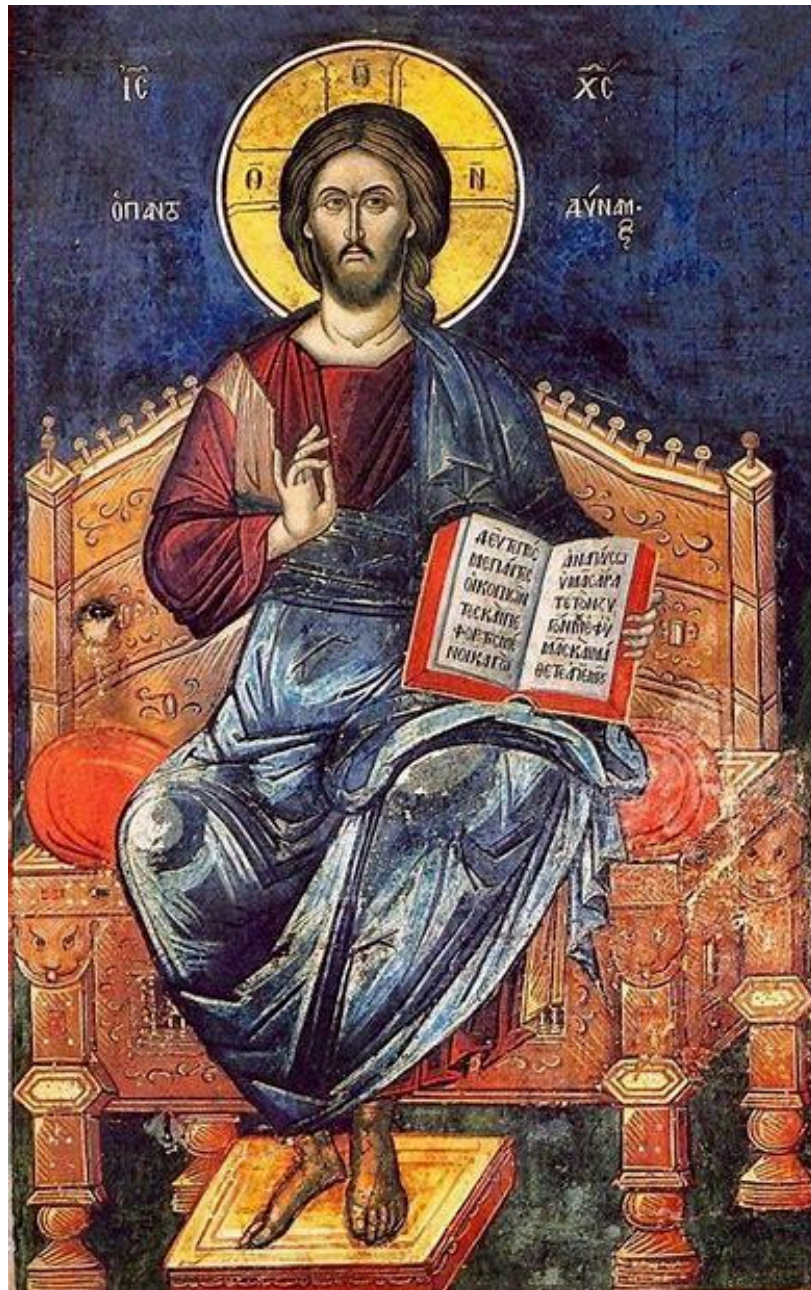




TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

14 November 2021



*When Christ had offered a single sacrifice for sins,
'he sat down at the right hand of God'.*

(Hebrews 10:12)

MASKS

Please wear a mask in church at all times, unless you are reading or have an exemption.

REFLECTIONS ON THE LECTIONS

On Thursday, as well as a brief ceremony for Remembrance Day, we also kept the feast of St Martin of Tours. In the past, November 11 marked the beginning of the Advent season (before Advent was reduced to four weeks): and, because of that date, this longer Advent was sometimes known as 'St Martin's Lent'.

