



NAZARETH LUTHERAN CHURCH of SOUTH BRISBANE
SERVICE WITH HOLY COMMUNION

Easter Sunday – 20th April, 2025

HYMNS: 88, 95, 97, 834, 103

“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.



He is Risen!

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Welcome Visitors! Please join us for a cuppa and fellowship after service.

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Welcome

P: This is the day that the Lord has made; Hallelujah!

C: **let us rejoice and be glad in it. Hallelujah!**

(Psalm 118:24 NRSV)

Invocation

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

♪C: Amen.

 Hymn No: 88 Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!

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.**

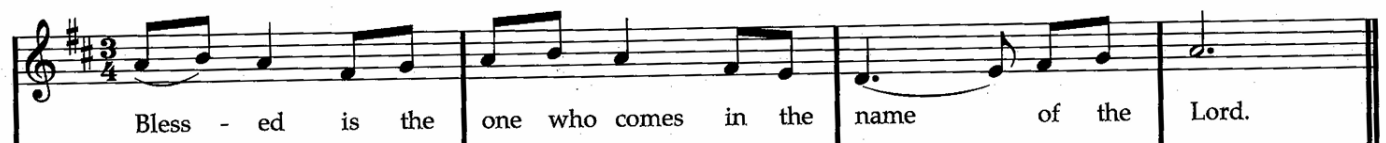
P: Do you intend with the help of the Holy Spirit to live as in God's presence, and to strive daily to lead a holy life, even as Christ has made you holy? **I do.**

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: 118:1-2,19-29



Cantor: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

ANTIPHON: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Cantor: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever! Let Israel say, "His steadfast love endures forever."

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

Cantor: Open to me the gates of righteousness; that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord. This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it.

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

Cantor: I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation. The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. This is the Lord's doing; it is marvellous in our eyes. This is the day that the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it. Save us, we beseech you, O Lord! O Lord, we beseech you, give us success!

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

Cantor: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord; we bless you from the house of the Lord. The Lord is God, and he has given us light; Bind the festal procession with branches, up to the horns of the altar.

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

Cantor: You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God, I will extol you. O give thanks to the Lord for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever.

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.

 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 trust and rejoice in Christ's victory.

C: Almighty God, you have overcome death through your Son Jesus Christ, and have opened for us the gate to eternal life. As you give us good desires, help us continually to bring them to good effect. 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: Isaiah 65:17-25 God's new creation

After the reading: This is the Word of the Lord

Please respond: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading: Acts 10:34-43 Summary of Jesus' life and ministry

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

  Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Gospel Reading: John 20:1-18 Mary finds the tomb empty and Jesus appears to her

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 rising from death. Let us share in your new life forever. 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: 95 He is risen, He is risen!

Sermon

 Hymn No: 97 The strife is o'er, the battle done

Offertory Prayer

♫C: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit.

P: Everliving God, let the resurrection of your Son fill us with hope and joy. May our lives and our gifts help to bring your new life to others.

C: Amen.

 Confirmation Rite: Sophie & Tommi Ford

Prayer of the Church

The response to each petition:

P: Lord, in your mercy

C: hear our prayer.

♫Hymn No: 834 At the Lamb's high feast we sing

The Preface

♫P: The Lord be with you.

♫C: And also with you.

♫P: Lift up your hearts.

♫C: We lift them up to the Lord.

♫P: Let us give thanks to the Lord.

♫C: For that is fitting and right.

♪P: It is truly fitting and right, and for our lasting good, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks to you, O Lord holy Father, almighty and eternal God, through Jesus Christ our Lord; But chiefly we are bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son; for he is our true Passover Lamb who was sacrificed, and has taken away the sin of the world; who by his death has destroyed death, and by his rising has restored life. Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we adore and magnify your glorious name, evermore praising you and saying:

♪C: Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts;
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

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

Gluten Free wafers and non-alcoholic wine are available upon request.

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: 103 I know that my Redeemer lives

