

My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have one who speaks to the Father in our defense – Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.

- 1 John 2:1-2 -



NAZARETH LUTHERAN CHURCH of SOUTH BRISBANE

SERVICE WITH HOLY COMMUNION

2 Sunday of Easter — 7th April, 2024

HYMNS: 502, 128, 358, 288, 528

“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: We declare to you what was from the beginning,

C: **what we have heard,**

P: what we have seen with our eyes,

C: **what we have looked at and touched with our hands concerning the word of life.**

(1 John 1:1 NRSV)

Invocation

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

♪C: Amen.

 Hymn No: 502 This is the day the Lord hath made

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 that we may live the new life of Christ.

C: Almighty and merciful God, your Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life for all who put their trust in him. Raise us up from the death that comes with sin, and give us the new life of faith in Christ, so that we may always live to please you. 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: Acts 4:32-35 The believers share their possessions

After the reading: This is the Word of the Lord

Please respond: Thanks be to God.

Psalm No: 133



Cantor: How good it is to live together in unity.

ANTIPHON: How good it is to live together in unity.

Cantor: How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity! It is like the precious oil on the head, running down upon the beard, on the beard of Aaron, running down over the collar of his robes.

ANTIPHON: How good it is to live together in unity.



Cantor: It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion. For there the Lord ordained his blessing, life forevermore.

ANTIPHON: How good it is to live together in unity.

 **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.

Second Reading: 1 John 1:1-2:2 We have life and light through Jesus

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

  Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Gospel Reading: John 20: 19-31 Thomas sees the risen Christ and believes

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 standing alongside Thomas even as he doubted you. Stand alongside us as well and strengthen our faith in you as the living Son of God. 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: 128 O Spirit of life, O Spirit of God

Sermon

  Hymn No: 358 Renew me, O eternal Light

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: 528 Christ, whose glory fills the skies