Our Lectionary readings today are a reminder of that more ancient observance of Advent. The passage from Mark's gospel we hear is also sometimes called 'Mark's mini-apocalypse'. Following his triumphant entry into Jerusalem, and of his reclaiming of the Temple as a place for prayer, Jesus talks to his disciples about the coming destruction of the Temple and of further portents and trials that will occur and await his disciples in the last days, 'the beginning of the birth-pangs' of the coming kingdom of God. There is a clear 'Advent' tone to this reading, as we recall that Advent itself calls us to focus not chiefly on the coming of Christ in Bethlehem (though there is that to Advent) but his 'coming again in glory, to judge the living and the dead'.

While the gospel *foreshadows* the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem, the reading from Hebrews (as with the whole epistle) most probably comes from a time when the Temple has been destroyed, and Temple worship for 'the Hebrews' is no longer possible. But the writer wants to assure readers that that is not the disaster they might initially have assumed: there is now another High Priest who has not only entered the curtain (of the Holy of Holies), but invites all of us into that holy place – because the curtain is now his own flesh, given for us. This High Priest is also now seated at the right hand of God, waiting for the time when all is subject to him, so that he can return in glory.

The reading from 1 Samuel shows a similar 'turning upside down' of expectations. Hannah is one of those women we hear of often in Scripture – one who, without a child of her own, is – in the culture of her time – without hope. All too aware of the shame she experiences and of the very real possibility of destitution when her husband dies and leaves her without a male to care for her, Hannah weeps and her heart is sad, notwithstanding the love Elkanah proclaims for her. Of course, her cries are heard and, according to the cultural hopes and expectations of her time, she has a child, Samuel. Yet in Hannah's song, the text appears to recognise that the Lord will upset all those cultural, economic 'norms' and relationships of power, and affirms this is the hope for all who are 'cursed' by whatever excludes them.

In other words, just as one who was despised and thrown out of the city and onto a cross is exalted to sit at the right hand of God, so our faith affirms, God raises up all who are bowed down by circumstances, distress, who are excluded or ridiculed because of perceptions that keep them from fitting in or experiencing all that culture or society says is important.

All of today's readings are aware of the difficulties and problems of a world that appears to be, or is, disintegrating. But each reading also sees that as providing an opportunity for us to trust in the goodness of God. And each reading also reminds us that 'he who has promised is faithful'. May our trust in that promise grow deeper.

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Setting at 10 a.m: *Holy Trinity Setting* John Ross

The Congregation stands as a bell is rung.

At 10:00 a.m., we sing hymn 440 (vv. 1, 2 ,3 & 5).

President: Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

All: Blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever.

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

The President welcomes the congregation, then this sentence of Scripture is read:

The Lord will judge the ends of the earth;
he will give strength to his king and exalt the power of his anointed.

1 Samuel 2:10

Let us pray.

**Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name,
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

We say or sing together:

**Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.**

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God's people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

Let us pray.

The people pray silently, and then the President 'collects' the silent prayer:

O God,
welcoming refuge for the outcast,
and upholder of justice for the oppressed:
maintain the hope of the poor,
so that the time may soon come
when no one need want for food and shelter,
and all will learn to share freely,
following the example of your Son, who gave his very self;
and now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

First Reading

A reading from the first book of Samuel:

On the day when Elkanah sacrificed,
he would give portions to his wife Peninnah
and to all her sons and daughters;
but to Hannah he gave a double portion, because he loved her,
though the Lord had closed her womb.
Her rival used to provoke her severely, to irritate her,
because the Lord had closed her womb.

So it went on year after year;
as often as she went up to the house of the Lord,
she used to provoke her.
Therefore Hannah wept and would not eat.
Her husband Elkanah said to her,
'Hannah, why do you weep? Why do you not eat?
Why is your heart sad? Am I not more to you than ten sons?'

After they had eaten and drunk at Shiloh,
Hannah rose and presented herself before the Lord.
Now Eli the priest was sitting on the seat beside the doorpost
of the temple of the Lord.
She was deeply distressed and prayed to the Lord, and wept bitterly.
She made this vow:
'O Lord of hosts, if only you will look on the misery of your servant,
and remember me, and not forget your servant,
but will give to your servant a male child,
then I will set him before you as a nazirite until the day of his death.
He shall drink neither wine nor intoxicants,
and no razor shall touch his head.'

As she continued praying before the Lord, Eli observed her mouth.
Hannah was praying silently; only her lips moved,
but her voice was not heard; therefore Eli thought she was drunk.

