



MOD sing-along CD – VESAK PRAISES

This album comprises of songs from the revised sing-along album VESAK (we re-recorded the songs and added additional harmonies and songs and included another song written by Bro Tan Huat Chye) and PRAISE. This album's songs arrangement reflects the current contemporary music of the modern world without changing the essences of the lyrics and tune. We hope that you will find these songs inspirational and uplifting as we welcome this holy tri-sacred Vesak Day.

May the seed of Buddhahood sprout in the hearts of every beings and bloom in the full glory of Enlightenment.



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Lyrics

1. HAIL GLORIOUS DAY

A R Zorn / V Wee

Hail glorious day, when o'er the world
The light of Truth in splendor rose
For beings in illusion's night
The way of Wisdom to disclose

Lord Buddha, Thee our hearts acclaim
Thou art the Sun of Righteousness
In Thee is Truth in fullness shown
Man to enlighten and to bless

Thy doctrine is the radiant glow
Which evermore proceeds from Thee
And marks the Path that onward leads
To freedom and felicity

O may mankind, Thy light receive
From self and error turn aside
That all in peace and love may share
The joy benign of Wesak tide

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2. HOLY DAY OF WESAK

D Hunt/Hojo

Buddha Lord we offer on Thy birthday fair
Garlands of the brightest, blossoms choice and rare

Holy Day of Wesak, Day of Buddha's birth
When the sun of Wisdom shone upon the earth

Incense too we offer on this festal day
For the things we cherish all must pass away

Through this holy symbol we shall learn to see
Things of priceless value hid in transiency

And the deep gong sounding bids us leave the self
And in Buddha's Teaching find the truest wealth

Lights upon the altar show to us the way
From the realms of darkness to Nirvana's day



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3. WESAK DAWN

S Hettiarachchi/V Wee

Wesak dawn has paced in softly
Tip-toed thro' the moonlit night
Breathed the flowers and incense smoking
Laughed thro' bars of purple light

Bids you now to waken gently
Lift your troubled eyes of sleep
Tend'ring thoughts of homage holy
'cross Samsara's Ocean deep

To the One who taught the Dhamma
Of the Noble Eightfold Way
To the Buddha, dearest sister
Lift your tender mind today!

Wesak dawn has paced in softly
Tip-toed thro' the moonlit night
Breathed the flowers and incense smoking
Laughed thro' bars of purple light



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4. THE BODHI DAY

D Hunt/R R Bode

On this great day our Holy Prince of Peace
From sorrow's chain has found release
Self is no more, banished the clouds of night
Upon mankind hath shined the light

Chorus:

Rejoice ye people, sing the Buddha's praises
Who hath found Nirvana's bliss today
Follow His Pathway, dwell in love together
Show to the nations the Eightfold Way

O let us tell the story of His Love
The toils He bore to find the Way
The weary years He wandered in the night
Before he saw the Truth's bright ray

Chorus:

He found the way to everlasting peace
Nirvana's state where sufferings cease
The gate lies open, all may walk therein
And freedom find from death and sin

Chorus:

The Sun of Truth dispels the mists of night
And round us sheds its holy Light
No more shall powers of ignorance hold sway
At last hath dawned the Wesak Day

Chorus:

Rejoice ye people, sing the Buddha's praises
Who hath found Nirvana's bliss today
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Show to the nations the Eightfold Way

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5. SOFTLY BLEW THE BREEZES

P Carus/R R Bode

Softly blew the breezes
On that summer morn
In Lumbini's garden
Where the Lord was born

From the earth sprang flowers
Birds in warble sang
While through earth and heaven
Strains of music rang

Gods and men and angels
All for worship came
Glory to Lord Buddha
Glory to His name

Softly blew the breezes
On that summer morn
In Lumbini's garden
Where the Lord was born



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6. THE LIGHT OF ASIA

✓ Wee/ ✓ Wee

In the land of the happy Sakyas
For good and joy to all the world of men
The wisdom-child, that precious jewel
Unmatched, unrivalled, was born in Lumbini

We rejoice, we rejoice,
Siddhartha Prince was born
We rejoice, we rejoice,
For the Truth's eternal sun

At twenty nine, He left His kingdom
His wife, His child, to seek for Truth's bright Light
He wandered lonely in plain and forest
To tear the blindfold of dark illusion night

We rejoice, we rejoice,
The trap of pain to free
We rejoice, we rejoice,
He rode in victory

Underneath the Tree of Wisdom
He sat Himself with folded hands and feet
With focused mind and perfect wisdom
The world's deliverance our Teacher had attained

We rejoice, we rejoice,
The house of life lay broken
We rejoice, we rejoice,
Our Lord emerged triumphant

Between two sala trees, in meditation
Submerged in calmness our Teacher passed away
"Compounded things are all so transient
Your own salvation with diligence you work"

