

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



*Baciccio, The Preaching of St John the Baptist, Public Domain*

*3 Advent*

*14<sup>th</sup> December,  
2025*

*HYMNS:  
17, 13, 10, 731*

***“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: Strengthen the weak hands,  
C: and make firm the feeble knees.  
P: Say to those who are of a fearful heart,  
C: 'Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God.'  
(Isa 35:3,4a NRSV)

## Invocation

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



## Lighting of the Advent Wreath (3<sup>rd</sup> Candle: Joy)

Hymn No: 2 O come, O come, Immanuel (*Verse 3 only*)

O come, Thou dayspring, come and cheer  
Our spirits by Thine advent here;  
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,  
And death's dark shadows put to flight:

*Rejoice, rejoice! Immanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel.*

Hymn No: 17 Come, Thou long-expected Jesus

## 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.

**Introit: Luke 1:46b-55 Song of Mary (Magnificat)**

*Cantor: My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God, my Savior, for you, Lord, have looked with favor on your lowly servant.*

*From this day all generations will call me blessed; you, the Almighty have done great things for me, and holy is your name. You have mercy on those who fear you, from generation to generation. You have shown strength with your arm and scattered the proud in their conceit, casting down the mighty from their thrones and lifting up the lowly. You have filled the hungry with good things and sent the rich away empty.*

*You have come to the aid of your servant Israel, to remember the promise of mercy, the promise made to our forebears, to Abraham and his children forever.*

♫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 may receive Christ with joy.

C: Almighty and merciful God, each year you make us glad as we look forward to the birthday of your Son. May we who joyfully receive him as our redeemer confidently face him when he comes to be our judge. For he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.



 First Reading: Isaiah 35:1-10 God himself will come to save us.

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

*Please respond:* Thanks be to God.

**Second Reading:** James 5:7-10 Do not lose heart

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

  Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

**Gospel Reading:** Matthew 11:2-11 Jesus and John the Baptist

*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 coming as the promised Messiah.  
Help us to receive you in joyful faith. 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: 13** On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry

### Sermon

  **Hymn No: 10** O how shall I receive 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: Our loving heavenly Father, we thank you for all the good things you have given us. Teach us to serve you with patience and with compassion to one another and all people.

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: 731 Come, Lord Jesus, come into this weary world



# Spiritual Book Club 2026

We'll discuss  
"Oscar and Lucinda" by  
Peter Carey

10am - 11:30am

**Saturday 26 February 2026** **Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup> February, 2026**

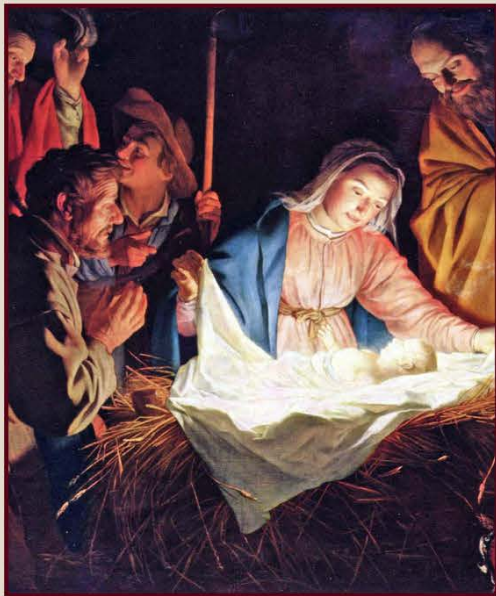
10am @ Nazareth Hall  
12 Hawthorne St, Woolloongabba

Facilitated by Helen Brinkman.  
Refreshments provided.

Please **RSVP by 10<sup>th</sup> Feb** to:  
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"Where is God  
in this story?"





*Merry  
Christmas*



**ALL WELCOME**

**Nazareth Lutheran Church of South Brisbane**  
**Christmas Events 2025**

**Advent Service, 8:30am**  
**Sunday 21st December**

**Christmas Eve Carols, Choir & Readings**  
**11:00pm, Wednesday 24th December**

**Christmas Day Service, 8:30am**  
**Thursday 25th December**

**12 Hawthorne Street, Woolloongabba**  
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