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# A Visit to the Buddhist Temple of Chicago

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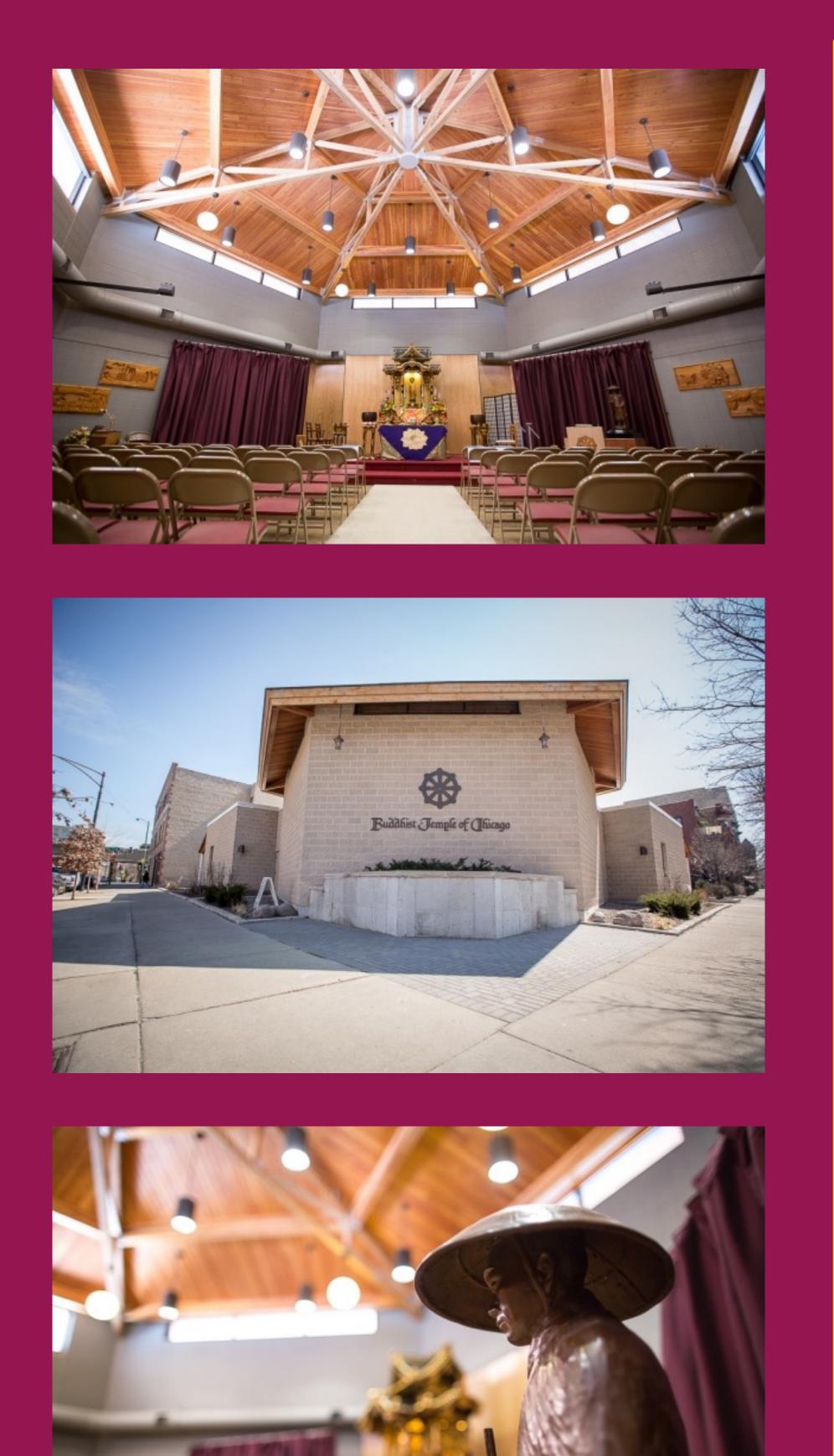
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# Abstract:

After learning about the holy doctrine and scriptures of many

east Asian religions, I settled on learning more about

Buddhism through visitation and study of the Buddhist



## Interviews:

Bill Temple President

Raised Catholic

## Temple of Chicago. There is a particular focus on the

practice and personal faith of each specific individual and the

relationships between the individual, Buddhism, and

Chicago/the US. I dive into the history of the temple and how

it has grown to be a core factor in the community.

