



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

*4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany — 29<sup>th</sup> January, 2023*

*HYMNS: 398, 356, 148, 807*

*"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: Blessed are the pure in heart,

C: **for they will see God.**

*(Matt 5:8 NRSV)*

## Invocation

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

♪C: **Amen.**

 Hymn No: 398    Lord Jesus, think on me.

## 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: 15



*Cantor:* O Lord, who may abide in your tent?

**ANTIPHON:** O Lord, who may abide in your tent?

*Cantor:* O Lord, who may abide in your tent? Who may dwell on your holy hill? Those who walk blamelessly, and do what is right, and speak the truth from their heart;

**ANTIPHON:** O Lord, who may abide in your tent?

*Cantor:* who do not slander with their tongue, and do no evil to their friends, nor take up a reproach against their neighbours; in whose eyes the wicked are despised, but who honour those who fear the Lord; who stand by their oath even to their hurt; who do not lend money at interest, and do not take a bribe against the innocent.

**ANTIPHON:** O Lord, who may abide in your tent?

*Cantor:* Those who do these things shall never be moved.

**ANTIPHON:** O Lord, who may abide in your tent?

♩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 for power to say and do what is right.

C: In all our doubts, dangers, and confusion, teach us, Lord, what we ought to say and do. Give to us, who can do nothing good without you, the power to speak the truth and do your will. 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: Micah 6:1-8 The Lord's case against Israel

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

*Please respond:* Thanks be to God.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:18-31 God chooses the weak

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

 C♪ Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!



Gospel Reading: Matthew 5:1-12 The beatitudes – life in God's kingdom


*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 becoming poor for our sakes.  
Bless us who are poor in spirit, and make us children of your kingdom. 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: 356 Lord of glory, who has bought us

### Sermon

 Hymn No: 148 Jesus, the very thought of Thee

 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: Wise and merciful God, thank you for choosing us to be your people. Teach us to yearn for what is right and to do what you want us to do. Use us and our possessions for your wise and good purposes. Amen.

C: Amen.

### Prayer of the Church

The response to each petition:

P: Lord, in your mercy

C: hear our prayer.

### Martin Demy-Geroe Farewell Blessing


#### 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: 807 Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim