

For by him [Jesus] all things were created: things  
in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible,  
whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities;  
all things were created by him and for him.

- Colossians 1:16 -

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NAZARETH LUTHERAN CHURCH of SOUTH BRISBANE  
*SERVICE WITHOUT HOLY COMMUNION*

*Last Sunday of Church Year — 23<sup>rd</sup> November, 2025*

*HYMNS: 53, 271, 85, 454*

*“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: The days are surely coming, says the Lord,  
C: when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch,  
P: and he shall reign as king and deal wisely,  
C: and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land.  
(Jer 23:5)

## Invocation

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

Hymn No: 53 Jesus, refuge of the weary

## 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 for the coming of God's kingdom.

C: **Almighty and everliving God, it is your will to restore all things in your dear Son. Bring together under his just and gentle rule all the peoples of the world, now divided and torn apart by sin. For he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

 First Reading:     **Jeremiah 23:1-6 The Lord will raise up a righteous Branch**

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

*Please respond:*       **Thanks be to God.**

## Luke 1:68-79 - The Song of Zachariah (Sung by Cantor, no Antiphon)



*Let us praise the Lord, the God of Israel  
For he has come and redeemed his people  
He has raised up a mighty Saviour for us  
From the house of his servant David,  
As he promised long ago  
Through his holy prophets,  
That he would save us from our enemies  
From the power of all who hate us.  
He promised to show mercy to our fathers  
And to remember his holy covenant,  
The oath which he swore  
To our father Abraham,  
To rescue us from the power of our enemies  
So that we might worship the lord without fear,  
Holy and righteous in his sight  
All the days of our life.  
And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High  
For you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,  
To give the knowledge of salvation to his people  
By the forgiveness of their sins.*

*Through the tender mercy of our God  
The day of salvation will dawn on us from heaven,  
To shine on those who live in darkness and the shadow of death  
To guide our feet into the way of peace.*

**✪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:** Colossians 1:11-20 The supremacy of Christ

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

 **C**  Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

**Gospel Reading:** Luke 23:33-43 The crucified King

*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 showing yourself as our King on the cross. Rule over us forever. 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: 271** The Gospel shows the Father's grace

## Sermon

 Hymn No: 85 According to Thy gracious word

 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: Our heavenly Father, help us always to acknowledge that Jesus is our Lord, who will finally come in power to save us. Teach us to dedicate our lives to him, and to serve you through what we do and what we have.

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.