# Introduction:

The Sunday morning of April 2nd, I attended a service at the

Buddhist Temple of Chicago. I researched the customs and

etiquette of the temple prior to visit and was excited to

- Buddhism helped him learn more about himself
- Emphasized the inclusivity of Buddhism
- British colonization of Buddhism and the "Victorian Veil" that was laid onto Buddhism

## Rev. Patti Nakai Temple Minister

- Studied Buddhism at Ōtani University
- Discussed the multiple ways of becoming a minister
- Met Pope Francis
- Japanese language barrier in university study

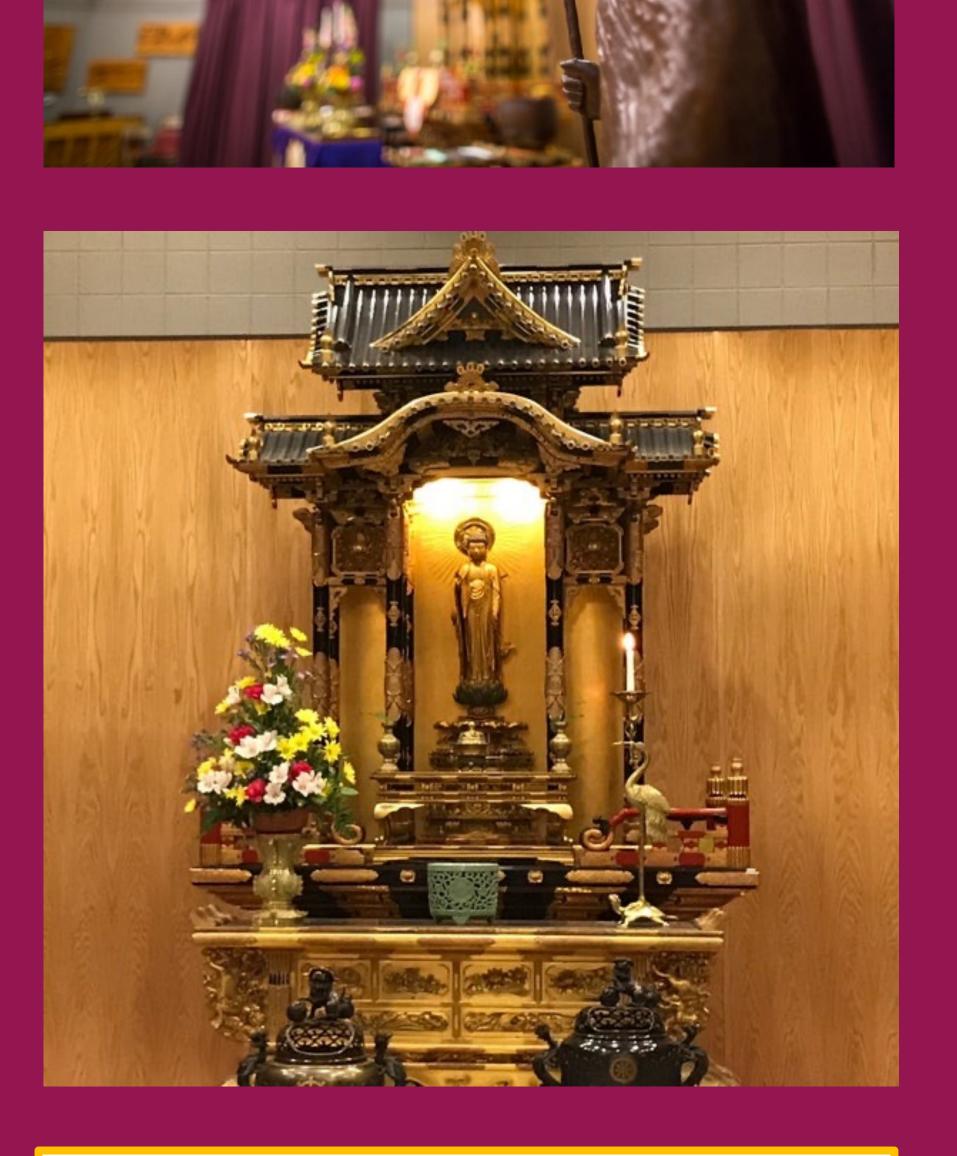
Glen

experience it firsthand. The Buddhist Temple of Chicago

actively practices the Pure Land Tradition.

## Service:

- Lead by Rev. Nakai
- Shotsuki-Hoyo
- Chanting in both English and Japanese
- Altar decorated with note cards dedicated to deceased friends and family
- Incense offerings



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- Temple Treasurer
- Enjoys interacting with students and welcoming them to the temple

## Conclusion:

My visit to the Buddhist Temple of Chicago enlightened me

towards the personalized practices of members of the

Buddhist faith in the United States. Gone was the subtle veil

of exoticism, as I had discovered a newfound respect and

appreciation for Buddhism. After the service, we all gathered

in the main area for tea and happy discussion; there was a



#### "Our deceased loved ones brought us all to this service"

#### Preached inclusivity and importance of acceptance

### strong sense of community. Its one thing to learn about in

#### classroom, but to go to a temple and experience am in-

person service is irreplaceable.