



**NAZARETH LUTHERAN CHURCH of SOUTH BRISBANE  
SERVICE WITH HOLY COMMUNION**

**First Sunday of Advent – 3rd December, 2023**

**HYMNS: Hope is a Star, 17, 15, 282, 490**

**“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: Be on watch, be alert,

C: for you do not know when the time will come. (Mark 13:33 TEV)

## Invocation

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

♪C: Amen.

## 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 us hope. For those of us bound by bitterness and anger

C: **Christ is coming to bring us hope.**

P: For those of us feeling trapped and misunderstood

C: **Christ is coming to bring us hope.**

P: For those of us burdened with ceaseless worry

C: **Christ is coming to bring us hope.**

P: For those of us whose lives feel out of control

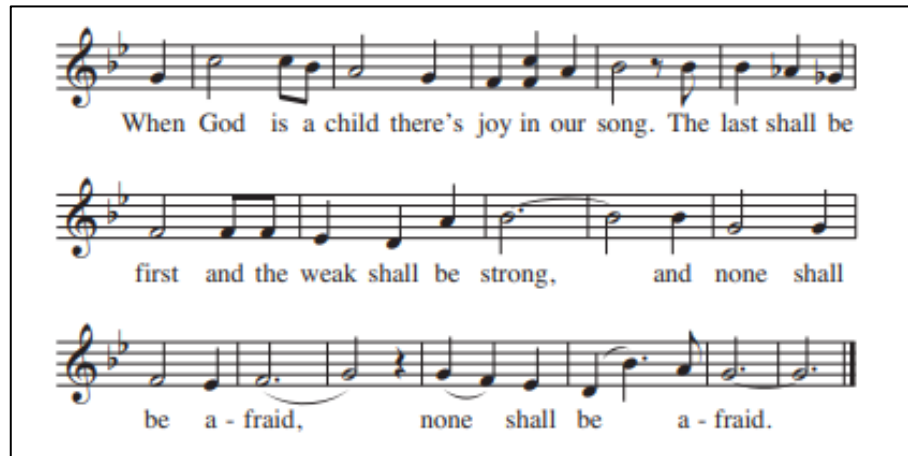
C: **Christ is coming to bring us hope.**

## Advent Candle is Lit

P: In this season of Advent, as we look forward to Christmas, we take time to celebrate and to remember. On this, the first Sunday, as we light the first candle, we celebrate hope. Hope for a better world and a better tomorrow.

We also remember that we are God's instruments of hope here on earth and it's up to us to spread the message of hope.

♩C:



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 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: 70:1-7, 17-19



*Cantor: Restore us, O Lord let your face shine, that we may be saved.*

**ANTIPHON:** Restore us, O Lord let your face shine, that we may be saved.

*Cantor: Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock! You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh. Stir up your might, and come to save us! Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved.*

**ANTIPHON:** Restore us, O Lord let your face shine, that we may be saved.

*Cantor: O Lord God of hosts, how long will you be angry with your people's prayers? You have fed them with the bread of tears, and given them tears to drink in full measure. You make us the scorn of our neighbours; our enemies laugh among themselves. Restore us, O God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved.*

**ANTIPHON:** Restore us, O Lord let your face shine, that we may be saved.

*Cantor: But let your hand be upon the one at your right hand, the one whom you made strong for yourself. Then we will never turn back from you; give us life, and we will call on your name. Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved.*

**ANTIPHON:** Restore us, O Lord let your face shine, that we may be saved.

**♫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 the presence of Christ.



**C:** Cleanse our consciences, Lord, and enlighten our hearts, through the daily presence of your Son Jesus Christ. Make us ready when he comes again in glory to be our judge. For he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.



 **First Reading:** Isaiah 64:1-9 Open the heavens and come down!  
*After the reading:* This is the Word of the Lord  
*Please respond:* Thanks be to God.

**Second Reading:** 1 Corinthians 1:3-9 As you wait for Christ's return  
*After the reading:* This is the word of the Lord.

  Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

**Gospel Reading:** Mark 13:24-37 No one knows the day or the hour  
*Before the reading*  **Glory be to you, O Lord.**  
*After the reading*  **Praise be to you, O Christ.**

C: Thank you, Lord Jesus, for promising to return. Help us always to keep watching and to be awake and ready. 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: 17** Come, Thou long-expected Jesus

## Sermon

 Hymn No: 15 Jesus came – the heavens adoring

### 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, help us always to remember that Christ has promised to return. Keep us faithful to him, doing the work you have given us to do, until he comes to take us to himself.

C: Amen.

### Prayer of the Church

The response to each petition:

P: Lord, in your mercy

C: hear our prayer.

♪Hymn No: 282 Draw nigh, and take the body of the Lord

### 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: 490 O Son of God, we wait for Thee