So Eli said to her,
'How long will you make a drunken spectacle of yourself?
Put away your wine.'

But Hannah answered, 'No, my lord, I am a woman deeply troubled;
I have drunk neither wine nor strong drink,
but I have been pouring out my soul before the Lord.'

Do not regard your servant as a worthless woman,
for I have been speaking out of my great anxiety and vexation
all this time.'

Then Eli answered, 'Go in peace;
the God of Israel grant the petition you have made to him.'

And she said, 'Let your servant find favour in your sight.'

Then the woman went to her quarters,
ate and drank with her husband,
and her countenance was sad no longer.

They rose early in the morning and worshipped before the Lord;
then they went back to their house at Ramah.

Elkanah knew his wife Hannah, and the Lord remembered her.

In due time Hannah conceived and bore a son.

She named him Samuel, for she said, 'I have asked him of the Lord.'

1 Samuel 1: 4–20

Hear the word of the Lord,
thanks be to God.

The Song of Hannah

Response: There is no Holy One like the Lord.

My heart exults in the Lord;
my strength is exalted in my God.

My mouth derides my enemies,
because I rejoice in your salvation.

There is no Holy One like you, O Lord,
nor any Rock like you, our God.

R.

For you are a God of knowledge,
and by you our actions are weighed.

The bows of the mighty are broken,
but the feeble gird on strength.

Those who were full now search for bread,
but those who were hungry are fat with spoil.

R.

The barren woman has borne seven,
but she who has many children is forlorn.

The Lord makes poor and makes rich;
you bring low and you also exalt.

R.

You raise up the poor from the dust;
and lift the needy from the ash heap.

You make them sit with princes
and inherit a place of honour.

For the pillars of the earth are yours,
and on them you have set the world.

R.

1 Samuel 2: 1–8

Second Reading

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews:

In the old covenant, every priest stands day after day at his service,
offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins.
But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins,

‘he sat down at the right hand of God’,

and since then has been waiting

‘until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet.’

For by a single offering he has perfected for all time
those who are sanctified.

And the Holy Spirit also testifies to us, for after saying,

*‘This is the covenant that I will make with them
after those days, says the Lord:*

*I will put my laws in their hearts,
and I will write them on their minds’,*

he also adds,

‘I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.’

Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.

Therefore, my friends,
since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus,
by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain
(that is, through his flesh),
and since we have a great priest over the house of God,
let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith,
with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience
and our bodies washed with pure water.

Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering,
for he who has promised is faithful.
And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds,
not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some,
but encouraging one another,
and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

Hebrews 10: 11–25

Hear the word of the Lord,
thanks be to God.

All stand

Gradual Hymn 552 *at 10am only*

Gospel

Alleluia, alleluia!

“Be alert and beware no one leads you astray,” says the Lord,
“as you await the coming of the Son of Man.”

c.f. Mark 13: 5, 22

Alleluia!

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Mark.
Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

As Jesus came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him,
'Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!'
Then Jesus asked him,
'Do you see these great buildings?
Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.'

When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple,
Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately,
'Tell us, when will this be,
and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be
accomplished?'

Then Jesus began to say to them,
'Beware that no one leads you astray.
Many will come in my name and say,
"I am he!" and they will lead many astray.
When you hear of wars and rumours of wars, do not be alarmed;
this must take place, but the end is still to come.
For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom;
there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines.
This is but the beginning of the birth pangs.

'As for yourselves, beware; for they will hand you over to councils;
and you will be beaten in synagogues;
and you will stand before governors and kings because of me,
as a testimony to them.
And the good news must first be proclaimed to all nations.
When they bring you to trial and hand you over,
do not worry beforehand about what you are to say;
but say whatever is given you at that time,
for it is not you who speak, but the Holy Spirit.'

Mark 13: 1–13

For the gospel of the Lord,
praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Please sit.

A sermon is preached.

After the sermon, silence is kept.

The Nicene Creed

Let us together affirm the faith of the Church:

All stand

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge
the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father [and the Son],
who with the Father and the Son
is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy Catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

For the Anglican Church

The Anglican Church of Australia; The Diocese of Bunbury; Social Responsibilities Committee; Mullum Mullum Ringwood.

