

Great Offering in front of Buddha

Noon Offering: briefly, it is a ritual of food offering in front of Buddha during noon. Great offering is the expansion of the daily Noon Offering ritual. It is one of the most common ceremonies in Buddhist Monastery. Every 1st and 15th day of Lunar Month, or on the birthday of Buddha or Bodhisattva or other major ceremonies, food offerings will be conducted before noon time to Buddhas and Bodhisattvas in three times and ten directions, also to all beings in the dharma realm. The reason why it is called Noon Offering is because Buddha made the rule of no eating after noon. Therefore the Noon Offering must be completed before noon.

The offering ritual includes offering to Buddha and the food offering routine .

First offer the food to the Buddha, and then take a small amount of food to place on the table outside. It symbolically shows food is shared among all beings.

Then reciting the Food Mantra, Nectar Mantra , Universal Offering Mantra etc. Through the blessing of mantras, all sentient beings' wishes are fulfilled.

佛前大供

午供,簡言之就是在中午前以米飯菜餚供佛的儀式,佛前大供則是日常午供的擴大供養佛事.佛前大供是佛教寺院中常見的一種法會之一,每當農曆初一、十五或是諸佛菩薩誕辰及大型法會時,一般都在中午前舉行上供,供養十方三世諸佛菩薩及一切法界衆生.之所以稱爲午供,也是因爲佛制戒過午不食的原因,所以午供儀式在中午前完成。

佛前大供包含供佛與出食的儀式,先以食物供養在佛前,然後再出食到施食臺,放一些主食米飯象徵性的與一切衆生共享食物,然後再誦變食真言,甘露水真言,普供養真言等,透過咒語加持令一切衆生皆得飽滿。