



Buddha Amitabha in His Pure Realm

Date

late 18th century

Medium

Pigment on cloth

Description

Buddha Amitabha, known as the Buddha of Immeasurable Light, is popular among all Tibetan Buddhist traditions. He is said to reside in his Realm of Great Bliss (Sukhavati), a desired realm of higher existence. Depicted in red and wearing the traditional patchwork robes of a monk, he sits in the lotus position with his hands in a meditative gesture (dhyana mudra) holding a bowl of nectar. Here he is shown within a palace, accompanied by the Eight Great Bodhisattvas. Illustrating the wishes of practitioners and devotees, a scene at the lower center shows him receiving people entering his pure realm on a beam of rainbow light.

Dimensions

60 1/8 × 34 1/2 × 1/4 in.