

prajna



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Name:

浄土真宗本願寺派

Jōdoshinshū Hongwanji-ha, *The Hongwanji branch of the True Pure Land Sect.*

Founder:

親鸞聖人

Shinran Shōnin - 1173-1263 ad.

Central Object of Reverence:

阿弥陀如来

Amida Buddha - *Amida Nyorai* - The Tathāgata Amitābha-Amitāyus in the form of a standing statue, a picture scroll, or calligraphy scroll with characters Namo Amida Butsu (南無阿弥陀佛).

Principal Sūtras:

1. Sūtra on the Buddha of Infinite Life, *Daimuryōjukyō* (大無量壽經), abbreviated to *Daikyō* - *Larger Sūtra*.
2. Sūtra of Contemplation on the Buddha of Infinite Life, *Kanmuryōjukyō* (壽經), abbreviated to *Kangyō* - *Contemplation Sūtra*.
3. Sūtra on the Buddha Amida, *Amidakyō* (阿弥陀經), abbreviated to *Shōkyō* - *Smaller Sūtra*.

Teaching:

Having entrusted our total being to the teaching of Namoamidabutsu, we experience the joy of the certainty of our becoming Buddhas. Out of our sense of joyful gratitude, we will strive to live in the service of society and mankind.

Tradition:

We are a community of friends bound together in the joy of the same realization. We will always be mindful of our speech and actions, work responsibly for the good of society, and pool our efforts in disseminating the true meaning of the Dharma. Bearing in mind the principle of causation, we shall not engage in petitional prayer, magic, fortune telling, astrology, and like superstitions.