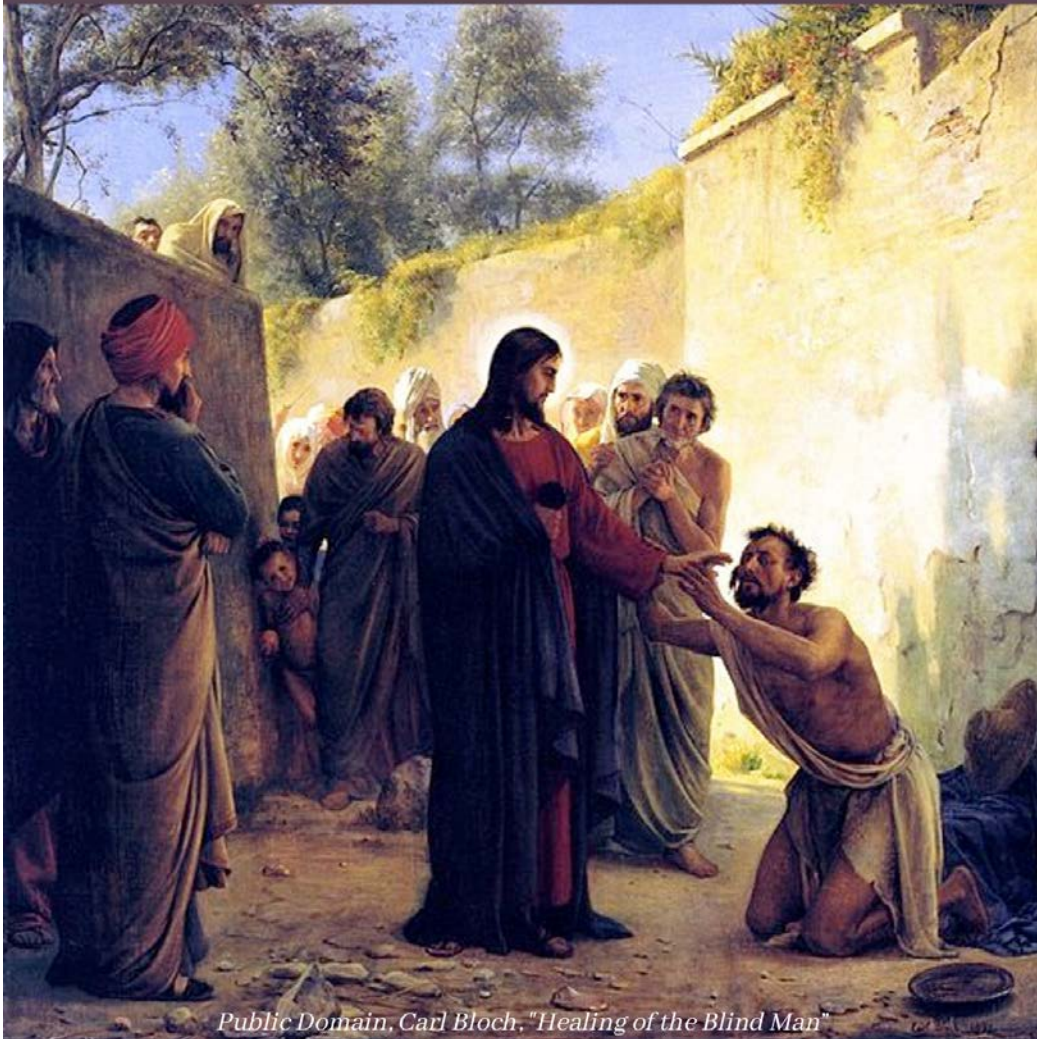


NAZARETH LUTHERAN CHURCH of SOUTH BRISBANE
SERVICE WITH HOLY COMMUNION



4th Sunday in Lent — 19th March, 2023

HYMNS: 222, 265, 75, 67, 306

"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: Once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light.

C: **Live as children of light.**

(Eph 5:8 NRSV)

Invocation

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

♪C: Amen.