These were words of our Teacher
His final words to us
The Dhamma and the Discipline) repeat
To guide us when He is gone)

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7. LORD BUDDHA FOUND THE TRUTH

D Hunt/R R Bode

Lord Buddha found the Truth
That breaks the captive's chain
The Truth that gladdens hearts forlorn
And heals the sufferer's pain

Chorus:

Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice!
The temple bell shall ring
Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice!
Rejoice! Be glad and sing

Lord Buddha found the Light
That scatters all our fears
And on the weary paths of night
It sheds a gladdening cheer

Chorus

Lord Buddha found the Way
The Holy Way of Peace
For all who tread the Eightfold Path
Shall find earth's sorrows cease

Chorus

Lord Buddha found true Life
Immortal and sublime
And those who win the fight with self
Shall find the life divine

Chorus

Lord Buddha found the Goal
Nirvana's state most blest
And those who trust Him as their guide
Shall find eternal rest

Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice!
Our hearts with joy shall ring
Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice!
Rejoice! Be glad and sing.

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8. THOUGHTS

S Hettiarachchi/H C Tan

I fold my palms to worship Him
And meditate thro' love
I place the blossoms one by one
And lift my eyes above

** I see Samsara's mighty vast
And sorrow's yearning fate
But thro' the law the Dhamma's taught
I sense a pathway great

"Oh may that Noble Eightfold way
Be sensed by you and me
For on this Holy Wesak Day
'Tis my true gift to thee!"

** I see Samsara's mighty vast
And sorrow's yearning fate
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9. WESAK DAY

A R Zorn/A R Zorn

Let songs of praise and gladness
Resound o'er all the earth
This glorious day acclaiming
The day of Buddha's birth

Chorus:

O Holy Day of Wesak,
Thy coming we adore
And homage bring to Him, our Guide
Now and ever more

In fair Lumbini's garden
The royal Babe was born
The bringer of salvation
Unto a world forlorn

Chorus

Sweet flow'rs their incense offer
And birds their music bring
All nature renders homage
To Him, the new born King

Chorus

The weary world pervading
The joyous message sound
He comes, your gloom dispelling
Behold the rising sun!

Chorus

And gladly we His message
Of peace and love proclaim
Of freedom and salvation
In Buddha's Holy Name

Chorus



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10. FLOWER OF MANKIND

S Hettiarchchi / V Wee

Rohini rippled its water
Tinged with the moonlit tide
Mountainous high Sumeru
Gazed on with wondering pride

Planets in their starry orbits
Stopped for a while in pace
Gods in their shaken heavens
Down to the earth they race

Birds in their flaming feathers
Beasts in their vest of gold
Fish on the water's surface
Make themselves dare be bold

Skies grey have lost their darkness
Silvered moon shines instead
Lotuses open in glory
Honouring Gautama great!

He's sundered life's big secret
He's measured life's big dawn
He knows the way and watchword
Flower of Mankind is born



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11. DAY OF GLORY

Unknown/V Wee

Under the sacred Bo-Tree
Whilst good and ill warring He
For victory held the world in thrall
Sat He who left worldly joys
Earth shook and mighty forest
Trembled like slender reeds
Thunder pealed and monstrous form
Of fear and sin revealed

Chorus:

La la la, la la la, la la la,
la la la la la la la
La la la, la la la, la la la,
la la la la la la la

There came a blessed morning
The sun rose radiantly
He attained Enlightenment
A bliss denied to none
Around His seat the flowers sprang
Sweet music filled the air
And every being came with joy
To pray to the Lord Buddha there

Chorus:

(To bless us all)



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12. WELCOME JOYOUS WESAK DAY

Sumangalo/Jiyu-Kenneth

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Joyfully we greet the coming
Of this blessed Wesak Day
Morn of our release from sorrow
Dawning of the Dhamma way!
How our hearts lift up with gladness
Unto Truth's Infinite Light
As we contemplate the freedom
In its liberating might

Chorus:

Morn of light to banish darkness
Morn of never ending day
Day of triumph o'er illusion
Welcome joyous Wesak Day

Praises to our matchless Teacher
Leader, Master, Guide and Friend
Following His peerless victory
Our own freedom we may win
Breaking cruel chains of ignorance
Banishing the night of fear
Till at last, in wordless glory
To Nirvana all draw near

Chorus

To our Lord we offer all that
Mind and hand and heart procure
Gladly would we share with others
Liberating knowledge sure
Wesak! Wesak! Blessed Wesak!
On this day Truth's sun arose
Light of Hope that never falters
Till all transiency shall close

Chorus

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13. LUMBINI

S Hettiarachchi/H C Tan

Today as basketful of sal
We take across this drum beats din
As each sal bloom is placed upon
His altar, let us think of Him

