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By Yūten (1637–1718) Edo period, 17th–18th century Yūten-ji Temple, Tokyo

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Amida (Amitābha) with Six Character *Myōgo* (Sacred Name of Amitābha Buddha)

By Yūten (1637–1718) Edo period, 17th–18th century Yūten-ji Temple, Tokyo

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Five Hundred Arhats

By Kanō Kazunobu (1816–1863) Edo period, 19th century Zōjō-ji Temple, Tokyo

Hanging scrolls 11, 12, 23, 24, 41, 42, 59, 60, 63, 64, 81, and 82: (1) – (4)

Hanging scrolls 17, 18, 27, 28, 57, 58, 69, 70, 79, 80, 83, and 84: (5) - (8)

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