

Solidarity Sutra

Thus have we heard

At a time when physical distancing is required, yet social solidarity is so needed

The Great Physician Buddha offers medicine to alleviate the hurts of our world:

A net of jewels

each a precious being
an infinite mirror to see ourselves

Interlinked is the rising wall of suffering

interlinked are the efforts to surmount walls
interlinked we turn the wheel of the Dharma

Turning views to see things clearly

turning hearts to know that we are not alone

Like a lotus flower blossoms above muddy water

drawing nutrients from darkest despair
discovering freedom in the midst of constraints

Solidarity bodhisattvas recite the mantra:

衆生無辺誓願度

SHUJŌ MUHEN SEIGAN DO
“Beings are innumerable/we vow to liberate all”

煩惱無尽誓願断

BONNŌ MUJIN SEIGAN DAN
“Delusions are inexhaustible/we vow to eliminate them all”

法門無量誓願学

HŌMON MURYŌ SEIGAN GAKU
“Dharma gates are boundless/we vow to study them all.”

仏道無上誓願成

BUTSUDŌ MUJŌ SEIGAN JŌ
“Buddha’s path is unsurpassable/we vow to actualize it.”