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

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HYMNS: 454, 164, 489, 103

#### "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!

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# **Melcome**

P: Choose this day whom you will serve,

C: but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord. (Josh 24:15 NRSV)

## **Invocation**

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

☐C: Amen.

Hymn No: 454 Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim

#### **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.

JC: He made heaven and earth.

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

**JC**: 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: 78:1-7



Cantor: We will tell of the deeds of the Lord.

ANTIPHON: We will tell of the deeds of the Lord.

Cantor: Give ear, O my people, to my teaching; incline your ears to the

words of my mouth. I will open my mouth in a parable; I will utter dark sayings from of old, things that we have heard and

known, that our ancestors have told us.

ANTIPHON: We will tell of the deeds of the Lord.

Cantor: We will not hide them from their children; we will tell to the

coming generation the glorious deeds of the Lord, and his

might, and the wonders that he has done.

ANTIPHON: We will tell of the deeds of the Lord.

Cantor: He established a decree in Jacob, and appointed a law in

Israel, which he commanded our ancestors to teach to their

children;

ANTIPHON: We will tell of the deeds of the Lord.

Cantor: that the next generation might know them, the children yet

unborn, and rise up and tell them to their children, so that they should set their hope in God, and not forget the works of God,

but keep his commandments.

ANTIPHON: We will tell of the deeds of the Lord.

JC: 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.

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**JALL:** Lord, have mercy, Christ, have mercy, Lord, have mercy.

#### **Doxology**

□P: Glory to God in the highest

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 vigilance.

C: Heavenly Father, keep us watchful and alert as we wait for the coming of your Son, our Lord. When he stands at the door and knocks, may he not find us asleep in carelessness and sin, but awake in hope and rejoicing, so that we may live with you forever. We ask this through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

First Reading: Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25 Israel promises to serve the

Lord

After the reading: This is the Word of the Lord

Please respond: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 Questions about the Lord's

coming

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

To Ca Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

**Gospel Reading:** Matthew 25:1-13 Parable of the wise and foolish girls

Before the reading 

After the reading 

C Glory be to you, O Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ.

C: Thank you, Lord Jesus, for promising to return as the heavenly bridegroom. Make us always watchful and ready. 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.

₩ JHymn No: 164 Love divine, all loves excelling

#### <u>Sermon</u>

Hymn No: 489 Rejoice, rejoice, believers

## Offertory Prayer

☐C: What can I offer to the Lord: for all his göodness 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: Thank you, Lord, for all your gifts, and for giving us the privilege of serving you. Help us to be alert and ready for your coming, serving you faithfully and doing your will.

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.

₩ JHymn No: 103 I know that my Redeemer lives

The Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever. - 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17 -