



# northside church

OF RICHMOND

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## **Meditations**

**"The teaching of the Sermon on the Mount is not meant to be admired but to be obeyed."**

- R.T. France

*Readings to help you engage with God and worship, as Jesus said, "in spirit and in truth."*

*When you hear the first song begin, please come take a seat and continue preparing for worship by praying, reading the meditation quotes above, or singing along.*

## *Before I Knew*

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*God is present with us in worship. Declaring this together turns our hearts and minds toward Him.*

*Psalm 57:5,9-11*

*Please stand if able.*

## **Song of Gathering**

Before I knew what freedom was,  
Jesus set me free.

With no control, a slave to sin,  
God was my enemy.

But then He broke my rusty chains  
to share eternity.

Before I knew what freedom was,  
Jesus set me free.

Hallelujah, Hallelujah,  
Hallelujah, Jesus set me free.

Before I knew what loving was,  
He showed His love for me.  
He knew me in my mother's womb,  
He knew my sinful tendencies.

Adopted by His saving grace  
into His family.

Before I knew what loving was,  
He showed His love for me.

Hallelujah, Hallelujah,  
Hallelujah, He showed His love for me.

Before I knew what living was,  
He gave His life for me.  
I was defeated in my sins,  
death had the victory.  
Then all my guilt was placed on Him,  
That day on Calvary.  
Before I knew what living was,  
He gave His life for me.

Hallelujah, Hallelujah,  
Hallelujah, He gave His life for me.

Hallelujah, Hallelujah,  
Hallelujah, Jesus set me free.

## **We gather in the presence of God**

### **Welcome and Call to Worship**

**Leader:** *Be exalted, O God, above the heavens!  
Let your glory be over all the earth!*

**People:** *I will give thanks to you, O Lord, among the peoples;  
I will sing praises to you among the nations.*

**Leader:** *For your steadfast love is great to the heavens,  
your faithfulness to the clouds.*

**People:** *Be exalted, O God, above the heavens!  
Let your glory be over all the earth!*

## Song of Praise

All hail the power of Jesus' Name!  
Let angels prostrate fall;  
Bring forth the royal diadem,  
and crown Him Lord of all!  
Bring forth the royal diadem,  
and crown Him Lord of all!

Ye chosen seed of Israel's race,  
ye ransomed from the fall,  
Hail Him Who saves you by His grace,  
and crown Him Lord of all!  
Hail Him Who saves you by His grace,  
and crown Him Lord of all!

Let ev'ry tribe and ev'ry tongue  
to Him their hearts enthrall.  
Lift high the universal song,  
and crown Him Lord of all!  
Lift high the universal song,  
and crown Him Lord of all!

O that, with yonder sacred throng,  
we at His feet may fall,  
Join in the everlasting song,  
and crown Him Lord of all!  
Join in the everlasting song,  
and crown Him Lord of all!

## Scripture Reading

*I love you, O LORD, my strength.*

*The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer,  
my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge,  
my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.*

*I call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised,  
and I am saved from my enemies.*

*The cords of death encompassed me;  
the torrents of destruction assailed me;  
the cords of Sheol entangled me;  
the snares of death confronted me.*

*In my distress I called upon the LORD;  
to my God I cried for help.*

*From his temple he heard my voice,  
and my cry to him reached his ears.*

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

## *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*

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John Rippon  
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*Psalm 18:1-6*

*A time to be honest with  
God about our need for  
forgiveness.*

*Please read together.*

*Titus 3:4-5*

### **All Must Be Well**

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Smith  
Music by Matthew S. Smith.  
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# **We confess our sin and receive grace**

## **Confession of Sin**

Lord, how quickly we forget Your promises to us!

Doubting Your provision for our needs, we chase after possessions and social status.

Denying Your comfort for our pain, we medicate ourselves with detachment or illicit thrills.

Distrusting Your calling for our life, we hoard our blessings from those in need.

This has left us tired, hungry, and anxious. Together we confess and turn again toward You.

Give us faith that You will provide for us, and grateful hearts when we receive.

Convince us that sin does not satisfy, and that life is found only in You.

Lead us in loving others and bearing fruit for Your Kingdom.

Forgive us and renew us, for our sake and for Your glory. Amen.

## **Silent Confession**

## **Assurance of Pardon**

*But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us,  
not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy.*

## **Song of Renewal**

Through the love of God our Savior,  
all will be well.

Free and changeless is His favor,  
all is well.

Precious is the blood that healed us,  
Perfect is the grace that sealed us,  
Strong the hand stretched forth to shield us,  
All must be well.

Though we pass through tribulation,  
all will be well.

Ours is such a full salvation,  
all is well.

Happy still in God confiding,  
Fruitful if in Christ abiding,  
Steadfast through the Spirit's guiding  
All must be well.

