



DAIJINGU TEMPLE OF HAWAII

Fall Edition – August 2016

Daijingu Temple of Hawaii
61 Puiwa Road, Honolulu, HI 96817
Open daily from 8:00am – 5:00pm

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Please join us for our *tsukinami-sai* (monthly service)
on the first Sunday of every month at 2:30pm



Please enter the shrine grounds by walking under the *torii* (sacred gate). Remember to respectfully bow before entering and to always walk on the right or left side of the path, never down the middle.



Every shrine has a *temizuya* (water basin) to wash your hands before approaching the shrine. Rinse your left hand, then your right hand, and then both together. Please help us conserve paper towels by using only one to dry your hands. Remember to walk on the right or left side of the path, never down the middle.

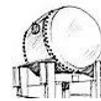
Ring the *suzu* (bell) by shaking the rope with both hands; please do not pull on the rope.

Please remove your footwear, place it on the steps with the toes pointing out, enter the temple, and take a seat.

Please wear socks or stockings to our services, bare feet are not appropriate in the temple.

If you would like to make a *saisen* (donation) to the temple, please place it in an envelope, print your full name on it and place it on the *hakkyaku-an* (offering table) before the service begins.

1: We open our monthly service with a song written for Daijingu Temple of Hawaii and performed by the late Mrs. Hideko Kawasaki, wife of the late Bishop Kazue Kawasaki.



2: The priest announces the start of the service with the sound of a drum.



3: Purity is very important to Shinto beliefs. Before *Okamisama* is called upon it is necessary for the temple and everyone present to be purified. Please remain seated and lower your head when the priest purifies everyone in the congregation with three waves of a *haraigushi*.

4: The opening of the service; please stand and bow with the priest.



5: The priest welcomes the arrival of *Okamisama* with a gently rising sound made in a single breath. Please remain seated and respectfully lower your head as the curtain rises to reveal the sacred altar space.

6: The Chanting of the Sacred Word – please respectfully lower your head while the priest reads a *norito* (prayer) to *Okamisama*.



7: The Chanting of the Sacred Word – please respectfully lower your head again while the priest reads a second *norito* (prayer) to express our gratitude and humbly request *Okamisama* to watch over and bless us and our families with health and happiness.

During this prayer the priest reads aloud the names from the *saisen* (donation) envelopes. Please listen carefully and bow your head when you hear your name.

8: The priest uses a *gohei* to purify and bless every one individually. Please lower your head when the priest touches the *gohei* to your head and chants:

神のみ加護を
 神笑み給う
 祓い給う
 清めた給う
 守り給う
 幸え給う

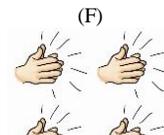
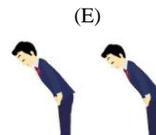
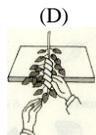
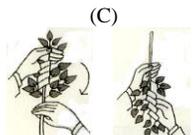
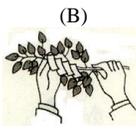


Okami bless you
 Okami smile on you
 May Okami bless you
 May Okami purify you
 May Okami protect you
 May Okami bestow happiness upon you

Written for the Daijingu Temple in 1984 by the late Bishop Kawasaki and Bishop Aragaki, head priest of Futenma Shrine in Okinawa

9: The offering of *tamagushi* (sacred branch). Please join us as we express our sincere gratitude to *Okamisama*.

- (A) Bow and accept a *tamagushi* with both hands, left hand under the leaves and right holding the stem.
- (B) Carry the *tamagushi* horizontally to the *hakkyaku-an* (offering table) and bow once.
- (C) Rotate the *tamagushi* in a clockwise direction (three times) until the stem faces the altar.
- (D) Gently place the *tamagushi* on the *hakkyaku-an* (offering table) and take one step back.



- (E) Make two deep bows while facing the altar.
- (F) Clap four times. (*At Daijingu Temple we clap four times while at other shrines you usually clap twice*)
- (G) Make one deep bow while facing the altar. Take one step back, bow to the priest and return to your seat.

10: The departure of the Deity: Please remain seated and respectfully lower your head.

11: The closing of the service: Please stand and bow with the priest. The priest will share a few final words.

12: The sharing of a drink: Please bow to the priest and take a cup. Hold it with both hands (right fingers holding the rim of the cup and your left hand under it) while he pours a small amount of sake. Hold the cup with both hands, look towards the altar and drink the sake in three gentle sips. Place the cup on the tray, bow to the priest and return to your seat. (*Children will receive a candy – please let the priest know if you prefer not to drink alcohol*)



The Daijingu Temple of Hawaii's **Annual Autumn Thanksgiving Matsuri** is on Sunday, September 11, 2016. Please join us as we express our gratitude for all that we receive. Our traditional ceremony begins at 2:00pm and concludes with the carrying of our *mikoshi* around the temple grounds followed by a program with traditional dance and contemporary entertainment and a light dinner in our social hall. The *taiko* performance is exhilarating! Everyone is invited!