

NAZARETH LUTHERAN CHURCH OF SOUTH BRISBANE

Service without Holy Communion



2nd Sunday of Advent — 10th December, 2023

SONG: Hope is a Star

HYMNS: 1, 13, 18

“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

- P: John said: 'After me will come one more powerful than I,
C: the thongs of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie.
P: I baptise you with water,
C: but he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit.'
(Mark 1:7,8 NIV)

Invocation

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

Advent Candle: Hope is a Star

- ♪Choir: *Hope is a star that shines in the night,
Leading us on till the morning is bright.
Peace is a ribbon that circles the earth,
Giving a promise of safety and worth.*
- When God is a child there's joy in our song.
The last shall be first and the weak shall be strong,
and none shall be afraid,
none shall be afraid.*


Responsive Litany

- P: In this season of Advent, we remember that Christ is coming to bring peace. For a world overrun with meaningless war
- C: **Christ is coming to bring peace.**
- P: For brothers and sisters divided by anger
- C: **Christ is coming to bring peace.**
- P: For a world bound up in political turmoil
- C: **Christ is coming to bring peace.**
- P: For those of us battling inner turmoil
- C: **Christ is coming to bring peace.**

Advent Candle is Lit

P: *Last week we lit the candle of hope. This week we light the candle of peace. We remember what God said to the shepherds on the night of Christ's birth promising peace on earth and goodwill to all the people of the earth. May the Holy Spirit help us to become God's instruments to fulfill this promise.*

♫C:



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first and the weak shall be strong, and none shall
be a - fraid, none shall be a - fraid.

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.



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 that we are ready for Christ's coming.

C: Merciful God, you sent your messengers to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation. Turn us away from our sins, so that we greet our coming redeemer, Jesus Christ, with joy. For he lives with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

 First Reading: Isaiah 40:1-11 Prepare the way of the Lord

After the reading: This is the Word of the Lord

Please respond: Thanks be to God.

Psalm No: 85:1-2, 8-13



Cantor: Righteousness and peace will go before the Lord.

ANTIPHON: Righteousness and peace will go before the Lord.

Cantor: Lord, you were favourable to your land; you pardoned all their sin.

ANTIPHON: Righteousness and peace will go before the Lord.

Cantor: Let me hear what God the Lord will speak, for he will speak peace to his people, to his faithful, to those who turn to him in their hearts. Surely his salvation is at hand for those who fear him, that his glory may dwell in our land.

ANTIPHON: Righteousness and peace will go before the Lord.

Cantor: Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet; righteousness and peace will kiss each other. Faithfulness will spring up from the ground, and righteousness will look down from the sky.

ANTIPHON: Righteousness and peace will go before the Lord.


Cantor: The Lord will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase. Righteousness will go before him, and will make a path for his steps.

ANTIPHON: Righteousness and peace will go before the Lord.

♫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.

Second Reading: 2 Peter 3:8-15 The day of the Lord

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

 ♫C Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Gospel Reading: Mark 1:1-8 John the Baptist prepares the way


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 sending John the Baptist to announce your coming to save people. Help us to repent and believe in you. 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: 1 Hark, a herald voice is calling!

Sermon

 ♫Hymn No: 13 On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry

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, lead us to show in our lives, by our repentance and faith, that we are your people. As you have made us holy, help us to live holy lives, dedicated to you, preparing the way for your coming.

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: 18 Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates