



*Gerard van Honthorst - Adoration of the Shepherds, Public Domain*

**NAZARETH LUTHERAN CHURCH of SOUTH BRISBANE  
SERVICE WITH HOLY COMMUNION**

***Christmas Day — 25th December, 2023***

***HYMNS: 19, 33, 744, 842, 627***

***“Be Alive in Christ and make Him known”***

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Growing spiritually in God's Word  
Allowing God to use us to grow His Church by  
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## Welcome

P: See, your Saviour comes!

C: **His reward is with him, and his recompense accompanies him.**  
(Isa 62:11b NIV)

## Invocation

♪P: In the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.

♪C: **Amen.**



## Christ candle is lit

Hymn No: 19 Come, Thou Saviour of our race

## Confession of Sins and Absolution

P: Dear friends in Christ: let us draw near to God our Father with a true heart to confess our sins, and ask him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

♪P: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

♪C: **He made heaven and earth.**

♪P: I said, I will confess my sins to the Lord.

♪C: **Then he forgave the guilt of my sin.**

C: **Almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor helpless sinner, confess to you all my sins, and repent of all the evil I have done. I have deeply displeased you and deserve your punishment in time and in eternity. But I am sorry for my sins, and I ask you, for the sake of the holy innocent sufferings and death of your dear Son Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me. Amen.**

P: I ask each of you in the presence of God who searches the heart:  
Do you confess that you have sinned, and do you repent of your sins?  
**I do.**

P: Do you believe that Jesus Christ has redeemed you from all your sins,  
and do you desire forgiveness in his name? **I do.**

P: Do you intend with the help of the Holy Spirit to live as in God's presence, and to strive daily to lead a holy life, even as Christ has made you holy? **I do.**

P: Christ gave to his church the authority to forgive the sins of those who repent, and to declare to those who do not repent that their sins are not forgiven. Therefore, upon your confession, I, as a called and ordained servant of the word, announce the grace of God to all of you, and on behalf of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.

P: Peace be with you.

C: **Amen.**

### Psalm No: 97



Cantor: *To us a child is born, to us a Son is giv'n.*

**ANTIPHON:** **To us a child is born, to us a Son is giv'n.**

Cantor: *The Lord is king! Let the earth rejoice; let the many coastlands be glad! Clouds and thick darkness are all around him; righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne.*

**ANTIPHON:** **To us a child is born, to us a Son is giv'n.**

Cantor: *Fire goes before him, and consumes his adversaries on every side. His lightnings light up the world; the earth sees and trembles.*

**ANTIPHON:** **To us a child is born, to us a Son is giv'n.**

Cantor: *The mountains melt like wax before the Lord, before the Lord of all the earth. The heavens proclaim his righteousness; and all the peoples behold his glory.*

**ANTIPHON:** **To us a child is born, to us a Son is giv'n.**

Cantor: *All worshippers of images are put to shame, those who make their boast in worthless idols; all gods bow down before him. Zion hears and is glad, and the towns of Judah rejoice, because of your judgements, O God.*

**ANTIPHON:** To us a child is born, to us a Son is giv'n.

*Cantor: For you, O Lord, are most high over all the earth; you are exalted far above all gods. The Lord loves those who hate evil; he guards the lives of his faithful; he rescues them from the hand of the wicked. Light dawns for the righteous, and joy for the upright in heart. Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous, and give thanks to his holy name!*

**ANTIPHON:** To us a child is born, to us a Son is giv'n.

♫C: Glory to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for evermore. Amen.

 Kyrie

♫ALL: Lord, have mercy, Christ, have mercy, Lord, have mercy.

### Doxology

♫P: Glory to God in the highest

♫C: and on earth peace, among those with whom he is pleased. We praise you, we bless you, we worship you, we glorify you, we give thanks to you for your great glory. O Lord God, heavenly king, God, the Father Almighty. O Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesus Christ, O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father: You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. You take away the sin of the world; receive our prayer. You are seated at the right hand of God the Father; have mercy on us. For you alone are holy, you alone are Lord, you alone, O Christ, with the Holy Spirit, are most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

♫P: The Lord be with you.

