

God has committed to us the message of reconciliation. We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God.

- 2 Corinthians 5:19-20 -



NAZARETH LUTHERAN CHURCH of SOUTH BRISBANE
SERVICE WITHOUT HOLY COMMUNION

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HYMNS: 317, 164, 65, 851

"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 service.



Welcome

P: If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:

C: **everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!**
(2 Cor 5:17 NRSV)

Invocation

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

♪C: Amen.

Hymn No: 317 Jesus sinners doth receive

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: 32



Cantor: I will confess my sins to the Lord.

ANTIPHON: I will confess my sins to the Lord.

Cantor: Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Happy are those to whom the Lord imputes no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

ANTIPHON: I will confess my sins to the Lord.

Cantor: While I kept silence, my body wasted away, through my groaning all day long. For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer. Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not hide my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord," and you forgave the guilt of my sin.

ANTIPHON: I will confess my sins to the Lord.

Cantor: Therefore let all who are faithful offer prayer to you; at a time of distress, the rush of mighty waters shall not reach them. You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with glad cries of deliverance.

ANTIPHON: I will confess my sins to the Lord.

Cantor: I will instruct you and teach you the way you should go; I will counsel you with my eye upon you. Do not be like a horse or a mule, without understanding, whose temper must be curbed with bit and bridle, else it will not stay near you.

ANTIPHON: I will confess my sins to the Lord.

Cantor: Many are the torments of the wicked, but steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the Lord. Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart.

ANTIPHON: I will confess my sins to the Lord.

 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: Joshua 5:9-12 The Passover at Gilgal, in the promised land

After the reading: This is the Word of the Lord

Please respond: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:16-21 In Christ the new has come

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: Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32 The parable of the lost son

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 loving and accepting us sinners. Help us to trust and serve 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: 164** Love divine, all loves excelling

Sermon

  **Hymn No: 65** Lord Jesus, we give thanks to 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: Loving Father, you have sought us out and made us yours. Help us to offer our lives in thanksgiving, doing what you want us to do.

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: 851 Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound