

“Ezra praised the Lord, the great God; and all the people lifted their hands and responded, ‘Amen! Amen!’ Then they bowed down and worshipped the Lord with their faces to the ground.” - Nehemiah 8:6

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NAZARETH LUTHERAN CHURCH of SOUTH BRISBANE
SERVICE WITHOUT HOLY COMMUNION

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HYMNS: 500, 621, 334, 465

“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 visitors! Please join us for a cuppa and fellowship after our service.



Welcome

P: This day is holy to the Lord your God;

C: do not mourn or weep.

P: This day is holy to our Lord;

C: do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength.

(Neh 8: 9b, 10b NRSV alt)

Invocation

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

♪C: Amen.

Hymn No: 500 Blessed Jesus, at Thy word

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.**

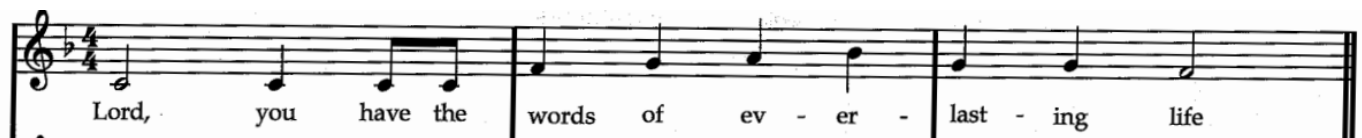
P: Do you intend with the help of the Holy Spirit to live as in God's presence, and to strive daily to lead a holy life, even as Christ has made you holy? **I do.**

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: 19



Cantor: Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

ANTIPHON: Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

Cantor: The heavens are telling the glory of God and the firmament proclaims his handiwork. Day to day pours forth speech and night to night declares knowledge. There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard; yet their voice goes out through all the earth and their words to the end of the world.

ANTIPHON: Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

Cantor: In the heavens he has set a tent for the sun, which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy and like a strong man runs its course with joy. Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end of them; and nothing is hid from its heat.

ANTIPHON: Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

Cantor: The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; the decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple; the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eyes; the fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever; the ordinances of the Lord are true and righteous altogether. More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey, and drippings of the honeycomb.

ANTIPHON: Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

Cantor: Moreover by them is your servant warned, in keeping them there is great reward. But who can detect their errors? Clear me from hidden faults. Keep back your servant also from the insolent; do not let them have dominion over me; then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression. Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you; O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

♫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 freedom of the new life God gives us.

C: Lord God, set us free from the bondage of our sins, and give us the full life of your kingdom, which you have made known to us in our Saviour Jesus Christ. For he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.


 First Reading: Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5, 6, 8-10 Ezra reads the law to the people

After the reading: This is the Word of the Lord

Please respond: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a You are the body of Christ

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

 C♪ Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Gospel Reading: Luke 4:14-21 Jesus proclaims God's word at Nazareth

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 fulfilling the Scriptures and bringing God's good news. Lead us to enjoy your salvation. 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: 621 Our song shall be of Jesus

Sermon

 Hymn No: 334 Lord, 'tis not that I did choose Thee

 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: Saving God, thank you for setting us free from darkness, captivity, and oppression, and making us part of Christ's body. Help us to live harmoniously, serving and helping one another, and being your instruments to bring good news, healing, and liberty to others. 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: 465 Praise, my soul, the King of heaven