

# Deadname Ceremony

*Fox Ghost Trans Sangha, November 2, 2023*

Homage to the Many Jewels Tathagata,  
Removing the karma of greed, fully complete with blessings and wisdom.

Homage to the Wondrous Form Body Tathagata,  
Destroying disgrace and vileness, fully complete with good marks.

Homage to the Power of Sweet Dew Tathagata,  
Pouring the Dharma into body and mind, granting pleasure.

Homage to the Boundless Body Tathagata,  
Opening wide all throats, satisfying them with food and drink.

Homage to the Freedom from Fear Tathagata  
Completely banishing fear, freeing all from rebirths as hungry ghosts.

Homage to the Radiant Trans Tathagata  
Manifesting love in this body, aligning truth and form to liberate all beings.

Homage to the Compassionate Presence Ancestor Tathagata  
Knocking down all obstacles, offering guidance and wisdom.

*Approach the altar one person at a time. Write your old name or old pronouns on a paper slip, roll it up and deposit it in the burn jar. Have a shared moment of silence.*

## Gate of Sweet Dew

Giving rise to the awakened mind, we unconditionally offer up a bowl of pure food to all our hungry ghosts in every land to the farthest reaches of vast emptiness in the ten directions, including every atom throughout the entire dharma realm. We invite all our past selves going back to ancient times, our spirits dwelling in mountains, rivers, and earth, as well as our twisted shadows from the untamed wilderness to come and gather here. Now, with deep sympathy we offer food to all of you, sincerely hoping that you will each accept this food and turn it over, making offerings to buddhas, sages, and all sentient beings throughout the vast emptiness of the universe, so that you will be satisfied. Moreover, we sincerely wish that your bodies be conveyed by these words and food, so that you may depart from suffering, be liberated, and receive joy. In accordance with your intentions, may you travel freely through the pure lands in the ten directions and arouse awakened mind practicing the awakened way and in the future become a buddha without regressing. We entreat those who have previously attained the way since ancient times to vow to realize liberation with all other beings together. Day and night, constantly protect us so that our vows will be fulfilled. We offer food to beings throughout the dharma realm, so that every being will equally receive this fortunate offering. Whatever virtue and merit this produces, we completely transfer and dedicate to the unsurpassed awakening with total clarity and wisdom of the whole dharma realm of true reality, that all may speedily attain buddhahood without incurring any other destinies. May all sentient beings of the dharma realm take advantage of this teaching to quickly attain buddhahood.

*The names are prepared for burning and then lit.  
Chant the Jizo Dharani until the bells ring, that's the last time through.*

## **Jizo Dharani**

Om!  
Ka ka  
Kabi san  
Ma E  
Sowa ka

*(repeat)*

### **Dedication** *(chant leader only)*

All living things are one seamless body, and pass quickly from fire to fire, dark to dark. We acknowledge you—our many past spirits and twisted shadows—may you heal and have peace. We especially dedicate the merits of this ceremony to:

*All: \*bow and whisper deadname/pronouns under breath or silently\**

May we find freedom together, and may the merit of this ritual radiate out and benefit all beings who are suffering in this wild world, including the victims of war and genocide, especially the people of Palestine. May we actualize an end to all suffering, and may we together realize the Buddha Way ~

*Everyone:*

All buddhas, ten directions, three times.  
All honored ones, bodhisattva-mahasattvas,  
Wisdom beyond wisdom,  
Maha Prajña Paramita

*Bow*