



northside church

OF RICHMOND

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Meditations

"The Apostle's Creed reminds us that he suffered, died, was buried, descended into hell, and on the third day rose again. The life with which we identify in baptism is, therefore, a life of suffering, death, hell and resurrection. It is within the context of struggle, not success, where we should primarily meet the God who comes to us as the Suffering Servant."

- David Benner, Care of Souls

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.

How Sweet the Name

Words: John Newton

Music: Alexander Reinagle

Arrangement: Bill Moore

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

Psalm 67

Please stand if able.

Song of Gathering

How sweet the name of Jesus sounds

In a believer's ear!

It soothes his sorrow, heals his wounds

And drives away his fear.

It makes the wounded spirit whole,

And calms the troubled breast.

Tis manna to the hungry soul,

And to the weary rest.

Weak is the effort of my heart,

And cold my warmest thought;

But when I see Thee as Thou art,

I'll praise Thee as I ought.

Dear name, the Rock on which I build

My shield and hiding place,

My never-failing treasury filled with

Boundless stores of grace.

Jesus, my shepherd, brother, friend,

My Prophet, Priest, and King,

My Lord, my life, my way, my end,

Accept the praise I bring.

We gather in the presence of God

Welcome and Call to Worship

Leader: *May God be gracious to us and bless us
and make his face to shine upon us,
that your way may be known on earth,
your saving power among all nations.*

**People: *Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you!***

Leader: *Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide the nations upon earth.*

**People: *Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you!***

Leader: *The earth has yielded its increase;
God, our God, shall bless us.*

**People: *God shall bless us;
let all the ends of the earth fear him!***

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!

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

*Words: Edward Perronet,
John Rippon
Music: Oliver Holden
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*A **diadem** is a crown worn
as a sign of royalty.*

Scripture Reading

*"And to the angel of the church in Smyrna write: 'The words of the first and the last, who died and came to life. **Revelation 2:8-11***

"I know your tribulation and your poverty (but you are rich) and the slander of those who say that they are Jews and are not, but are a synagogue of Satan. Do not fear what you are about to suffer. Behold, the devil is about to throw some of you into prison, that you may be tested, and for ten days you will have tribulation. Be faithful unto death, and I will give you the crown of life. He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. The one who conquers will not be hurt by the second death.'"

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

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

Please read together.

Ephesians 2:4-5

Rock of Ages

*Words: Augustus Toplady
Music: Thomas Hastings
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We confess our sin and receive grace

Confession of Sin

A broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise,

So I confess that no matter what my condition, I am faced with my sin:

Am I successful? What a fuel for pride!

Am I in need? What an occasion for fear!

Am I gifted? See how I run after applause.

Am I weak? See how I despise what I do not have.

Am I in authority? I am prone to serve my own interests.

Am I lacking? I begrudge the blessing of God in the lives of others.

O Lord, forgive my sins, cleanse me, and renew me.

Humbly I ask you to lead me in Your light, and strengthen my faith. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ – by grace you have been saved.

Song of Renewal

Rock of Ages, cleft for me,

Let me hide myself in Thee.

Let the water and the blood,

From Thy riven side which flowed,

Be of sin the double cure,

Cleanse me from its guilt and power.

Not the labors of my hands,

Can fulfill Thy law's demands.

Could my zeal no respite know,

Could my tears forever flow,

All for sin could not atone,

Thou must save, and Thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring,

Simply to Thy cross I cling.

Naked come to Thee for dress,

Helpless, look to Thee for grace.

Foul, I to the fountain fly,

Wash me, Savior, or I die!

While I draw this fleeting breath,

When mine eyes shall close in death,

When I soar to worlds unknown,

See thee on Thy judgment throne,

Rock of Ages, cleft for me,

Let me hide myself in Thee.

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: Hope International, a Christian microfinance organization

The Northside: Northside Outreach Center, ministry in Highland Park

Our church: Last Sunday Supper, community outreach and meal on last Sunday of each month

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

verse

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

chorus (x2)

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

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.*

Philippians 1:27-30

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

27 Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel, 28 and not frightened in anything by your opponents. This is a clear sign to them of their destruction, but of your salvation, and that from God. 29 For it has been granted to you that for the sake of Christ you should not only believe in him but also suffer for his sake, 30 engaged in the same conflict that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

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

I have a Maker,
He formed my heart.
Before even time began,
My life was in His hands.

I have a Maker,
He formed my heart.
Before even time began,
My life was in His hands.

He knows my name,
He knows my every thought.
He sees each tear that falls,
and He hears me when I call.

I have a Father,
He calls me His own.
He'll never leave me,
No matter where I go.

chorus

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.

He Knows My Name

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Tommy Walker
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We go forth to love and
serve God and neighbor.

God sends us out refreshed

The Sands of Time Are Sinking

Words: Anne Cousins
(based on Samuel Rutherford's letters)
Traditional folk tune (arr.
Philip Palmertree)
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Music.

Song of Rejoicing

The sands of time are sinking,
the dawn of heaven breaks,
The summer morn I've sighed for,
the fair sweet morn awakes.

Dark had been the midnight
but dayspring is at hand,
And glory, glory dwelleth
in Emmanuel's land.

O Christ, He is the Fountain
the deep sweet well of love.
The streams on earth I've tasted
more deep I'll drink above.

There to an ocean fullness
His mercy doth expand,
And glory, glory dwelleth
in Emmanuel's land.

The bride eyes not her garment
but her dear Bridegroom's face.
I will not gaze at glory
but on my King of grace.

Not at the crown He giveth
but on His pierced hand.
The Lamb is all the glory
of Emmanuel's land.

Oh! I am my Beloved's
and my Beloved is mine!
He brings a poor vile sinner
into His house of wine.

I stand upon His merit,
I know no other stand,
Not e'en where glory dwelleth
in Emmanuel's land.

repeat

Benediction

About

Northside Church of Richmond is a mission church of the Presbyterian Church in America (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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