We expect a bright tomorrow;  
all will be well.

Faith can sing through days of sorrow,  
all is well.

On our Father's love relying,  
Jesus every need supplying,  
Yes in living or in dying,  
All must be well.

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Jesus every need supplying,  
Yes in living or in dying,  
All must be well.

# We respond to the grace received

*Being set right with God enables us to participate in his work.*

## Passing of the Peace

*The peace God made with us is extended to those around us.*

## Community Life

Ministry Opportunity: Tom Lohner, Bethesda Housing Ministry

## Offering

*We see giving as a part of worship. If you feel the same way we invite you to participate.*

## Song of Preparation

You are the God who loves,  
You are the God who listens,  
I cast my cares at Your feet.

*verse*

You are the God who hears,  
You are the God who answers,  
You know just what I need.

*chorus (x2)*

Nothing is impossible for You.  
Heaven and earth are at Your command.  
Nothing is impossible for You.  
You are the great I AM.

*repeat*

Abba, Father,  
You are near to all who call upon Your name.  
Savior, Healer,  
You are near to all who call upon Your name.

*chorus (x2)*

### *All Who Call*

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Josh Davis  
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*Romans 10:12-13  
Luke 1:37*

*Our mind, body, and spirit  
are nourished with food  
that does not perish.*

**Matthew 7:24-29**

**Isaiah 40:8**

*Today's sermon is given by  
pastor Matt Lorish.*

*We encourage you to use  
this space to take notes or  
write questions.*

# God feeds us with His Word

## Sermon Text

*24 "Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. 25 And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock. 26 And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not do them will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. 27 And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell, and great was the fall of it."*

*28 And when Jesus finished these sayings, the crowds were astonished at his teaching, 29 for he was teaching them as one who had authority, and not as their scribes.*

Leader: *The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever.*

**People: Praise be to God!**

## Sermon

# Invitation to the Lord's Supper

## Words of Institution

*The Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, "This is my body which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.*

Leader: Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

**People: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

## The Lord's Supper

When you are ready, please come to one of the communion stations and circle it with others in a group of about 6. Step forward and take a cup and a piece of bread, and a communion distributor will pour wine or grape juice. Gluten-free wafers are located in the wooden boxes. If you would like, a communion distributor will pray for your children.

There is a person at the back of the fellowship hall ready to pray with and for you, if desired.

## Song of Communion

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound,  
That saved a wretch like me.  
I once was lost, but now I'm found,  
Was blind but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
And grace my fears relieved.  
How precious did that grace appear,  
The hour I first believed.

Through many dangers, toils, and snares,  
I have already come,  
'Tis grace that brought me safe thus far,  
And grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me.  
His word my hope secures.  
He will my shield and portion be,  
As long as life endures.

Yea, when this flesh and heart shall fail,  
And mortal life shall cease,  
I shall possess within the veil,  
A life of joy and peace.

When we've been there ten thousand years,  
Bright shining as the sun.  
We've no less days to sing God's praise,  
Than when we'd first begun.

*Parents who would like for their nursery-aged children to be present and prayed for during communion meal should pick them up at this time.*

**1 Corinthians 11:23b-26**

*Communion at Northside is a patient, relaxed time. As others take communion please feel free to pray, sing along, or talk quietly with your neighbor.*

### Amazing Grace

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*We go forth to love and  
serve God and neighbor.*

# God sends us out refreshed

## **Victory In Jesus**

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## **Song of Rejoicing**

I heard an old, old story,  
how a Savior came from glory,  
How He gave His life on Calvary  
to save a wretch like me;  
I heard about His groaning,  
of His precious blood's atoning,  
Then I repented of my sins  
and won the victory.

O victory in Jesus,  
my Savior, forever!  
He sought me and bought me  
with His redeeming blood;  
He loved me ere I knew Him,  
and all my love is due Him,  
He plunged me to victory  
beneath the cleansing flood.

I heard about His healing,  
of His cleansing pow'r revealing.  
How He made the lame to walk again  
and caused the blind to see;  
And then I cried, "Dear Jesus,  
come and heal my broken spirit,"  
And somehow Jesus came and brought  
to me the victory.

*chorus*

I heard about a mansion  
He has built for me in glory.  
And I heard about the streets of gold  
beyond the crystal sea;  
About the angels singing,  
and the old redemption story,  
And some sweet day I'll sing to Him  
the song of victory.

*chorus*

*At the end of the service,  
please pick up your children  
from the nursery.*

## **Benediction**

### **About**

Northside Church of Richmond is a mission church of the Presbyterian Church in America ([www.pcanet.org](http://www.pcanet.org)), planted in October 2011

### **Worship Service**

Each Sunday at 4pm in the fellowship hall of Battery Park Christian Church, located on the corner of Brook Rd and Bellevue Ave.

Visitors are always welcome!

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