



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

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*HYMNS: 452, 245, 357, 159*

*“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

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## Welcome

P: The Lord said to Moses: "I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among the Israelites

C: **and I will put my words in his mouth."**  
(Deut 18:18)

## Invocation

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

♪C: Amen.



Hymn No: 452 O Bless the Lord, my soul

## 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: 111



*Cantor: The Lord has sent redemption to his people.*

**ANTIPHON: The Lord has sent redemption to his people.**

*Cantor: Praise the Lord! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole Heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation. Great are the works of the Lord, studied by all who delight in them.*

**ANTIPHON: The Lord has sent redemption to his people.**

*Cantor: Full of honour and majesty is his work, and his righteousness endures forever. He has gained renown by his wonderful deeds; the Lord is gracious and merciful.*

**ANTIPHON: The Lord has sent redemption to his people.**

*Cantor: He provides food for those who fear him; he is ever mindful of his covenant. He has shown his people the power of his works, in giving them the heritage of the nations.*

**ANTIPHON: The Lord has sent redemption to his people.**

*Cantor: The works of his hands are faithful and just; all his precepts are trustworthy. They are established forever and ever, to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.*

**ANTIPHON:** The Lord has sent redemption to his people.

*Cantor: He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant forever. Holy and awesome is his name. The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding. His praise endures forever.*

**ANTIPHON:** The Lord has sent redemption to his people.

♫**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 power to say and do what is right.



**C:** In all our doubts, dangers, and confusion, teach us, Lord, what we ought to say and do. Give to us, who can do nothing good without you, the power to speak the truth and do your will. We ask this through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

 First Reading: Deuteronomy 18:15-20 The Lord promises a prophet like Moses

*After the reading:* This is the Word of the Lord  
*Please respond:* Thanks be to God.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 8:1-13 Freedom and the conscience of your fellow believer

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

  Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Gospel Reading: Mark 1:21-28 Jesus teaches with authority

*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 coming with God's authority and power. Help us to listen to what you say and to obey 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: 245 Lord of the Church, we humbly pray

Sermon

 Hymn No: 357 O God, Thou faithful God

 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: Thank you, Lord, for sending your prophets, and especially for sending your Son Jesus, with your own authority and power to save us from sin and evil. Help us to listen to Jesus, and to serve him by serving and helping other people.

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: 159 O for a thousand tongues to sing



*Limbourg Brothers. Jesus Casts Out the Unclean Spirit, from Art in the Christian Tradition, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN.*