

HANA MATSURI

WE INVITE YOU TO JOIN US IN CELEBRATING
THE BIRTH OF THE BUDDHA
AND IN OBSERVING SHOTSUKI HOYO FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL

SUNDAY, APRIL 20, 2025, AT 10:00A.M.

*“The Hanamido of bright
flowers provides the setting of
the beautiful Lumbini Garden.*

*The statue of the baby Buddha
with arm extended illustrates the
merits of Amida Buddha
reaching out to all beings.”*



*“The pouring of sweet tea on
the statue represents the gentle
rain which fell that day in
Lumbini Garden, where the
Buddha was born.”*



Our guest speaker will be Reverend Henry Toryo Adams, resident minister of the San Mateo Buddhist Temple since 2013.

Rev. Adams grew up in Buffalo, Minnesota. He discovered his interest in Buddhism during a one-year high school exchange program in Chennai, India. As an undergraduate student at St. Olaf College, he began his study of Buddhist scriptures and first considered pursuing the path to the ministry. After receiving an M.A. in Buddhist Studies from the University of Michigan, he moved to Miyazaki, Japan where he worked for the Miyazaki Prefectural Government. In 2007, Rev. Adams moved to Kyoto, Japan to pursue his ministerial studies at the Chuo Bukkyo Gakuin Buddhist Seminary. Upon graduating, he began serving as a Minister in the BCA in 2010. Prior to serving at San Mateo Buddhist Temple, he served at Oxnard, Santa Barbara, San Luis Obispo, and Guadalupe Buddhist Temples.

Please attend this important service and extend a warm welcome back to Rev. Adams!
Otoki lunch will be provided at the conclusion of the service.

In Gassho and Gratitude.