For all in need

Matthew, Sam, Milroy, Coral, David, Tony, Paul, Christine, Lei and her family, Keith, Erica, Peter, Leon, Josh, Vincent, John, Margaret, Dunstan, Noel, +Andrew, Russell, Joan, Jackie and Barry.

For the Faithful Departed

Those whose anniversary of death occurs this week: Dorothea Baxter, Charles Smith, Michael Somerville, Aune Smith, Guy Raoul Pascal, Florence Williams, Margaret Mercer, Nellie Nabb, Sydney Davis, Hilda Alice Spencer, Bevis Geoffrey Nicholas, Irene Bailey.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy,
welcoming sinners and inviting them to the Lord's table.

Silence is kept.

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith,
confident in God's forgiveness.

Merciful God,
our maker and our judge,
we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,
and in what we have failed to do:
we have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves;
we repent, and are sorry for all our sins.
Father, forgive us.
Strengthen us to love and obey you in newness of life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The President pronounces Absolution, and the people respond

Amen.

At 10:00 a.m., we move to

COMMISSIONING OF PASTORAL MINISTERS

Those to be commissioned to offer pastoral ministry on behalf of the parish gather before the altar.

After introductory words, the President addresses the Congregation:

Dear people of God, Christ invites each of us to faithful discipleship and service. We are all called to different ministries as we seek to live God's love. As we commission these parishioners today, will you, with them, and as baptized disciples of Christ, renew your commitment to the loving service of God, of one another and of all people?

All: With the help of God, we will.

Judy, Meg, Miriam, Ravi, Robin and Venetia have been called to the ministry of Pastoral Care Visiting in this Parish. Will you, as the people of God here in this place, support and pray for them in this ministry?

All: With the help of God, we will.

After the Pastoral Carers have made their promises, the President says:

Let us pray together.

**Living God, draw us deeper into your love;
Jesus our Lord, send us to care and serve;
Holy Spirit make us heralds of good news.
Stir us, strengthen us, teach and inspire us
to live your love with generosity and joy,
imagination and courage;
for the sake of your world
and in the name of Jesus. Amen.**

Judy, Meg, Miriam, Ravi, Robin & Venetia are presented to the Parish and received with applause.

THE GREETING OF PEACE

We are the Body of Christ.
His Spirit is with us.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

Offertory Hymn 254 (at 10:00 a.m. only)

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

The gifts are placed on the altar and the President offers prayers, to which the people respond:

Blessed be God for ever.

The President then begins the Great Thanksgiving Prayer

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The President continues with a prayer appropriate to the season, concluding with:

... we proclaim your great and glorious name,
for ever praising you and saying:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

The President continues the prayer until:

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:
**Christ has died,
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

The President continues the prayer, which concludes:

...we worship you, Father, in songs of never-ending praise:
**Blessing and honour and glory and power
are yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

Silence is kept

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are confident to pray:

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND THE COMMUNION

As the President breaks the bread, the following is said:

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.
We who are many are one body,
for we all share in the one bread.

We say (at 8:00 a.m.)

Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,
grant us your peace.

We sing (at 10:00 a.m.)

Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.

Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.

Jesus, Redeemer of the world, grant us your peace.

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Come let us take this holy sacrament of the body and blood of Christ
in remembrance that he died for us,
and feed on him in our hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

The people and ministers receive the sacrament.

Anthem: *sung by the choir, at 10am only*

Where charity and love are, God is there.

Christ's love has gathered us into one.

Let us rejoice and be pleased in Him.

Let us fear, and let us love the living God.

And may we love each other with a sincere heart.

Words: Maurice Duruflé (1902-1986)

After Communion, silence is kept.

THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

A prayer is offered by the President, which ends

Father,
we offer ourselves to you as a living sacrifice,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory.

Final Hymn 531 *(at 10:00 a.m. only)*

THE BLESSING

The President pronounces a blessing, to which all respond

Amen.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord:
In the name of Christ. Amen.