Hymn No: 222 Thou whose almighty word

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.**

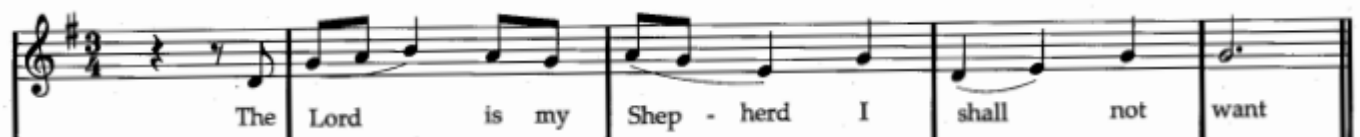
P: Do you intend with the help of the Holy Spirit to live as in God's
presence, and to strive daily to lead a holy life, even as Christ has made
you holy? **I do.**

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: 23



Cantor: The Lord is my Shepherd I shall not want.

ANTIPHON: **The Lord is my Shepherd I shall not want.**

Cantor: The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.

ANTIPHON: **The Lord is my Shepherd I shall not want.**

Cantor: Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff – they comfort me.

ANTIPHON: **The Lord is my Shepherd I shall not want.**

Cantor: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.

ANTIPHON: **The Lord is my Shepherd I shall not want.**

 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 our weakness.

C: Almighty and merciful God, you love us and make all things new in Christ. Transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your kindness, and make known your heavenly glory in the renewal of our lives. 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: 1 Samuel 16:1-13 Samuel anoints David as king of Israel

After the reading: This is the Word of the Lord

Please respond: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading: Ephesians 5:8-14 Live as children of the light

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 9:1-41 Jesus opens the eyes of a man born blind

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

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

C: Lord Jesus, the light for the world, thank you for healing blindness. Help us to believe in you and worship you. 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: 265 How blest are they who hear God's word

Sermon

  Hymn No: 75 We sing the praise of Him who died

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: Thank you, Lord, for sending us your light. Help us to live as people of the light, and to show your light and love to others.

C: Amen.

Prayer of the Church

The response to each petition:

P: Lord, in your mercy

C: hear our prayer.

♫Hymn No: 67 And can it be, that I should gain

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.

♫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 he has taken upon himself our sin, that we, being dead to sin, should live to righteousness. 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!

♪C: For his love endures for ever!

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

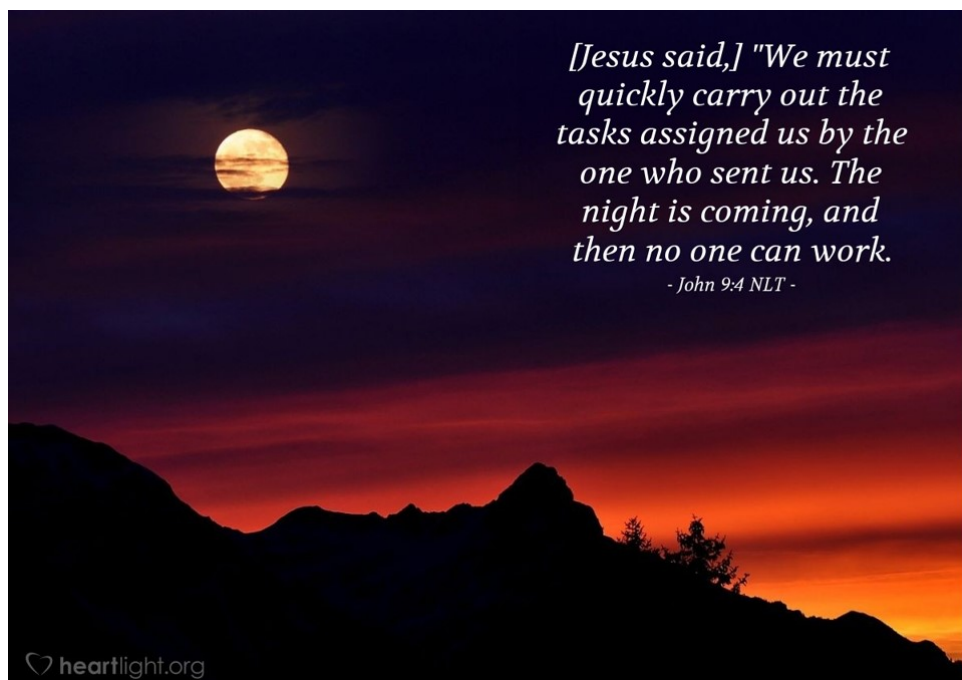
♪P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

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: 306 I heard the voice of Jesus say





For you
were once
darkness, but
now you are light
in the Lord. Live as
children of light.
Ephesians 5:8

His Word In Pictures