



Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

- 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 -

NAZARETH LUTHERAN CHURCH of SOUTH BRISBANE
SERVICE WITH HOLY COMMUNION

3 Advent — 17th December, 2023

SONG: Hope is a Star (played by Alison Rogers), HYMNS: 10, 12, 840, 731

"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: The spirit of the Lord God is upon me,

C: **because the Lord has anointed me;**

P: he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed,

C: **to bind up the brokenhearted and to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.** (*Isa 61:1a,b, 2a NRSV*)

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 Played by Alison Rogers

♪Choir: *Joy is a song that welcomes the dawn,
Telling the world that the Savior is born.
Love is a flame that burns in our hearts,
Jesus has come and will never depart.*

*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's coming will bring us great joy. For those who are suffering and in need

C: **Christ will bring us great joy.**

P: For those who have experienced personal loss

C: **Christ will bring us great joy.**

P: For those who battle daily with inner demons

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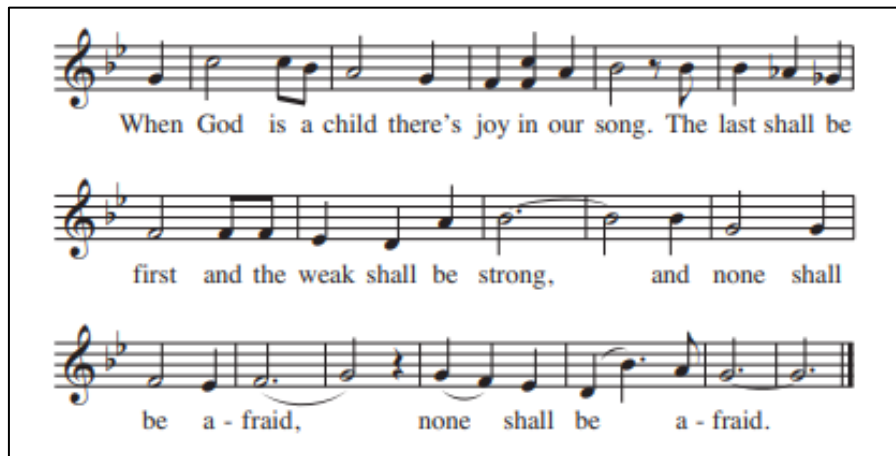
P: For those who endure deep disappointment

C: **Christ will bring us great joy.**

Advent Candle is Lit

P: Today we light a third advent candle. We've lit a candle for the hope we have in Christ's coming, and another to show us the peace that the God's anointed Messiah will bring us. This third candle shines to signify the joy of Christ that is soon to spread throughout the world.

♫C:



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first and the weak shall be strong, and none shall
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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.**

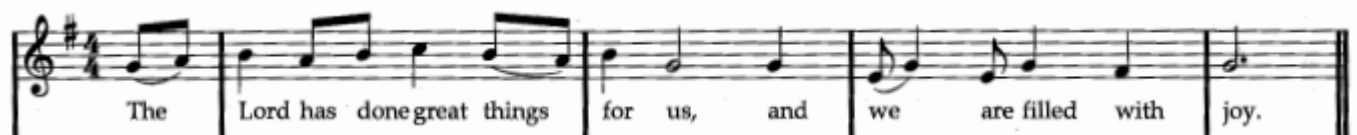
P: Do you intend with the help of the Holy Spirit to live as in God's presence, and to strive daily to lead a holy life, even as Christ has made you holy? **I do.**

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: 126



Cantor: The Lord has done great things for us, and we are filled with joy.

ANTIPHON: The Lord has done great things for us, and we are filled with joy.

Cantor: When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream. Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy; then it was said among the nations, "The Lord has done great things for them." The Lord has done great things for us, and we rejoiced.

ANTIPHON: The Lord has done great things for us, and we are filled with joy.

Cantor: Restore our fortunes, O Lord, like the watercourses in the Negeb. May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy.

ANTIPHON: The Lord has done great things for us, and we are filled with joy.

Cantor: Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying their sheaves.

ANTIPHON: The Lord has done great things for us, and we are filled with joy.

♫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 that we may receive Christ with joy.

C: Almighty and merciful God, each year you make us glad as we look forward to the birthday of your Son. May we who joyfully receive him as our redeemer confidently face him when he comes to be our judge. For he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.



 First Reading: Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11 The good news of God's deliverance

After the reading: This is the Word of the Lord

Please respond: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24 Ready for the coming of the Lord

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

  Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Gospel Reading: John 1:6-8, 19-28 He who comes after me stands among you

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, the Light, for coming into the world and shining on us. Help us to believe in you and follow 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: 10 O how shall I receive Thee

Sermon

 Hymn No: 12 Comfort, comfort ye My people

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: Lord, lead us gladly to listen to the message you have sent about your Son, and to receive him with faith and joy. Help us live our lives in union with Christ, praying, giving thanks, doing good, and shunning evil.

