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NAZARETH LUTHERAN CHURCH of SOUTH BRISBANE
SERVICE WITHOUT HOLY COMMUNION

4 Advent — 24th December, 2023

SONG: Hope is a Star (played by Alison Rogers), HYMNS: 11, 735, 2

"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: The angel said to Mary, 'Do not be afraid, for you have found favour with God.

C: **You will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus.**

P: He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High,

C: **and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David.'**
(Luke 1:30-32 NRSV alt)

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 love. For those who are forsaken and alone

C: **Christ will bring us love.**

P: For those who are angry and hostile

C: **Christ will bring us love.**

P: For those who have turned away from personal interaction

C: **Christ will bring us love.**

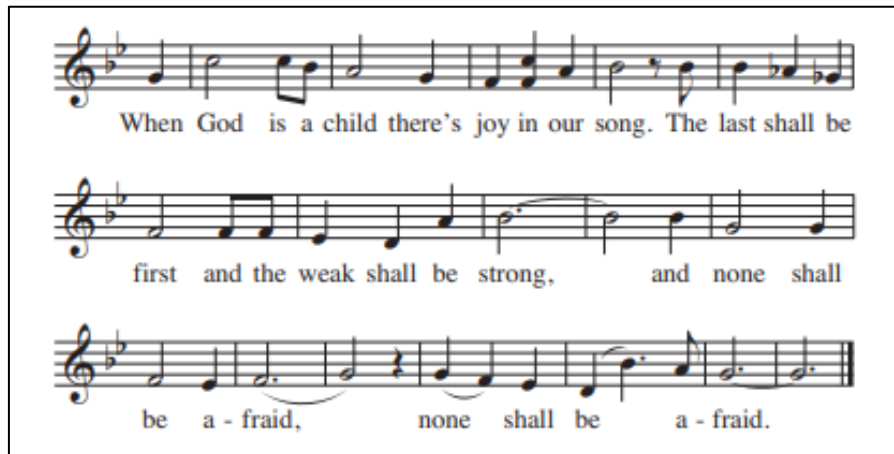
P: For those who are pariahs, touched by scandal

C: **Christ will bring us love.**

Advent Candle is Lit

P: We've lit three candles so far. The first reminded us of the hope that we share. The second was for the peace that Christ has brought. The third is the joy we have as we await the arrival of Christ. Today we light a fourth candle to remind us of the love God showed to the world as he came to be among his people.

♫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.**

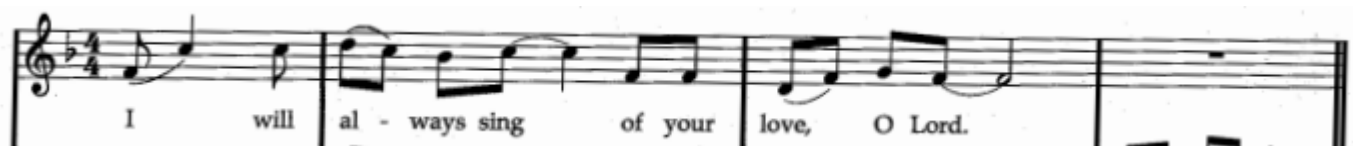
P: Do you intend with the help of the Holy Spirit to live as in God's presence, and to strive daily to lead a holy life, even as Christ has made you holy? **I do.**

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.

Psalm No: 89:1-4, 19-25



Cantor: I will always sing of your love, O Lord.

ANTIPHON: **I will always sing of your love, O Lord.**

Cantor: I will sing of your steadfast love, O Lord, forever; with my mouth I will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations. I declare that your steadfast love is established forever; your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.

ANTIPHON: **I will always sing of your love, O Lord.**

Cantor: You said, "I have made a covenant with my chosen one. I have sworn to my servant David; 'I will establish your descendants forever, and build your throne for all generations.'"

ANTIPHON: **I will always sing of your love, O Lord.**

Cantor: Then you spoke in a vision to your faithful one, and said, "I have set the crown on one who is mighty, I have exalted one chosen from the people. I have found my servant David; with my holy oil I have anointed him.

ANTIPHON: I will always sing of your love, O Lord.

Cantor: My hand shall always remain with him; my arm also shall strengthen him. The enemy shall not outwit him, the wicked shall not humble him. I will crush his foes before him and strike down those who hate him.

ANTIPHON: I will always sing of your love, O Lord.

Cantor: My faithfulness and steadfast love shall be with him; and in my name his horn shall be exalted. I will set his hand on the sea and his right hand on the rivers.

ANTIPHON: I will always sing of your love, O 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.

 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 God to be with us.

C: Thank you, loving heavenly Father, for coming with power to the Virgin Mary and making her the mother of our Lord. Come to us with your Holy Spirit, so that we receive your saving word and rejoice in our Saviour. For he lives with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.



 First Reading: 2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16 God's promise to David

After the reading: This is the Word of the Lord

Please respond: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading: Romans 16:25-27 God reveals his age-long purpose in Jesus

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

  Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Gospel Reading: Luke 1:26-38 God's call to Mary

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

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

C: Lord Jesus, thank you for showing favour to Mary and to us. Help us to trust in you as the Son of God. 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: 11 The advent of our King

Sermon

 Hymn No: 735 Jesus comes with clouds descending

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, as Mary accepted your will, may we also accept your will and rejoice in Christ our Saviour. Let your good news change our lives, and make us trusting and obedient, always ready to serve you with all we are and all we have.
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: 2 O come, O come, Immanuel