♫C: And also with you.

### Prayer of the Day – (Collect)

P: Let us pray that we shine as lights in the world.

C: Thank you, loving Father, for filling the world with the new light of your Word who became a human being. Keep the flame of faith and love burning in our hearts and shining in our lives. For he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.



**First Reading:**      **Isaiah 62:6-12 Your Saviour comes**

*After the reading:*      This is the Word of the Lord

*Please respond:*      **Thanks be to God.**

**Second Reading:**      **Titus 3:4-7 Saved by God's Love**

*After the reading:*      This is the word of the Lord.



**C**  **Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**

**Gospel Reading:**      **Luke 2:1-20 The Shepherds hear the good news of the birth of Christ**

*Before the reading*       **C**    **Glory be to you, O Lord.**

*After the reading*       **C**    **Praise be to you, O Christ.**

**C:**    Lord Jesus, thank you for being born a baby in Bethlehem. Help us always to give glory and praise to God. Amen.

### **The Nicene Creed**

**All:** I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary, and was made man, and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried, and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of the Father. He will come again with glory to judge the living and the dead; whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who together with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church; I acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.



## 🎵 Hymn No: 17

# Hark! The herald angels sing

## Sermon



**🎵 Hymn No: 744**

## The first Nowell the angel did say



## Offertory Prayer

**♫C: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit.**

P: Lord, help us to take the angel's message to heart, and to realise that the birth of Jesus our Saviour is good news for us and for all people. Lead us to give glory to you by a life of joyful service to you and to other people.

**C: Amen.**



## Prayer of the Church

## The response to each petition:

P: Lord, in your mercy

**C: hear our prayer.**

**🎵 Hymn No: 842      Praise the Lord, rise up rejoicing**



# The Preface

♪P: The Lord be with you.

**♫C: And also with you.**

♪P: Lift up your hearts.

**♩C: We lift them up to the Lord.**

♫P: Let us give thanks to the Lord. ♫C: **For that is fitting and right.**

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♫P: It is truly fitting and right, and for our lasting good, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks to you, O Lord holy Father, almighty and eternal God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. For in the mystery of the Word made flesh you have given us a new revelation of your glory; that, seeing you in the person of your Son, we may be drawn to the love of those things which are not seen. Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we adore and praise your glorious name, evermore praising you and saying:

♫C: Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts;  
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 Lord's Prayer

All: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name; your kingdom come;  
your will be done on earth, as it is in heaven; give us this day our  
daily bread; and forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin  
against us; and lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory, are yours, now and  
forever. Amen.

### ♫The Words of Institution

#### The Peace

♫P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

♫C: Amen.

### Lamb of God

♫C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have  
mercy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the  
world; have mercy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the  
sin of the world; grant us your peace. Amen.



### The Distribution



### Dismissal

P: The body of our Lord Jesus Christ and his precious blood strengthen  
and preserve you in body and soul to life eternal. Go in peace † and  
with joy.

C: Amen.

## The Song of Simeon

♪C: Lord, now let your servant depart in peace according to your word.  
For my eyes have seen your salvation which you have prepared in  
the presence of all people; A light to reveal you to the nations and  
the glory of your people Israel. Glory to the Father and the Son and  
the Holy Spirit, As it was in the beginning is now and will be for  
evermore. Amen.

♪P: The Lord be with you.

♪C: **And also with you.**

♪P: O give thanks to the Lord for he is good! Hallelujah!

♪C: **For his love endures for ever! Hallelujah!**

## Prayer after Communion

♪P: Let us pray. We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed  
us through this healing gift; and we pray that through it you would  
graciously strengthen us in faith toward you and in love toward one  
another; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns  
with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever

♪C: **Amen.**

♪P: Let us bless the Lord.

♪C: **God be praised for evermore.**

## The Blessing

♪P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favour † and give you peace.

♪C: **Amen. Amen. Amen.**

🪏 ♪ Hymn No: 627 Joy to the world! The Lord is come

