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NAZARETH LUTHERAN  
CHURCH  
of SOUTH BRISBANE

**SERVICE WITHOUT HOLY  
COMMUNION**

**Ascension**

7th Sunday of Easter,  
12th May, 2024

**HYMNS:**

528, 113, 111, 772

*“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

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## Welcome

P: God raised Christ from the dead!

C: and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places. Alleluia!  
(*Eph 1:20 NRSV*)

## Invocation

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

♪C: Amen.



Hymn No: 528 Christ, whose glory fills the skies

## 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.**

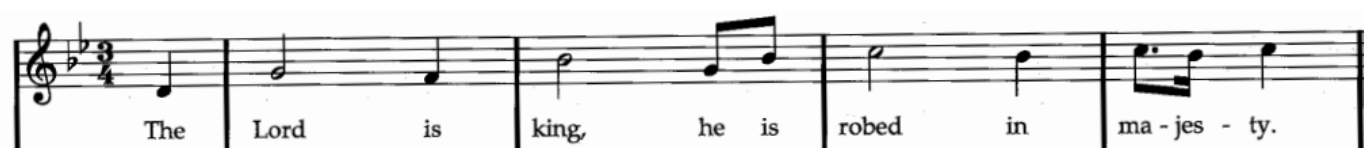
P: Do you intend with the help of the Holy Spirit to live as in God's presence, and to strive daily to lead a holy life, even as Christ has made you holy? **I do.**

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: 93



*Cantor: The Lord is king, he is robed in majesty.*

**ANTIPHON:** The Lord is king, he is robed in majesty.

*Cantor: The Lord is king, he is robed in majesty; the Lord is robed, he is girded with strength. He has established the world; it shall never be moved; your throne is established from of old; you are from everlasting.*

**ANTIPHON:** The Lord is king, he is robed in majesty.

*Cantor: The floods have lifted up, O Lord, the floods have lifted up their voice; the floods lift up their roaring. More majestic than the thunders of mighty waters, more majestic than the waves of the sea, majestic on high is the Lord!*

**ANTIPHON:** The Lord is king, he is robed in majesty.

*Cantor: Your decrees are very sure; holiness befits your house, O Lord, forevermore.*

**ANTIPHON:** The Lord is king, he is robed in majesty.

♪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 that Christ will rule over all.

C: Thank you, eternal Father, that your Son Jesus ascended to your right hand, to rule over all things as Lord. Keep your church in the unity that the Spirit gives, and bring all creation to submit to Christ as Lord. For he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.


 First Reading: Acts 1:1-11 Jesus' ascension, promise and commission

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

*Please respond:* Thanks be to God.

Second Reading: Ephesians 1:15-23 Christ is the supreme Lord over all things

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

 C♪ Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Gospel Reading: Luke 24:44-53 Jesus commissions and blesses the disciples

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

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

C: Lord Jesus Christ, thank you for fulfilling the Scriptures and returning to the Father. Fill us with the joy of your continual presence. 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: 113 Crown Him with many crowns

### Sermon

  Hymn No: 111 Hail the day that sees Him rise

### 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: Living God, your Son Jesus Christ at his ascension gave gifts to his church. Lead us, as members of his body on earth, to use the gifts we have received to do your will. 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: 771 Hallelujah! sing to Jesus

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