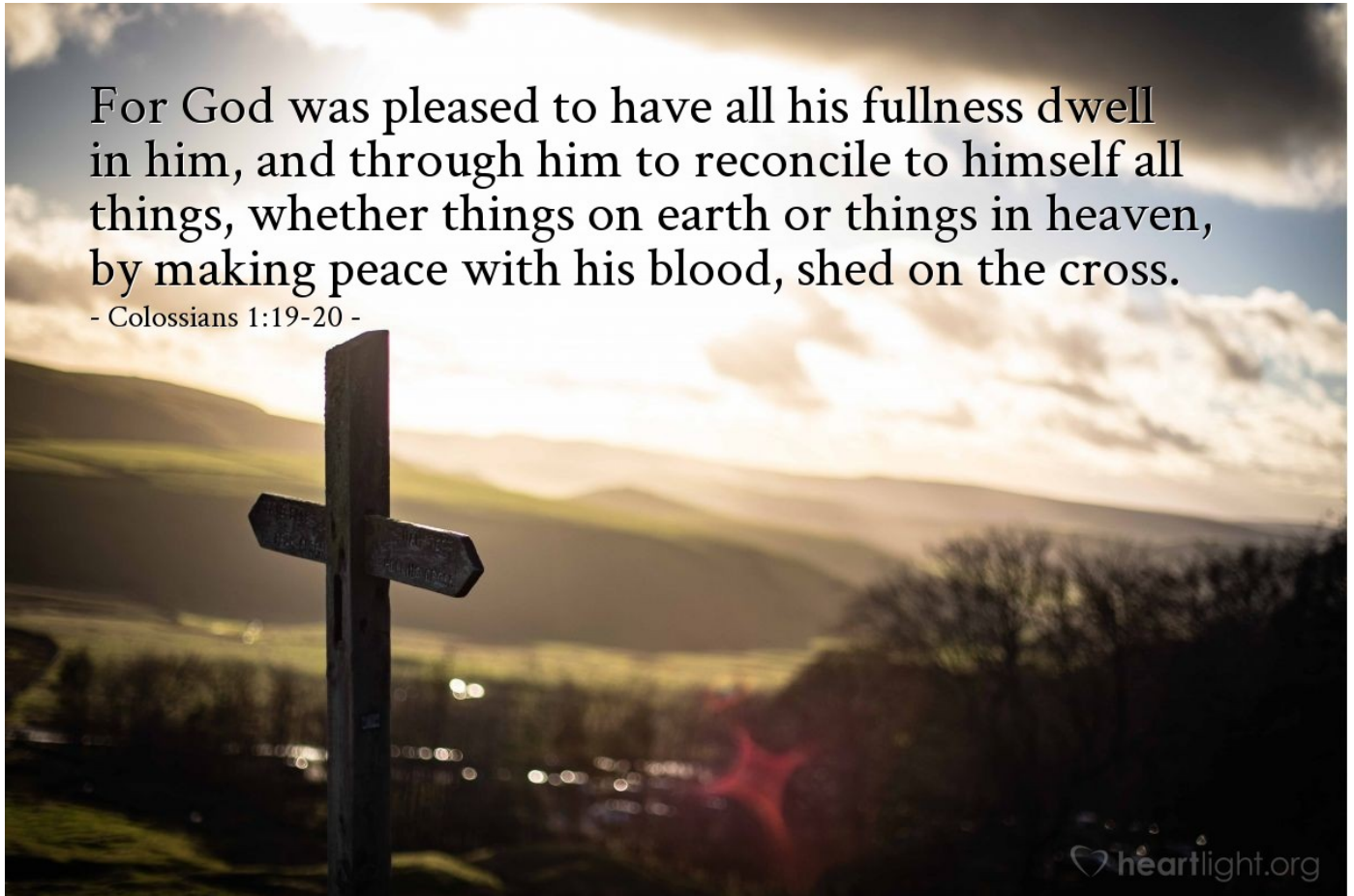
The Lord look upon you with favour † and give you peace.

♫C: Amen. Amen. Amen.

 Hymn No: 454 Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim

For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace with his blood, shed on the cross.

- Colossians 1:19-20 -



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## Notes from Pastor Chris

**Bible Study:** The next Bible Study will be Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> November at 1:45pm in the Vestry. All welcome!

### **Pastoral Care by Pastor Chris and Elders:**

Members can expect a visit from me at least once a year. If you are aware of anyone who is ill, in hospital or hospital bound, or someone struggling, please let me or our Elders know, so we can get in contact about the possibility of visiting them. Contacts are below:

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### **People in need of Prayer:**

Alf Filia, Thomas Rowe, Barbara Huth, Helen Truslove, Robert Gubbins-Hicks, Penny & Michael Vickers, Glenis Viertel, Rita Jensen, Lester and Judith Bock, Joyce and Eric Parups.

- For our brothers & sisters in each Congregation worshipping at Nazareth
- Residents, Staff & families of the Nazareth Early Learning Centre, Naz Care & Naz Court.

# Nordic Events Christmas Market 2025

Sat 29/11 6pm - 9pm

12 Hawthorne street - Woolloongabba

**Scandinavian design, homeware, jewellery, food & entertainment.**

Join us for a festive Christmas sing-along commencing at 7 PM within the acoustically enchanting hall of Nazareth Church. Delight in a selection of timeless favorites, all performed in English.



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## EVENING PRAYER SERVICE

First Wednesday of Each Month May - December 2025

7pm



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