIME HAS COME FOR ALL TO LIVE AS ONE  
WE ARE ALL THE LEAVES OF ONE TREE.

WE ARE ALL THE STARS OF ONE SKY (2X)  
THE TIME HAS COME FOR ALL TO LIVE AS ONE  
WE ARE ALL HE STARS OF ONE SKY.

WE ARE ALL THE WAVES OF ONE SEA (2X)  
THE TIME HAS COME FOR ALL TO LIVE AS ONE  
WE ARE ALL THE WAVES OF ONE SEA.

WE ARE ALL THE LEAVES OF ONE TREE,  
WE ARE ALL THE WAVES OF ONE SEA,  
THE TIME HAS COME FOR ALL TO LIVE AS ONE  
WE ARE ALL THE STARS OF ONE SKY.

**SOCIAL TIME & REFRESHMENTS**

**EVERYONE**

