

NAZARETH LUTHERAN CHURCH of SOUTH BRISBANE



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HYMNS: 128, 388, 415, 515

"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: Those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh,

C: but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit.

(Rom 8:5 NRSV)

Invocation

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

♪C: Amen.

 Hymn No: 128 O Spirit of life, O Spirit of God

Confession of Sins and Absolution

L: 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.

L: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

♪C: He made heaven and earth.

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

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

L: Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we confess to you that by nature we are sinful and unclean, and that we have sinned against you by thought, word and deed. Therefore we flee for refuge to your infinite mercy and plead for your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C: **Most merciful God, you have given your only Son to die for us: Have mercy on us, and for his sake grant us forgiveness of all our sins. By your Holy Spirit increase our knowledge of you and your will, and make us obedient to your Word, so that by your grace we may come to eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

L: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy on us, and has given his only Son to die for us, and for his sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in his name he has given the right to become the children of God, and has given them his Holy Spirit. He who believes and is baptized will be saved. Grant this, Lord, to us all. C: Amen.

Psalm 119:105-112



Cantor: Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

ANTIPHON: Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

Cantor: Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path. I have sworn an oath and confirmed it, to observe your righteous ordinances.

ANTIPHON: Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

Cantor: I am severely afflicted; give me life, O Lord, according to your word. Accept my offerings of praise, O Lord, and teach me your ordinances.

ANTIPHON: Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

Cantor: I hold my life in my hand continually, but I do not forget your law. The wicked have laid a snare for me, but I do not stray from your precepts.

ANTIPHON: Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

Cantor: Your decrees are my heritage forever; they are the joy of my heart. I incline my heart to perform your statutes forever, to the end.

ANTIPHON: Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

♪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

L: 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.

L: The Lord be with you. **✪C:** And also with you.

Prayer of the Day – (Collect)

L: Let us pray for the gift of spiritual growth.

C: Almighty and merciful God, you have planted in us the seed of your word. Help us by your Holy Spirit to receive it with joy and live according to it, so that we may grow in faith, hope, and love. 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: Genesis 25:19-34 Jacob gains the birthright of Esau

After the reading: This is the Word of the Lord

Please respond: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading: Romans 8:1-11 You are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit

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

 **C**  Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Gospel Reading: Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23 The parable of the sower

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 seed of God's word planted in our hearts. May it bear fruit in our lives. 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: 388 All depends on our possessing

Sermon



🎵 Hymn No: 415 Whatever God ordains is good



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.

L: Thank you, Lord, for all your gifts, especially for your word, which comforts us and sets us free. May we take your message of love and forgiveness to heart, and live fruitful and productive lives, serving others for you.

C: Amen.



Prayer of the Church

The response to each petition:

L: 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

L: The Lord bless us and keep us.
The Lord make his face shine on us and be gracious to us.
The Lord look upon us with favour † and give us peace.

♪C: Amen. Amen. Amen.



♪ Hymn No: 515 On what has now been sown



The Sower

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Artist: Vincent van Gogh (1853–1890)



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Freed from the Power of Sin!

- Romans 8:1-2 NLT -