Postlude: *Postlude* Louis Vierne (1870–1937)

Scripture Readings next week

Daniel 7:9–10, 13–14
Revelation 1:4b–8

CHRIST THE KING

Psalm 93
John 18:33–37

THE WEEK AHEAD

Weekdays Monday – Saturday	9:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	Morning Prayer Evening Prayer
<u>Day</u>	<u>Morning Prayer</u> in Chapel and by	<u>Evening Prayer</u> Zoom (details below)
Monday, 15 November	Psalm 37:1–7 2 Kings 19:1–20 Matthew 24:32–51	Psalm 37:18–41 Ecclesiastes 3:10–20 Revelation 6:12–7:8
Tuesday, 16 November <i>Margaret of Scotland, helper of the poor</i>	Psalm 38 2 Kings 19:20–37 Matthew 25:1–13	Psalm 39 Ecclesiastes 4 Revelation 7:9–17
Wednesday, 17 November <i>Hilda of Whitby, abbess</i> <i>Hugh, bishop of Lincoln</i>	Psalm 40 2 Kings 20 Matthew 25:14–30	Psalms 42; 43 Ecclesiastes 5:1–12 Revelation 8
Reflections on the Lections at 7:30 p.m.	by Zoom	for Zoom details, see below
Thursday, 18 November Holy Eucharist at 10:15 a.m.	Psalms 41; 44:1–9 2 Kings 21:1–18 Matthew 25:31–46	Psalm 44:10–27 Ecclesiastes 5:13–6:9 Revelation 9:1–12
Friday, 19 November <i>Elizabeth of Hungary, philanthropist</i>	Psalm 45 2 Kings 21:19–22:11 Mark 1:1–13	Psalms 46; 47 Ecclesiastes 6:10–7:13 Revelation 9:13–21
Saturday, 20 November	Psalm 48 2 Kings 22:12–23:3 Mark 1:14–28	Psalms 49 Ecclesiastes 6:10–7:13 Revelation 10
Next Sunday, 21 November Christ the King	9:30 a.m. 5:00 pm	Holy Eucharist followed by Annual General Meeting Holy Eucharist & meditation

Zoom Details for the coming week:

Eucharist

8.00 a.m., Sunday

Meeting ID: 990 4448 8629; Passcode: 971137

Or place the following in your web browser:

<https://zoom.us/j/99044488629?pwd=L2orVStha2szSlhWVXNXUmFKWEhLUT09>

Morning Prayer

9:00 a.m., Monday – Saturday

Meeting ID: 709 867 2691; Passcode: 630283

Or place the following in your web browser:

<https://zoom.us/j/7098672691?pwd=TFBBSGYxb2lhcUI3RWRldmIXWDQ4Zz09>

Evening Prayer

5:00 p.m., Monday – Saturday

Meeting ID: 709 867 2691; Passcode: 630283

Or place the following in your web browser:

<https://zoom.us/j/7098672691?pwd=TFBBSGYxb2lhcUI3RWRldmIXWDQ4Zz09>

'Reflections on the Lections'

7:30 p.m., Wednesday, November 10

Meeting ID: 912 9538 3359; Passcode: 065807

Or place the following in your web browser:

<https://zoom.us/j/91295383359?pwd=bUpIZUdqRVRKT3gvODlhTXNhbkIKZz09>

NOTICES

Annual Parish Meeting

According to the *Parish Governance Act, 2013* of the Diocese of Melbourne, the Churchwardens and Parish Secretary hereby give formal notice that the Annual Parish Meeting of the Parish of St George, Malvern, will take place following a combined 9:30 a.m. eucharist **next Sunday, November 21**. This meeting will take place in the Parish Hall (subject to Covid restrictions), and with the possibility of Zoom attendance also.

Field Committee Meeting

Monday, 15 November - 12 noon

North Room

Everyone to please bring a small plate to share lunch together

Anglican Historical Society

JAMES GRANT MEMORIAL LECTURE

Date: Wednesday, 17 November 2021

Time: 6.30pm

Venue: Holy Trinity, East Melbourne

Speaker: Bishop David Farrer

Title: "The Church is always in danger; from within more than without".

Please be advised that all attendees need to be fully vaccinated.

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We acknowledge the Boon Wurrung and Wurundjeri people of the Kulin nation as the Traditional Custodians of the land upon which we meet.

We pay our respects to their Elders past and present, acknowledge their continuing spiritual connection to Country, and affirm our commitment to walk together the path of reconciliation.