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NAZARETH LUTHERAN CHURCH of SOUTH BRISBANE
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6 Easter — 10th May, 2026

HYMNS: 222, 457, 394, 195

“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 First Timers! You’re invited to refreshments after service.



Welcome

P: I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counsellor, Alleluia,
C: **the Spirit of truth to be with you forever. Alleluia!**
(John 14:16,17a)

Invocation

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

♪C: Amen.

Hymn No: 222 Thou whose almighty 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: 66:8-20

P: Praise our God, all peoples, let the sound of his praise be heard;

C: he has preserved our lives and kept our feet from slipping.

P: For you, God, tested us; you refined us like silver.

C: You brought us into prison and laid burdens on our backs.

P: You let people ride over our heads;

C: we went through fire and water, but you brought us to a place of abundance.

P: I will come to your temple with burnt offerings and fulfil my vows to you –

C: vows my lips promised and my mouth spoke when I was in trouble.

P: I will sacrifice fat animals to you and an offering of rams; I will offer bulls and goats.

C: Come and hear, all you who fear God; let me tell you what he has done for me.

P: I cried out to him with my mouth; his praise was on my tongue.

C: If I had cherished sin in my heart, the Lord would not have listened;

P: but God has surely listened and has heard my prayer.

C: Praise be to God, who has not rejected my prayer or withheld his love from me!

♪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.



♫**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 fruit of the Spirit.

C: Almighty and merciful God, you send your Holy Spirit to be the light and life of all your people. Open our hearts to receive his riches, so that we may produce the fruit of the Spirit in love and joy and peace. 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: Acts 17:22-31 Paul in Athens

After the reading: This is the Word of the Lord

Please respond: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 3:13-22 Suffering for doing right

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

C ♫ Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Gospel Reading: John 14:15-21 The promise of the Holy Spirit

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 us and sending the Spirit to help us. Teach us to love you and one another. 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: 457 Mighty God, we praise Thy name

Sermon

  Hymn No: 394 God is love; let heaven adore Him

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: Heavenly Father, you have loved us and given us your Spirit to live within us. Help us, through your Spirit, to do your will and show your love 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: 195 A mighty fortress is our God



[The apostle Paul said] "God did this so that men would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from each one of us."

- Acts 17:27 -