blue heron zen community

Buddha's Enlightenment Day Ceremony

Lighting of Candles and Incense/Opening Bell

Opening Remarks.....Jim Peacey, Head 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.....Paul Gulick, JDPSN

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, Head Dharma Teacher