



Hawaii Buddhist Council
Buddha Day Service
Hanamatsuri

Celebrating the Birth of Buddha

Guest Speaker:
Dr. George Tanabe
Presentation of Jataka Tales:
Jeff Gere and Lesley Kline
Sunday, April 2, 2023 at 9:30 am
Jodo Mission of Hawaii



於: ハワイ浄土宗別院

Hawaii Buddhist Council 2023 Buddha Day Service Program

Officiant: Bishop Kosen Ishikawa (HBC President)
M.C. : Ms. Sally Hayashi
Choir: Honpa Hongwanji Choir
Choir Director: Ms. Mari Murakami
Accompanist: Mr. Francis Okano

Prelude : "Where, Oh, Where?" Honpa Hongwanji Choir
Opening Remarks M.C.
Procession of Bishops
Offering of Incense, Flowers and Sweet Tea
(By Representatives of HBC Temples)
Vandana Ti-Sarana Rev. Myoko Takano
Invocation Bishop Kosen Ishikawa
Sutra Chanting "Kanmokuge" Led by Bishop Kosen Ishikawa
-Collection of Offering -
(Offering of Sweet Tea by the Bishop of each denomination)

Gatha: "Floral Festival" Choir & Congregation
Recession of Bishops and Ministers
Welcome Address Bishop Kosen Ishikawa
Buddha Day Message Dr. George Tanabe
"Why We Tell Stories?"
Gatha: "Happy Buddha Day" Choir & Congregation
Benediction Bishop Clark Watanabe
Closing Remarks M.C.
*****Break (10 - 15 Minutes)*****
Special Presentation of Jataka Tales at 10:45 a.m.

Special Presentation of JATKA TALES by Jeff Gere with a violinist Lesley Kline

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Refreshments will be served at the Social Hall
Hospitality of Tea by Chado Urasenke Tankokai Hawaii Association

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This show plays for FREE to celebrate Buddha's Birth Day on April 2, 10:30 (for an hour.) at the Jodo Mission Temple (1429 Makiki Street, by the freeway behind Shriner's Hospital at Punahou). The 9:30am Opening Ceremony includes remarks on 'Jataka Tales' by GEORGE TANABE, Professor Emeritus in Religious Studies (Buddhism.) The public is invited.

THE TALES: A foolish rabbit mistakes the end of the world with the thump of a mango on the ground... and he has some hard questions on contemporary issues too. We are urged by the Brave Parrot facing a fire to HELP! A boy 'makes a difference' saving one starfish at a time. We learn the difference between Heaven & Hell. The Great Stag confronts the King: "stop killing or kill me!" In the midst of disaster, a strawberry sure tastes sweet! So is the Sky falling? Is the end of the World here? What can we do about it? If we are born to die, how do we live?

Answers and inspiration come from these old and new parables, told in fresh, innovative ways (... with some audience participation too.) Bring children and grandparents and the neighbors too! Check out videos of some of these stories below.

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'JATAKA TALES' VIDEOS

The Brave Parrot (To put out a fire, we all gotta HELP! 8:30)

<https://youtu.be/g4e-Oe660RE>

The Difference Between Heaven & Hell (it's in helping others, 6 min)

<https://youtu.be/aeE5pDyIRK0>

Foolish Rabbit (the world is ending, but you can do something 9:30 min.)

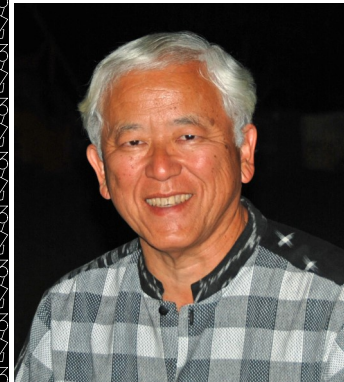
<https://youtu.be/fkjHJeANMoI>

Short Tales (4 short tales inside a story of running out of gas, 7:30)

<https://youtu.be/jQtKcUxrnB>

Our Guest Speaker & Performers

Dr. George Tanabe



Born and raised in Waialua, **George Tanabe** graduated from Willamette University (B.A.), Union Theological Seminary (M.Div.), and Columbia University (M.A. and Ph.D.). From 1977 to 2006, he taught in the Department of Religion at the University of Hawaii and retired as Professor Emeritus. He currently serves as president of BDK (Bukkyō Dendō Kyōkai) Hawai'i and BDK America (Berkeley). His books about Japanese religions are published by university presses at Harvard, Princeton, and Columbia, and include *Japanese Buddhist Temples of Hawai'i* (UH Press). In 2012, the Japanese government honored him with the Imperial Order of the Rising Sun. He still lives in Waialua.

