



# northside church

OF RICHMOND

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## **Meditations**

The truth is that there are such things as Christian tears, and too few of us ever weep them.

- John Stott

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

*When you hear the first  
song begin, please come take  
a seat.*

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

### **Oh To Be Loved By Jesus**

Words, music:  
Thad Cockrell

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### **Isaiah 55:6-9**

Please stand if able.

# We gather in the presence of God

## Song of Gathering

Oh to be loved by Jesus,

Oh to be loved by Him.

Oh to have joy and peace within,

Oh to be loved by Him.

*chorus*

And if no other will love me  
in this life I own,

Oh there'd be no love I would long for,  
I know I am His own.

He knows the names of my sorrows,

He knows the names of my fears.

Why should I let them bother me?

For I know He is near.

*chorus*

## Welcome and Call to Worship

Leader: *"Seek the Lord while he may be found;  
call upon him while he is near;*

**People:** *let the wicked forsake his way,  
and the unrighteous man his thoughts;*

Leader: *let him return to the Lord, that he may have compassion on him,*

**People:** *and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.*

Leader: *For my thoughts are not your thoughts,  
neither are your ways my ways, declares the Lord.*

**People:** *For as the heavens are higher than the earth,  
so are my ways higher than your ways  
and my thoughts than your thoughts."*

## Song of Praise

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!

### *Before I Knew*

*Words and music: Kirk Ward  
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## Scripture Reading

*For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died; and he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised.*

*From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard him thus no longer. Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.*

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

**2 Corinthians 5:13-21**

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

*Please read together.*

**1 Peter 2:24**

**All Must Be Well**

*Words: Mary Bowley-Peters,  
alt by Matthew S. Smith  
Music: Matthew S. Smith.  
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# We confess our sin and receive grace

## Confession of Sin

Lord God, every day we are reminded that we fall short of Your character:

You are strong; we are blown about by whim,

You call for justice; we play favorites and prefer comfort,

You are the definition of love; we are jealous and selfish,

You are holy through and through; our best efforts are marred by sin and cannot save us.

Oh how we need a Savior to ransom us from bondage!

Thank You for providing exactly what we need in Jesus.

Oh how we need continued renewal in Your image!

Thank You for sending the Holy Spirit to continue Your work of salvation.

Forgive us our sins, and lead us to rest in Your grace.

Help us reflect on Your word, and teach us to pattern our lives after it.

Gracious Father, we know You hear our prayers in Christ. Amen.

## Silent Confession

## Assurance of Pardon

*He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness.  
By his wounds you have been healed.*

## 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.

*repeat*

# 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

### Prayers of the People

The world: Anthony and Lukeythia Bastardi, returning from time with the Shaffers in London

The Northside: Timothy Project, preparing for week-long summer camp

Our church: Vision for gospel ministry this summer

## Offering

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

## Song of Preparation

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art  
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true word;  
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;  
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son;  
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,  
Thou mine inheritance, now and always:  
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,  
High King of heaven, my treasure Thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won,  
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

### ***Be Thou My Vision***

*Words: Dallan Forgaill, 8th century; translated from ancient Irish to English by Mary E. Byrne  
Music: Slane, of Irish folk origin  
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*Our mind, body, and spirit  
are nourished with food  
that does not perish.*

**Matthew 9:35-38**

**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

*35 And Jesus went throughout all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction. 36 When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. 37 Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; 38 therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."*

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

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

## 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.**

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

## The Lord's Supper

Gluten-free wafers are located in the wooden boxes. If you would like, a communion distributor will pray for your children. At the back of the fellowship hall is someone ready to pray with and for you.

*As others take communion please feel free to pray, sing along, or talk quietly with your neighbor.*

## Song of Communion

Abide with me; fast falls the eventide;  
The darkness deepens; Lord with me abide.  
When other helpers, fail and comforts flee,  
Help of the helpless, abide with me.

Thou on my head, in early youth did smile;  
And, though rebellious, and perverse meanwhile,  
Thou hast not left me, oft as I left Thee,  
On to the close Lord, abide with me.

I need Thy presence, every passing hour.  
What but Thy grace, can foil the tempter's power?  
Who, like Thyself, my guide and stay can be?  
Through cloud and sunshine, abide with me.

I fear no foe, with Thee at hand to bless,  
Ills have no weight, tears lose their bitterness.  
Where is thy sting death? Where grave thy victory?  
I triumph still, abide with me.

Hold up Thy cross, before my closing eyes;  
Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies.  
Heaven's morning breaks,  
and earth's vain shadows flee;  
In life, in death, Lord, abide with me.

### **Abide With Me**

*Words: Henry Lyte, alt by Justin Smith*

*Music: Justin Smith  
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We go forth to love and  
serve God and neighbor.

# God sends us out refreshed

## ***On Jordan's Stormy Banks I Stand***

Words: Samuel Stennet  
Music: Christopher Miner  
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Music

*In this song the Christian journey is compared to the Israelites' anticipated entrance to the promised land of Canaan on the other side of the Jordan River. They had endured many hardships while waiting for God to fulfill his promises of land and rest. Similarly, though we face difficulties and tests of faith in this life, in Christ we can look forward to when God's promises will come to fruition.*

## **Song of Rejoicing**

On Jordan's stormy banks I stand,  
and cast a wishful eye,  
To Canaan's fair and happy land,  
where my possessions lie.

All o'er those wide extended plains,  
shines one eternal day.  
There God, the Son forever reigns,  
and scatters night away.

I am bound, (I am bound)  
I am bound, (I am bound)  
I am bound for the promised land.  
I am bound, (I am bound)  
I am bound, (I am bound)  
I am bound for the promised land.

No chilling winds nor poisonous breath,  
can reach that healthful shore,  
Sickness, sorrow, pain and death,  
are felt and feared no more.

*chorus*

When shall I reach that happy place,  
and be forever blest?  
When shall I see my Father's face,  
and in His bosom rest?

*chorus (x2)*

## **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**

Sunday at 4pm in the fellowship hall of Battery Park Christian Church @ the corner of Brook and Bellevue. Visitors are always welcome!

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