



DAIJINGU TEMPLE OF HAWAII

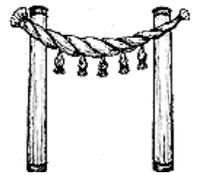
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Open daily from 8:00am – 5:00pm
To schedule a private service call (808) 595-3102 or
DaijinguTempleofHawaii@gmail.com

Please join us for our regular services
on the first Sunday of every month at 2:30pm.

How to Visit the Daijingu Temple of Hawaii

1. Please bow before walking through the *torii* (sacred gate) that marks the sacred grounds of the temple. As you pass under the *shimenawa* (sacred rope), listen for the rustling sound of the *shide* (zigzag paper streamers) and enjoy the calm serenity of the temple grounds. Please walk on the right side of the gravel *sando* (pathway) towards the *temizuya* and not on the center of the pathway.



2. 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. As you follow the gravel *sando* to the shrine, please remember to walk on the right side and not down the middle of the path.

3. Ring the *suzu* (bell) by shaking the rope with both hands; please do not pull on the rope. Please remove your hat and sunglasses before ringing the bell.



4. Toss a few coins into the *saisen bako* (offering box). It is the heart's intention that is important, not the amount.



5. *Sanpai Saho*: While standing in front of the *saisen bako* and facing into the shrine:

Respectfully *saikeirei* (deep bow) **TWO** times.



Clap **FOUR** times.



Hold your hands together and silently say your wish, prayer or expression of gratitude.

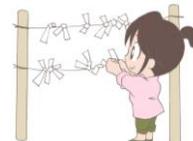


Respectfully *saikeirei* (deep bow) **ONE** time.



If you have a special wish or prayer, write your *negai goto* (written wish) on an *ema* (wooden votive plaque) and tie it to the *ema* stand where it will remain for the year with our hope that it will soon be a reality.

Omikuji offer hints about your future and answers to your questions about travel, business, studies and even romance. If it is a good fortune keep it with you or if it is not as favorable as you hope, please tie it to the red *omikuji* stand.



Please do not tie your omikuji on the sakura trees! It damages the bark and our trees are very old and fragile



The Daijingu Temple of Hawaii offers many different *omamori* (amulet) that are thoughtful gifts for yourself and your loved ones. The most popular are *kotsu anzen* (traveling/traffic safety), *kenko* (health), *kauin* (good fortune), *shobai hanjo* (business prosperity), *enmusubi* (romance) and *anzen* (safe childbirth). *Omamori* are available every day when the temple is open.

We also offer traditional paper *omamori* for family happiness (taped over your front door), home safety (taped over your backdoor) and fire safety (taped on your kitchen wall).

Jingu taima is a very special *ofuda* (talisman) from the Grand Shrine in Ise Japan and is a sacred representation of *Amaterasu Omikamisama*. Please treat it with respect and place it in your *kamidana* (home shrine) or in an *ofuda* stand (available at Daijingu) and place on a shelf high above eye level facing south or east. Please do not remove the outer paper wrapping and be sure to return it to the shrine at New Year for proper ritual burning.



Traditional Shinto Blessings & Ceremonies

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Hatsumiyamode: It is a tradition for parents to bring their child to a shrine between 30 and 100 days after birth for *omiyamairi*, the first blessing for the child's health and growth into adulthood.

Shichi-Go-San: The 7-5-3 Blessing is a traditional rite of passage held in November for 3 and 5 year old boys and 3 and 7 year old girls. Parents bring their children to a shrine to be blessed for good health and safety. This tradition started with the noble class during the Heian period and now everyone can celebrate and pray for their children's wellbeing.

Hinamatsuri and *Tango no Sekku*: Please contact the Daijingu to arrange for a simple blessing ceremony for Girls' Day (March 3rd) and Boys' Day (May 5th) to pray for the health and safety of children of all ages.

Shinzen Shiki: The Daijingu Temple of Hawaii offers a traditional Shinto ceremony for newlyweds or couples renewing their commitment to each other. Whether it is a formal ceremony at the temple or a blessing for the couple and guests at the wedding reception, it's a beautiful way to start your new life together.

Yakudoshi are the critical ages of 25 and 42 for men and 19 and 33 for women when fortune and opportunity can be great or it may be a very challenging time. People visit shrines before their birthdays to receive special blessings for a healthy and prosperous year and to ward off misfortune.

Jinchisai: A pre-construction ground-breaking purification ceremony and blessing for the safety of the construction workers and the building project.

House Blessing to purify your new residence or to clear away negativity and start fresh.

Traditional blessing ceremonies are also available for business entrepreneurs, travelers, health, safety, academic achievement or to clear the impurities of everyday living in this modern world.

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 ceremony begins at 2:30pm and includes carrying our *mikoshi* around the temple grounds, a program with entertainment and a light dinner in our social hall. The *taiko* performance is exhilarating! Everyone is welcome to join us!