



eVesak

Coming Together in Kindness
for the Buddha's Birthday

Prayers and Blessings from Around Australia

Sunday, 10 May 2020, 4-6.30pm (AEST)

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eVesak Program

Time	Presentation	Presenter
4:00pm	Welcome	Masters of Ceremonies: Tina Ng (Metta Centre, NSW) & Simon Kearney (VIC)
	Acknowledgement of Country	Aboriginal Elder from Dja Dja Wurrung
	Message from Hon Scott Morrison MP, the Prime Minister of Australia	Read by Mr. Michael Wells, Federation of Australian Buddhist Councils (FABC)
	Message from Hon Alan Tudge MP, Acting Minister for Immigration, Citizenship, Migrant Services and Multicultural Affairs	Read by Gawaine Powell Davies, Buddhist Council of NSW (BCNSW)
4:10pm	Opening ceremony	
	Theravada tradition - Invitation of Devas	Dhamma Sarana Vihara, VIC
	Mahayana tradition - Bathing the Baby Buddha	Ven Ban Ruo Shi Prajna Monastery, NSW
	Vajrayana tradition - Recitation of Heart Sutra	Great Stupa of Universal Compassion, VIC
	Chanting of the Great Compassion Dharani	Ven. Bom Hyon Sunim, Chair of the Australian Sangha Association (ASA)
	Speech from Chair of the Federation of Australian Buddhist Councils (FABC)	Mr. Michael Wells, VIC
4:30pm	Offer of Prayers & Reflections	
	Speech from Chair of the Buddhist Council of NSW (BCNSW)	Mr. Gawaine Powell Davies, NSW
	Covid-19 Prayer and Transfer of Merits from the Chinese Mahayana tradition	Nan Tien Temple, NSW

	Speech from Chair of the Buddhist Council of VIC (BCV)	Ven. Phuoc Tan, VIC
	Verses for the Buddha's Birthday from the Vietnamese Mahayana tradition	Quang Minh Temple, VIC
	Shin-Shin-Rai' Triple Gems Chant in Japanese	Reverend Shigenobu Watanabe Hongwanji Buddhist Mission, NSW
	Recitation of the Heart Sutra from the Korean Mahayana tradition	Ven. Chi Kwang, VIC
	BCWA speech	Cecilia Mitra
	Vesak message from the Sakya lineage of the Vajrayana tradition	Lama Choedak Rinpoche, ACT Tibetan Buddhist Society of Canberra
5:00pm	Reading of the Recollection of the Twelve Deeds from the Gelupa lineage of Vajrayana tradition	Gen Thubten Dondrub Buddha House, SA
	Blessings from the Theravada tradition	Ven. Dhammika, Amawatura Buddhist Centre, NSW
	Speech from Buddhist Council of WA (BCWA)	Mr. Boon Tan
	Taking Refuges & Offering of the Five Precepts	Ajahn Brahm Bodhinyana Monastery, WA
	The Story and Chanting of the Ratana Sutta	Bhante Sujato & Bhante Akaliko Lokanta Vihara, NSW
	Chanting of the Metta Sutta in English	Ajahn Dhammasiha Dhammagiri Forest Hermitage, QLD
5:30pm	Guided Meditation on Novel KarunaVirus	Ven. Juewei Nan Tien Institute, NSW
	Caring for your Mental Health during Covid-19	Dr. Chien Hong Gooi, NSW
	Dhamma talk	Khentrul Rinpoche Jamphel Lodrö Tibetan Buddhist Rimé Institute, VIC
	Reflections on Vesak	Dr. Joyce Man Australian Association of Buddhist Counsellors and Psychotherapists (AABCAP)
	United through Loving Kindness Performance	Alise Kha & Angelica Casado MITRA Youth Network, NSW
	Offer of prayers by other faiths	
	Christian Prayer	Reverend Deborah Bird, Anglican Church Toowoomba, QLD
	Islamic Prayer	Ibrahim Karaisli, Amity College Illawarra, NSW
	Hindu Prayer	Vijai Singhal, Hindu Council of Australia
	Talks and Meditation	
	Dhamma Reflections	Ven. Jitrindriya Santi Forest Monastery, NSW
6:00pm	Vajra Speech of Mahasiddha Thangtong Gyalpo: The Blessed Prayer Known as "Liberating Sakya from Disease" followed by Guided Meditation	Ven. Thubten Chokyi Chenrezig Institute, QLD
	Vesak & Mother's Day Message	Ven. Mahinda Aloka Meditation Centre, NSW

Dedication of Merits to Mothers	Brother Thich Phap Hai Plum Village/ Mountain Spring Monastery, NSW
Dedication of Merits to all beings	Dr. Susan Murphy Roshi Zen Open Circle, NSW
Live performance - Heart Mantra	Sin Sin Yulianto Lukito, NSW
Concluding Remarks	Masters of Ceremonies
6:30pm Program conclusion	

*Program times and items may change closer to the event

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