

ONLINE VIDEO-STREAMED LUNAR DAY PUJA SCHEDULE—APRIL THRU MAY, 2020:



GURU RINPOCHE DAY PRACTICE

Friday, April 3, 6:30-9:00 pm Pacific

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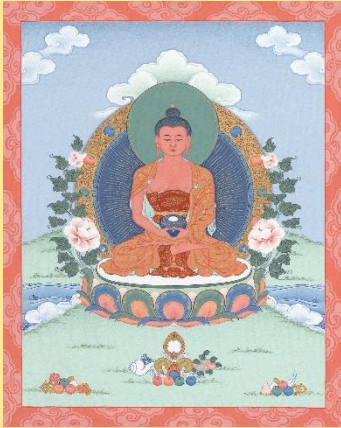
Sunday, May 3, 1:00-3:30 pm Pacific

Sangye Khandro or Lama Chonam will offer a short teaching on this practice, then we will do the *Heart Essence of the Lake Born Vajra Guru (Tsokye Tuktig)* sadhana practice of Kyabje Dudjom Rinpoche, Jigdral Yeshe Dorje.

More about this practice: The treasure revealer of this sacred practice, Kyabje Dudjom Rinpoche, Jigdral Yeshe Dorje, is the incarnation of the great bodhisattva Nuden Dorje, who was blessed by both Padmasambhava and Yeshe Tsogyal. In his lineage supplication prayer, it mentions his past life as Nuden Dorje and his future life as Mopa Tayei; it says that, at present, he is the regent of Padmasambhava as well as the embodiment of the great disciple Drogben Lotsawa. He is also considered to be the body emanation of Drogben Lotsawa, the speech emanation of Yeshe Tsogyal, and the mind emanation of Padmasambhava. The many treasures he revealed in his life are placed into four categories: The cycle that wells forth from the transcendent state of awareness; the cycle of pure vision known as the wisdom matrix; the space treasury of the dharmata; and the profound cycle of the Dakinis' Heart Essence. This particular Guru Rinpoche sadhana belongs to the first of these four. In general, when we practice the sacred secret mantra tradition, we must rely upon the mandala of the Three Roots--Guru, Deva, and Dakini. In particular, since the mandala of the Guru is the pinnacle of all that is profound, the emphasis here is upon accomplishing the secret level of the Guru's enlightened mind. Kyabje Dudjom Rinpoche has said that this sadhana allows disciples to accomplish the Guru's enlightened mind and is the synthesis of many profound practices that accomplish the enlightened mind of the guru.

In short, all practitioners of the profound path of secret mantra should know that this sadhana includes the essence of the Three Jewels, Three Roots, and Three Secrets. Practicing this sadhana just once a month on the special days of the lunar calendar along with the ganachakra will clear any broken samaya and accumulate the two levels of merit without a doubt. The reason this is true is that there is an obvious karmic connection with this sadhana, so blessings will certainly be received. This was stated by the Tertön himself in the colophon for this terma which reads: "May this be the portion for fortunate disciples and may it bring them unsurpassed benefit on the path to liberation." Please bear these points in mind and practice with total confidence.

Texts for this practice will be available soon on the Vimala website [HERE](#).



FULL MOON AMITABHA PRACTICE

**Wednesday, April 8, 6:30-9:00pm Pacific
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Thursday, May 7, 6:30-9:00pm Pacific**

Sangye Khandro or Lama Chonam will offer a short teaching on this practice, then we will do the Namcho Amitabha practice revealed by Terton Migyur Dorje.

More about this practice: The full moon day is the fifteenth day of the lunar calendar. This is the time of the month when the moon, which never really changes in size, can be seen in its entirety for a duration of twenty-four hours. This is, of course, a common experience for all human beings, and this special blessing of sacred and natural energy that sustains life on this planet is the common blessing that all inhabitants of earth can enjoy.

According to buddhadharma, the full moon day is auspicious in that it is the day of Buddha Shakyamuni's birth, paranirvana, and enlightenment. The full moon day is also a day that many great masters have temporarily departed from the world. Traditionally on this day, Buddhist practitioners restore their vows through the appropriate ceremony, maintain a vegetarian diet, and offer a puja celebration in honor of Buddha Shakyamuni.

At Tashi Choling, we offer both Buddha Shakyamuni and Buddha Amitabha practices: Buddha Shakyamuni puja is done on the special festival days of year that mark significant events in the Buddha's life. We offer the Buddha Amitabha puja at our monthly fifteenth day practices. The Amitabha practice we do is a special treasure revelation of Namcho Migyur Dorje with supplementation from Karma Chagmed Rinpoche.

Texts for this practice will be available soon on the Vimala website [HERE](#).