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Vandana

Ancient Chant

Bhisku. Namō tassa Bhagava - - - to Ara -
People. Homage to Him, the Ex - - - alt - ed One. The En -

ha - - - to Samma - sam - bud - dhas - sa.
light - ened One, the Supremely A - wak - ened One.

Ti-Sarana

Ancient Chant

1. Buddham Saranam Gac - - - - cha - mi.
2. I go to the Buddha for guid - ance.
3. Namu ki-e Bu - tsu.

Dhammam Saranam Gac - - - - cha - mi.
I go to the Dhamma for guid - ance.
Namu ki-e Hō.

Sangham Saranam Gac - - - - cha - mi.
I go to the Sangha for guid - ance.
Namu ki-e Sō.

Floral Festival

Translation of "Hanamatsuri no Uta"
by Music Committee.

Tetsumaro Honda

Yaso Saijō

Tenderly and gently ♩=112.

1. O let us come to gath - er now, on this day of spring,
2. By the Bud-dha's bound-less love and com-pas-sion pure,
3. Flow-ers-blos-som day-by-day, through the-wind and rain;

Flow-ers.fresh from the earth,for the fes-ti-val, And to the Bud-dha
Flow-ers.sweet pu-ri-fy and a-dorn the air While u-ni-ver-sal
So our.faiths,thank-ful-ness,felt through-out the years Do,as the sun at

give in joy-ous of-fer-ing, peace and har-mo-ny ob-tain, On this day, fes-tive day, hap-py- Bud-dha Day!
dawn as sure-ly,light the world,

mp *mf* 1.2.

Sa-ku-ra chi-ra chi-ra Sa-ku-ra chi-ra chi-ra Ha - na-ma-tsu-ri!
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Ha - na-ma-tsu-ri!

3.

3.

Ga kon kan moku Sho nyo rai
 我今灌沐諸如來
 I shall pour sweet tea on the numerous Buddhas.

Jo chi sho gon Ku doku ju
 淨智莊嚴功德聚
 The wonderful virtues and wisdom of the Buddhas.

Go joku shu jo Ryo ri ku
 五濁衆生令離垢
 Shall enable all beings to cast off their defilements.

Do sho nyo rai Jo hos shin
 同證如來淨法身
 To be awakened to the absolute mind of the Buddha

Kei shu dai sho Bo gya bon
 稽首大聖簿伽梵
 Thus, I bow in reverence to Shakyamuni Buddha.

Ten jo ten ge Ryo zoku son
 天上天下兩足尊
 To the greatest and the noblest among all men,

Ga tou kon i Ku doku sui
 我等今以功德水
 We now pour sweet tea of the greatest virtue

Kan yoku nyo rai Jo hos shin
 灌浴如來淨法身
 And, extol the Buddha of absolute purity.

Pouring of Sweet Tea (Kanmoku)

This custom originally was practiced by the Brahmins. They used to pour perfumes or other sweet smelling liquids as blessing. Later, the Buddhists adopted this custom to be used at Hanamatsuri or Buddha Day celebration to bless the infant Buddha. A legend tells that a dragon came from heaven at the time of the birth of the Buddha and poured scented water on the infant Buddha. In China, this custom began about the 4th century. In Japan, it is recorded that the custom began about 606 A.D. Nowadays, the infant Buddha is placed in a flower shrine (Hanamido), and sweet tea is poured instead of scented water.

灌沐偈『仏説浴像功德經』

Kanmoku-ge Sutra

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Happy Buddha Day

Translation of "Hanamatsuri Kodomo no Uta" Minoru Kainuma
by Music Committee. *mf*

♩ = 86

1. The fra-grant flow - ers
2. Birds join our cho - rus
3. We hear the bells sound

bring joy — ev - 'ry - where — Hap-py Bud-dha Day!
war-bling their sweet mel - o - dies Hap-py Bud-dha Day!
ring-ing out ev - 'ry - where — Hap-py Bud-dha Day!

On Ba-by Bud-dha's birth-day let us pour sweet tea! —
This Ba-by Bud-dha's birth-day is a won-drous joy! —
On Ba-by Bud-dha's birth-day hap-py chil-dren sing! —