Chorus: On Wesak Day so long ago
 The sal tree burst its flow'ry shoots
 Queen Maya's love for flow'ry did grow
 She leant against its trunk and roots

And lo! The flow'r decked branches wove
A canopy for Maya Queen
And pangless brought she forth her boy
Amidst Lumbini's burnished green

Chorus:

14. LET'S SING THE PRAISES

Unknown/V Wee

Sing gladly boys and maidens your hymn of praise today
'Tis right that children's voices should blend in sweetest lay
O Praise the Holy Teacher who found the root of pain
And by His life triumphant the power of self has slain
The power of self has slain

Come sing dear boys and maidens your hymn to Buddha Lord
It was for all His children His wisdom He outpoured
Sing praises of the Master who found the Holy Way
Which we will safely follow to everlasting day
To everlasting day

And when we sing His praises remember we must strive
By holy word and action to keep His faith alive
O Let us try to follow the Holy Path He found
Which we will safely follow to everlasting day
To everlasting day

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15. SONG OF PEACE

D Hunt/V Wee

Praise ye the Dharma of our Lord
Which bids all hatred cease
That sheds upon us holy showers
Of joy and love and peace

Walk in the Noble Eightfold Path
The Path our Teacher found
That leads the weary sons of earth
To peace and hope profound

Within the Sangha we shall rest
And in our Master's Name
Who showed the suffering ones of earth
The secret of their pain



16. WHEN WE SEE THE GOLDEN SUN

A R Zorn/A R Zorn

When we see the golden sun shining from above
We are mindful of the Buddha's love
O'er us all His pure compassion sheds its steadfast glow
By His Doctrine Wisdom's Way to show

When we see the silver moon gleaming in the sky
We remember still our Lord is nigh
By His blessed Law to guide us thru this earthly night
Out of sorrow into joy and light

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17. THE BLESSED REFUGES

S Sogaku/V Wee

O Blessed One! The greatest of mankind
Thou Gracious Master, filled with love divine
Gracious Thy life, so sweet, so great, so pure
Thou mighty Light, Thou Blessed One so dear

Lord, at Thy feet I seat myself to learn
The wisdom of Thy life and Law
Plainly I see the Truth which Thou does teach
Sorrow and pain and self shall be no more

Into my heart there comes a lasting peace
Within my mind there glows a wondrous light
All tears and sorrow, doubts and worries cease
For Truth and Joy Thy glorious Teaching brings

I take my refuge in The Glorious Lord
No other shelter shall I need
I take my refuge in the Law and Sangha
Which freedom bring and Light forevermore

18. LORD WITHIN THY HOLY DOCTRINE

A R Zorn/R R Bode

Lord, within Thy Holy Doctrine
Still Thy presence we descry
Source of Wisdom, Love and Power
Every need to satisfy

And Thy loving call obeying
Self and sin we cast aside
On the Eightfold Path to follow
Thee, our Master and our Guide

Thine example shall inspire us
Faithful in our quest to be
For a heart in virtue perfect
For a mind from error free

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19. THE SUNRISE COMES

E Arnold/V Wee

Ah! Blessed Lord
Oh! High Deliverer
I take my refuge in Thy Name and Order
I take my refuge in Thy Law

The dew is on the Lotus
Rise, Great Sun
And lift my leaf and mix me with the wave
The Sunrise comes!

The Dewdrop slips into the shining sea!

20. THE ESSENCE OF THE DOCTRINE

Ven. Assaji/Nagell

Namo tassa bhagavato arahato
samma sambuddhassa

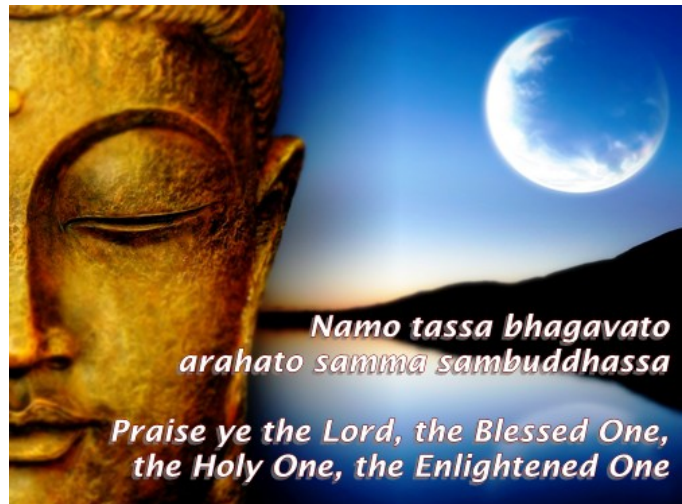
Ye dhamma he tупpa bhava
Tesam hetum Tathagato aha
Tesanca yo nirodho
Evam vadi maha samano