DAKINI DAY PRACTICE

Friday, April 17, 6:30-9:00pm Pacific

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Sunday, May 17, 1:00-3:30pm Pacific

Sangye Khandro or Lama Chonam will offer a short teaching on this practice, then we will do the *Profound Path of the Dakini's Heart Essence (Kandro Tuk Tig)* sadhana practice of Kyabje Dudjom Rinpoche, Jigdral Yeshe Dorje.

More about this practice: Dakini Yeshe Tsogyal (Victorious Ocean of Wisdom, 757-817 CE) was also known by her clan name, Lady Karchen, as she was a native Tibetan who lived during the arrival of the great master Padmasambhava to Tibet. She became his principal companion and treasure keeper and was responsible for concealing his hundreds and thousands of treasures (terma) throughout the land of Tibet. Over the centuries, she has appeared to the destined Tertons who revealed these termas, and Kyabje Dudjom Rinpoche, Jigdral Yeshe Dorje, was no exception. His entire Khandro Tuk Tig (Heart Essence of the Dakini) cycle of transmissions and teachings was given to him by Yeshe Tsogyal through prophetic, visionary revelation, also known as mind terma. Dudjom Rinpoche's wife and consort, Sangyum Rigdzn Wangmo, was also an emanation of both Yeshe Tsogyal and White Tara. The Yeshe Tsogyal puja that is offered at Tashi Choling on Dakini Day, the tenth day of the waning moon according to the lunar calendar, is one such revelation. It is considered the outer aspect of the wisdom dakini. This practice was particularly close to Dudjom Rinpoche's heart, and he often performed it on Guru Rinpoche Day, the tenth day of the waxing moon, as well. The emphasis of the practice is on the feminine principle of pristine mind, which is the wisdom-prajna aspect that ascertains the true nature of reality.

Texts for this practice will be available soon on the Vimala website [HERE](#).



NEW MOON TROMA NAGMO PRACTICE

Wednesday, April 22, 6:30-9:00pm Pacific

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Sangye Khandro or Lama Chonam will offer a short teaching on the practice, then we will do the Troma Nagmo concise practice.

More about this practice: Dakini Troma Nagmo, also referred to in the Sanskrit as Khrodhi Kali (literally, Black Wrathful One), is the embodiment of the three kaya dakinis. Another title for her is Sole Mother. This indicates the one essence of all three kayas which are inseparable. Reference to Mother indicates the Prajnaparamita, which is the birthplace of all those who have awakened the three-kaya wisdom Buddha nature. There are both concise and longer versions of the sadhana. The intermediate-length version, entitled Sun of Wisdom, is one of the most practiced Vajrayana Great Perfection sadhanas of all time. At Tashi Choling, we often practice this longer sadhana when the sacred lunar day falls on a weekend so that we can take the extra time to enjoy the full practice in all its detail. We will be using the chanting style that has been given to us by Dudjom Yangsi Rinpoche in order to finetune the melodies which are known to bring liberation upon hearing.

Please join this sacred mandala whether you can play the instruments or not, for to merely make a connection with the liturgy brings profound blessings.

Texts for this practice can be found on the Light of Berotsana site [HERE](#).

ONLINE MEETING INFORMATION: PLEASE READ
IMPORTANT INFO YOU NEED IN ORDER TO ATTEND

HOW TO JOIN: All of these practices will be done via video-streaming. You can join the pujas either on your computer via Zoom or by calling in from a phone as a conference call. (a) For online streaming, click the Zoom meeting link below. *(Please note: If you have never used Zoom before, the very first time you join a Zoom session, it will download an app onto your computer before taking you into the session—so if this is your first time, please join early to get all set up.)* (b) For dial-in, either a land line or cell phone will work, and the call will be long distance.

Join Zoom Meeting: *We will use this same Zoom conference information for all lunar day pujas:*

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PRACTICE TEXTS: Vimala Treasures is in the process of retranslating all of our puja texts with the assistance of Light of Berotsana and will make them available in digital format on the Vimala website before each puja. Please keep checking the [Vimala Digital Practices webpage](#) for updates if you would like to obtain a copy.

Please note: With apologies, we will not be able to offer hardcopy versions of these puja texts until after the current stay-at-home and other restrictions are lifted. We hope to once again begin printing these texts for those of you who prefer hardcopy format sometime in May or June. Thank you for your patience. We also humbly request that you refrain from making special requests of our staff (e.g., for text versions other than what we're offering online at this time). Thank you for your understanding!

TSOK AND MUSIC OFFERINGS FOR LUNAR DAY PUJAS: If you are able, it is suggested that you assemble a tsok food offering in your own home. The most important elements of this would be a small sip of any kind of liquor and a small bit of meat, but any kind of ready-to-eat food can also be offered. These pujas will be done with traditional instrumentation. If you have the instruments, you are welcome to follow along at home.

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