

***For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith — and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God — not by works, so that no one can boast.***

*- Ephesians 2:8-9 -*

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

***Fourth Sunday in Lent — 10<sup>th</sup> March, 2024***

***HYMNS: 53, 75, 330, 793***

***“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 focused and being inclusive.*

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**Welcome to all newcomers!**

We invite you to join in fellowship with a cuppa after service



## Welcome

P: For by grace you have been saved through faith,

C: **and this is not your own doing;**

P: it is the gift of God – not the result of works,

C: **so that no one may boast.**

*(Eph 2:8,9 NRSV)*

## Invocation

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

♪C: Amen.



## Hymn No: 53

Jesus, refuge of the weary

## 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 for strength in our weakness.

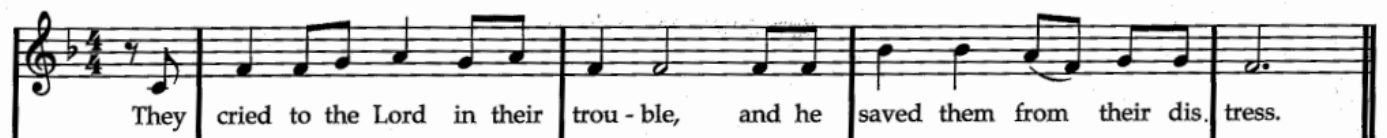
C: Almighty and merciful God, you love us and make all things new in Christ. Transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your kindness, and make known your heavenly glory in the renewal of our lives. We ask this through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

 **First Reading:** Numbers 21:4-9 The snake of bronze in the desert

*After the reading:* This is the Word of the Lord

*Please respond:* Thanks be to God.

## Psalm No: 107:1-3, 17-22



*Cantor:* They cried to the Lord in their trouble, and he saved them from their distress.

**ANTIPHON:** They cried to the Lord in their trouble, and he saved them from their distress.

*Cantor:* O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever. Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, those he redeemed from trouble and gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

**ANTIPHON:** They cried to the Lord in their trouble, and he saved them from their distress.

*Cantor:* Some were sick through their sinful ways, and because of their iniquities endured affliction; they loathed any kind of food, and they drew near to the gates of death.

**ANTIPHON:** They cried to the Lord in their trouble, and he saved them from their distress.

*Cantor:* Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and he saved them from their distress; he sent out his word and healed them, and delivered them from destruction.


**ANTIPHON:** They cried to the Lord in their trouble, and he saved them from their distress.

*Cantor:* Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love, for his wonderful works to humankind. And let them offer thanksgiving sacrifices, and tell of his deeds with songs of joy.

**ANTIPHON:** They cried to the Lord in their trouble, and he saved them from their distress.

**Second Reading:** Ephesians 2:1-10 Saved by grace through faith

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

 **C:** Christ humbled himself, and became obedient unto death; even death on the cross.

**Gospel Reading:** John 3:14-21 Jesus brings life and light to the world

*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 dying on the cross so that we might live. Help us to believe in you and live in your light. 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: 75** We sing the praise of Him who died

Sermon

 Hymn No: 330 Rock of ages cleft for me

 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, heavenly Father, for giving your Son so that we can have eternal life. Strengthen our faith in him. Guide us to live in the light of Christ, and to give of ourselves in love to 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: 793 To God be the glory, great things he has done!