C: Amen.

Prayer of the Church

The response to each petition:

P: Lord, in your mercy

C: hear our prayer.

♪Hymn No: 840 Lord Jesus Christ, we humbly pray

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; through whom you comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer, and will also make all things new in the day when he will come again to judge the world in 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! Hallelujah!

♫C: For his love endures for ever! Hallelujah!

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.

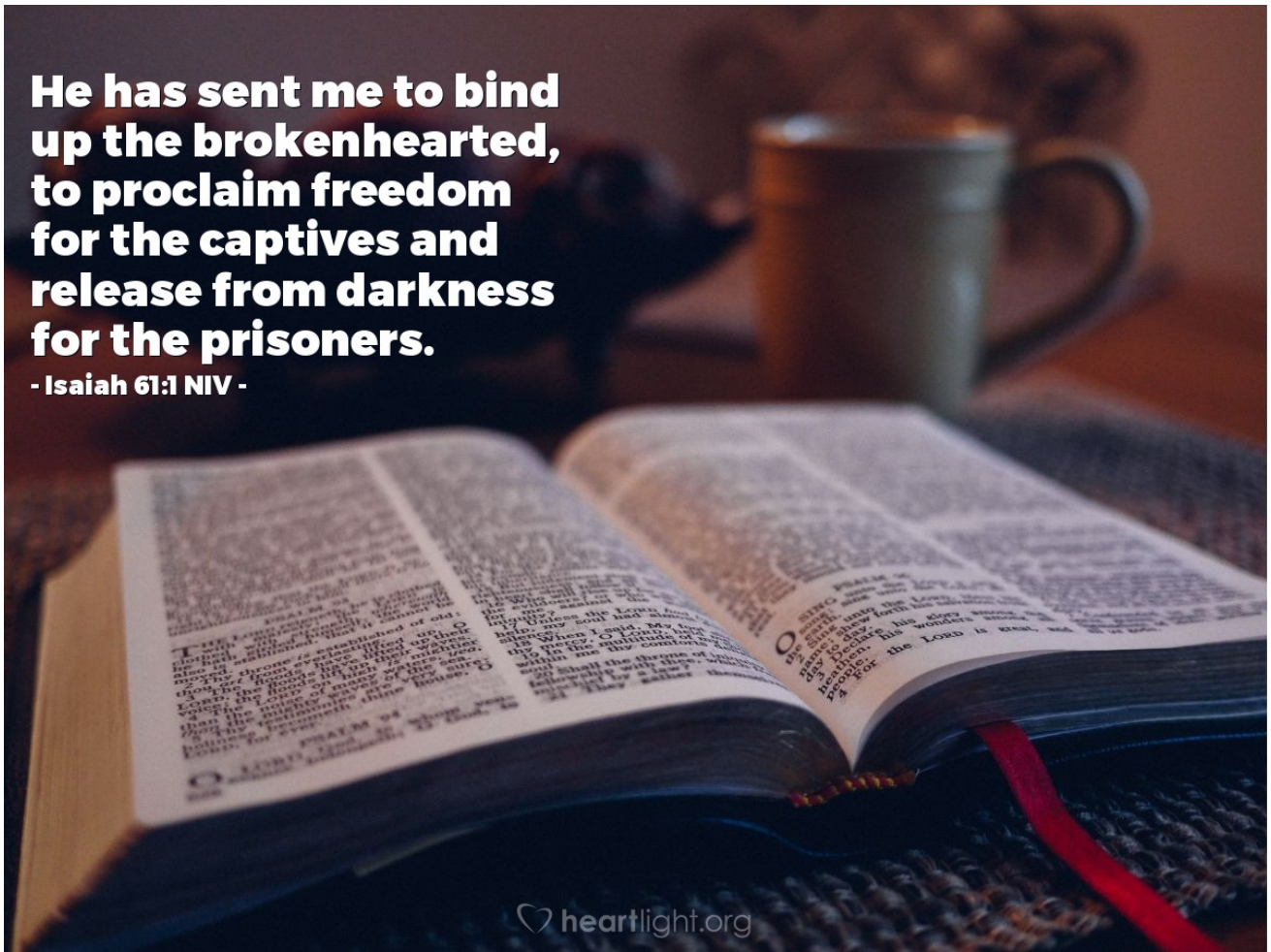
The Lord look upon you with favour † and give you peace.

♫C: Amen. Amen. Amen.

 ♫Hymn No: 731 Come, Lord Jesus, come into this weary world

**He has sent me to bind
up the brokenhearted,
to proclaim freedom
for the captives and
release from darkness
for the prisoners.**

- Isaiah 61:1 NIV -



CHRISTMAS Blessings

Office closes 4:30pm Friday 22 December
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