Namo tassa bhagavato arahato
samma sambuddhassa

Praise ye the Lord, the Blessed
One, the Holy One, the
Enlightened One

The Buddha did the cause unfold
Of all the things that sprang from causes
And further the Great Sage has told
How finally their passion pauses

Praise ye the Lord, the Blessed One,
the Holy One, the Enlightened One



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21. BUDDHIST DOXOLOGY

Dhammapada 387/P Carus

Bright shineth the sun in his splendor by day
And bright the moon radiance by night
Bright shineth the hero in battle array
And the sage in his thought shineth bright

But by day and by night none so glorious and bright
As Lord Buddha, the Source of all Spiritual Light
But by day and by night none so glorious and bright
As Lord Buddha, the Source of all Spiritual Light

22. LOVELIT IMAGE

Unknown/Traditional

So sublime His lovelit image, lovelit image
Stately like a snow-capped mountain, snow-capped mountain
Sadhu, Sadhu, Sadhu

23. HOMAGE TO BUDDHA

Unknown/V Wee

Far over the distant lands, we our voices raise
To our gentle Teacher, Hymns of joy and praise

Let Thy holy abode, now with joy resound
Glory to Gotama who Nibbana found

Chorus:
Each child shall offer hearts devotion true
Promising forever righteous deeds to do

Here before His image, blossoms rare we place
Emblems true of beauty, purity and grace

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24. IN PRAISE OF THEE

Y Hojo/Y Hojo

In Praise of Thee! In Praise of Thee!
We raise our voices loftily that all may hear Thy Word
In Praise of Thee! In Praise of Thee!
We sing joyously! We sing joyously

In Praise of Thee! In Praise of Thee!
We join in meditation, our heart so full and free
In Praise of Thee! In Praise of Thee!
Thy Light that all may see! Thy Light that all may see!

25. ANCIENT PATH

H C Tan/H C Tan

There's a long, long road I'll travel
Far beyond this space and time
Before I know just who am I

I will seek the Ancient Kingdom
There I'll find the Ancient Wisdom
And there I'll find true love, and peace and rest

Chorus:

And this prayer that I sing to all who seek the way
To walk with joy, to walk with faith
On the Eightfold Way

There's an Ancient Path I'll travel
Far beyond this Triple World
Of flames that burn, of greed and pain
I will seek the ancient city
Where the Sage has freedom glory
And there I'll be with Him and glory be



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About Messengers of Dharma

Messengers of Dharma (MOD) was formed in November 2004 and has to date produced 6 CDs i.e. the album Aspiration (May 2005), singles Jayamangala Gatha (May 2007), singles The Story of Dona (December 2007), Sing-Along Series 1 – Vesak (May 2010), Sing-Along Series 2 – Praise (February 2011) and Sing-Along Series 3 – Matrimony (May 2011). They also wrote and recorded the theme song Walking the Buddha's Path (June 2008) for a local Buddhist Organisation. The group performs regularly in many Buddhist events to reach out to the public and share the wonderful teachings of the Buddha. Besides Buddhist songs, they also perform local folk songs and oldies in private events.

MOD is now working on a series of CDs based on the songs found in the Buddhist Hymn Book compiled by Datuk Dr. Victor Wee. The songs in each CD are grouped according to various themes and are intended to act as guide and lead in religious worship and fellowship sessions or events such as weddings and funerals. Besides the singing guide, the minus-one copies of these songs are appended as well. This series of low budget recorded CDs will be distributed free of charge.

For more information and pictures on Messengers of Dharma's previous and on-coming outreach events, please check us out in facebook id: [mod messengersofdharma](https://www.facebook.com/modmessengersofdharma) or email us at messengers_od@yahoo.com.

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Mission

- (1) Establishing a Secretariat for the Council;
- (2) Membership recruitment and enhancing liaison and networking among Member Organisations; and
- (3) Buddhist education and training.

It is hoped that these initiatives will further enhance the development of Buddhist activities, harmony and cooperation in Malaysia.

Description

The idea of forming the Theravada Buddhist Council of Malaysia (TBCM) is to unite and promote understanding among Theravada organisations and followers in Malaysia. The council will represent and protect the Theravada community in Malaysia, and work with the other national Buddhist federations to protect the overall interests of the Malaysian Buddhists.

The Council comprising of lay followers, acts with consultation with its Advisory Panel (consisting of members of the Bhikkhu Sangha) and member organizations to advocate their general interests through education, training, engagement, etc..

Where necessary, the Council provides leadership, direction, and doctrinal interpretation to clarify matters arising that are of public interest affecting the Buddhist community, and acts in tandem with other Buddhist federations in the country for the overall good of the Malaysian Buddhists.

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