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**NAZARETH LUTHERAN CHURCH of SOUTH BRISBANE**  
***SERVICE WITHOUT HOLY COMMUNION***

***3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent — 12<sup>th</sup> March, 2023***

***HYMNS: 317, 158, 53, 851***

***"Be Alive in Christ and make Him known"***

We do this by  
*Growing spiritually in God's Word*  
*Allowing God to use us to grow His Church by*  
*Being Christ focused/Being Community/Being Inclusive*

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**Welcome to all newcomers!**

We invite you to join in fellowship with a cuppa after service.

## Welcome

P: The hour is coming, and is now here,


C: **when you will worship the Father in spirit and truth.**

*(John 4:23 NRSV)*

## Invocation

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

♪C: Amen.

 Hymn No: 317 Jesus sinners doth receive

## 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: 95



*Cantor: O that today you would listen to his voice.*

**ANTIPHON: O that today you would listen to his voice.**

*Cantor: O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation! Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!*

**ANTIPHON: O that today you would listen to his voice.**

*Cantor: For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods. In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also. The sea is his, for he made it, and the dry land, which his hands have formed.*

**ANTIPHON: O that today you would listen to his voice.**

*Cantor: O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker! For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.*

**ANTIPHON: O that today you would listen to his voice.**

*Cantor: Do not harden your hearts, as at Meribah, as on the day at Massah in the wilderness, when your ancestors tested me, and put me to the proof, though they had seen my work.*

**ANTIPHON:** O that today you would listen to his voice.

*Cantor: For forty years I loathed that generation and said, "They are a people whose hearts go astray, and they do not regard my ways." Therefore in my anger I swore, "They shall not enter my rest."*

**ANTIPHON:** O that today you would listen to his voice.

 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 for strength in temptation.

**C:** Lord God, our strength, the battle of good and evil rages within and around us. Keep us firm in our faith in your Son, and when we fall, raise and restore us. We ask this through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.


 First Reading: Exodus 17:1-7 The Israelites put God to the test

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

*Please respond:* Thanks be to God.

Second Reading: Romans 5:1-11 While we were still sinners, Christ died for us

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

 C: Christ humbled himself, and became obedient unto death; even death on the cross.

Gospel Reading: John 4:5-42 Jesus and the Samaritan woman

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

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

C: Thank you, Lord Jesus, for the living water of eternal life. Help us to believe in you and to worship God in spirit and in truth. Amen.

### The Apostles' Creed

All: I believe in God, the Father, Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty, from thence he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

  Hymn No: 158 Jesus, lover of my soul

Sermon



 Hymn No: 53 Jesus, refuge of the weary

 Offertory Prayer

♫C: What can I offer to the Lord: for all his goodness to me? I will lift up the cup of salvation: and call on the name of the Lord. I will offer you a sacrifice of thanksgiving: and call on the name of the Lord. I will keep my promises to the Lord: in the presence of all his people; In the courts of the house of the Lord: in your midst, O Jerusalem.

P: Lord, you have given so much to us. Help us to show in our deeds the faith you have planted within us. Make us ready to serve you and other people with all that we are and all that we have.

C: Amen.

 Prayer of the Church

The response to each petition:

P: Lord, in your mercy

C: hear our prayer.

 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 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: 851 Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound