

blue heron zen community

# Buddha's Birthday Ceremony

Lighting of Candles and Incense/Opening Bell

Opening Remarks.....Jim Peacey, Senior Dharma Teacher

The Threefold Refuge .....(All together, standing)

*Homage to all the Buddhas*

*Who are present in their glory*

*At this assembly*

*Homage to the Dharma*

*Which is present in its glory*

*At this assembly*

*Homage to all the Sangha*

*Who are present in their glory*

*At this assembly*

Sogamuni Bul Chanting .....(Based on Kwan Seum Bosal chanting, page 24)

Offering of Flowers to the Buddha.....Sangha

Sitting Meditation .....(5 minutes)

Formal Dharma Speech.....Zen Master Jeong Bong

Four Great Vows .....(All together, standing)

*Sentient beings are numberless.*

*We vow to awaken as one.*

*Mistaken views are endless.*

*We vow to cut through them all.*

*The teachings are infinite.*

*We vow to embody them all.*

*The Buddha Way is inconceivable.*

*We vow to attain it.*

Extinguishing of Candles

Closing Remarks.....Jim Peacey, Senior Dharma Teacher