



northside church

OF RICHMOND

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Meditation

Little is much when God is in it.

- Randy Nabors

*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.

***Thou Poor, Afflicted,
Tempted Soul***

*Words: John Berridge
Music: Brian T. Murphy &
Ashley Spurling
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Music*

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Psalm 28:6-9

Please stand if able.

We gather in the presence of God

Song of Gathering

Thou poor, afflicted, tempted soul,
With fears, and doubts, and tempests tossed.
What if the billows rise and roll,
And dash thy ship, it is not lost.

The winds and waves and fiends may roar,
But Christ will bring thee safe on shore.
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But Christ will bring thee safe on shore.

What ails those eyes bedewed with tears?
Those laboring sighs that heave thy breast?
Those oft repeated, broken prayers?
Dost thou not long for Jesus' rest?

And can the Lord pass heedless by,
And see a mourning sinner die?
And can the Lord pass heedless by,
And see a sad and mourning sinner die?

The winds and waves and fiends may roar,
But Christ will bring thee safe on shore.
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Welcome and Call to Worship

Leader: *Blessed be the LORD!
For He has heard the voice of my pleas for mercy.*

People: *The LORD is my strength and my shield;
in Him my heart trusts, and I am helped;
my heart exults,
and with my song I give thanks to Him.*

Leader: *The LORD is the strength of his people;
He is the saving refuge of His anointed.*

People: *Oh, save Your people and bless Your heritage!
Be their shepherd and carry them forever.*

Song of Praise

Jesus, everlasting King,
accept the tribute which we bring,
Accept the well-deserved renown
And wear our praises as Your crown.

O send Your Spirit to impart,
Rest and repentance to our hearts,
Like the dear hour when from above,
We first received Your pledge of love.

chorus

The gladness of redemption's day,
Our hearts would wish it long to stay,
Nor let our faith forsake its hold,
Nor comforts sink, or love grow cold.

chorus

May every time of worship see
Your grace revealed more rich and free,
Till we are raised to sing Your name
At the great supper of the Lamb.

chorus

O that the months would roll away,
And bring the coronation day.
The King of Grace shall fill the throne,
With all His Father's glories on.

chorus x 2

Scripture Reading

*Behold, Assyria was a cedar in Lebanon, with beautiful branches and forest shade,
and of towering height, its top among the clouds.
The waters nourished it; the deep made it grow tall,
making its rivers flow around the place of its planting,
sending forth its streams to all the trees of the field.
So it towered high above all the trees of the field;
its boughs grew large and its branches long from abundant water in its shoots.
All the birds of the heavens made their nests in its boughs;
under its branches all the beasts of the field gave birth to their young,
and under its shadow lived all great nations.
It was beautiful in its greatness, in the length of its branches;
for its roots went down to abundant waters.
The cedars in the garden of God could not rival it, nor the fir trees equal its boughs;
neither were the plane trees like its branches;
no tree in the garden of God was its equal in beauty.
I made it beautiful in the mass of its branches,
and all the trees of Eden envied it, that were in the garden of God.*

"Therefore thus says the Lord GOD: Because it towered high and set its top among the clouds, and its heart was proud of its height, I will give it into the hand of a mighty one of the nations. He shall surely deal with it as its wickedness deserves. I have cast it out.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Jesus Everlasting King

*Words: Isaac Watts
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Ezekiel 31:3-11

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

Please read together.

Daniel 9:9, 18

*How Deep the Father's
Love For Us*

*Words and music:
Stuart Townend
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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,
For my sake and for Your glory. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

*The Lord our God is merciful and forgiving, even though we have rebelled against Him . . .
We do not make requests of You because we are righteous, but because of Your great mercy.*

Song of Renewal

How deep the Father's love for us,
how vast beyond all measure,
That He should give His only Son,
to make a wretch His treasure!

How great the pain of searing loss,
the Father turned His face away,
As wounds which mar the chosen one,
bring many sons to glory.

Behold the man upon a cross,
my sin upon His shoulders.
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice
call out among the scoffers.

It was my sin that held Him there
until it was accomplished.
His dying breath has brought me life;
I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything;
no gifts, no power, no wisdom,
But I will boast in Jesus Christ,
His death and resurrection.

Why should I gain from His reward?
I cannot give an answer,
But this I know with all my heart:
His wounds have paid my ransom.

repeat

We respond to the grace received

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

Passing of the Peace

Community Life

Prayers of the People

The world: Travis and Amy Johnson, Travis diagnosed with cancer

The Northside: Last Sunday Supper, outreach and meal on last Sunday of the month

Our church: Northside's covenant children

Offering

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

Song of Preparation

The Lord hears the cry of the poor,
Blessed be the Lord!

I will bless the Lord at all times
With praise ever in my mouth.
Let my soul glory in the Lord,
Who will hear the cry of the poor.

chorus

Let the lowly hear and be glad,
The Lord listens to their pleas,
And to hearts broken He is near,
For He hears the cry of the poor.

chorus

Every spirit crushed, God will save,
The Lord listens to their pleas,
And to hearts broken God is near,
He will hear the cry of the poor.

chorus

We proclaim your greatness, O God!
Your praise ever in our mouths,
Every face brightened in Your light,
For You hear the cry of the poor!

chorus

The Cry of the Poor

Words and music:
John Foley, S.J.
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Psalms 34:1-2, 17-18, 19, 22

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

Matthew 13:31-35

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

31 He put another parable before them, saying, "The kingdom of heaven is like a grain of mustard seed that a man took and sowed in his field. 32 It is the smallest of all seeds, but when it has grown it is larger than all the garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches."

33 He told them another parable. "The kingdom of heaven is like leaven that a woman took and hid in three measures of flour, till it was all leavened."

34 All these things Jesus said to the crowds in parables; indeed, he said nothing to them without a parable. 35 This was to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet:

"I will open my mouth in parables;

I will utter what has been hidden since the foundation of the world."

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

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

God sends us out refreshed

Before I Knew

*Words and music: Kirk Ward
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Song of Rejoicing

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!

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

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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