



northside church

OF RICHMOND

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Meditation

When we think of God's holiness we usually think of His infinite moral purity. That is correct, but there is more to it than that. The basic meaning of the word holy is "separate," and when used of God it means, among other things, that He is eternally separate from any degree of sin. He is not the proverbial indulgent grandfather who winks at or ignores the mischievous disobedience of his grandson.

- Jerry Bridges

*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, and we ask Him to turn our hearts and minds toward Him.

Dayspring

Words: Charles Wesley

Music: Alex Mejias

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Psalm 105:1-4

Please stand if able.

We gather in the presence of God

Song of Gathering

Christ, whose glory fills the skies,
Christ, the true, the only Light,
Sun of Righteousness, arise!
Triumph o'er the shades of night.

Dayspring from on high, be near.
Daystar, in my heart appear.

Dark and cheerless is the morn
Were it ever without Thee.
Joyless is the day's return,
Till Thy mercy's beams I see,

Till they inward light impart,
Glad my eyes, and warm my heart.

Visit then this soul of mine!
Pierce the gloom of sin and grief!
Fill me, radiancy divine,
Scatter all my unbelief.

More and more Thyself display,
Shining to the perfect day.
repeat

Dayspring from on high, be near.
Daystar, in my heart appear.

Welcome and Call to Worship

Leader: *Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name;
make known his deeds among the peoples!*

People: *Sing to him, sing praises to him;
tell of all his wondrous works!*

Leader: *Glory in his holy name;
let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!*

People: *Seek the LORD and his strength;
seek his presence continually!*

Song of Praise

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty,
Early in the morning
our song shall rise to Thee.
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty,
God in Three Persons, blessed Trinity.

Holy, holy, holy, all the saints adore Thee,
Casting down their golden crowns
around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim
falling down before Thee,
Who wert and art and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy, though the darkness hide Thee,
Though the eye of sinful man,
Thy glory may not see.
Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee,
Perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty,
All thy works shall praise Thy name
in earth, and sky, and sea.
Holy, holy, holy,
merciful and mighty,
God in Three Persons, blessed Trinity.

Holy, Holy, Holy

Words: Reginald Heber
Music: John B. Dykes
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Scripture Reading

*After this I heard what seemed to be the loud voice of a great multitude in heaven, crying out,
"Hallelujah! Salvation and glory and power belong to our God,
for his judgments are true and just;
for he has judged the great prostitute who corrupted the earth with her immorality,
and has avenged on her the blood of his servants."*

Once more they cried out, "Hallelujah! The smoke from her goes up forever and ever."

And the twenty-four elders and the four living creatures fell down and worshiped God who was seated on the throne, saying, "Amen. Hallelujah!" And from the throne came a voice saying,

"Praise our God, all you his servants, you who fear him, small and great."

Then I heard what seemed to be the voice of a great multitude, like the roar of many waters and like the sound of mighty peals of thunder, crying out,

"Hallelujah! For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns.

*Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory,
for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and his Bride has made herself ready;
it was granted her to clothe herself with fine linen, bright and pure" -
for the fine linen is the righteous deeds of the saints.*

And the angel said to me, "Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb." And he said to me, "These are the true words of God." Then I fell down at his feet to worship him, but he said to me, "You must not do that! I am a fellow servant with you and your brothers who hold to the testimony of Jesus. Worship God." For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

Revelation 19:1-10

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

Please read together.

Romans 5:9

**Jesus What a Beautiful
Name**

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Tanya Riches
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2 Thessalonians 1:12
Colossians 3:17

We confess our sin and receive grace

Confession of Sin

Almighty God, though You guide and protect us as our Shepherd, we flee from You.
Though You rule heaven and earth as King, we give our all to our tiny kingdom.
Though You comfort us as our Shepherd, we console ourselves with our sins.
Though Your cross has made peace, we foolishly war against You and one another.
Though You declare "New creation!" we just prefer the old.

Heavenly Father, have mercy upon us.
Lord Jesus Christ, deliver us from our sins.
Holy Spirit, renew us after the image of our Creator. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God.

Song of Renewal

Jesus, what a beautiful name.
Son of God, Son of Man, Lamb that was slain.
Joy and peace, strength and hope,
Grace that blows all fear away.
Jesus, what a beautiful name.

repeat

Jesus, what a beautiful name.
Truth revealed, my future sealed,
healed my pain.
Love and freedom, life and warmth,
Grace that blows all fear away.
Jesus, what a beautiful name.

Jesus, what a beautiful name.
Rescued my soul, my stronghold,
lifts me from shame.
Forgiveness, security, power and love,
Grace that blows all fear away.
Jesus, what a beautiful name.

Jesus, what a beautiful name.
Son of God, Son of Man, Lamb that was slain.
Joy and peace, strength and hope,
Grace that blows all fear away.
Jesus, what a beautiful name.

Joy and peace, strength and hope,
Grace that blows all fear away.
Jesus, what a beautiful name.

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: Kevin and Katie Shaffer, church plant in London

The Northside: Young Lives, ministry to teenage moms in the Northside

Our church: New class of Urban Fellows

Offering

Song of Preparation

Before all worlds began,
You are the great I AM.
Father, Spirit, and Son,
Eternal Three-In-One.
Fulfilled within Yourself,
in need of no one else,
Even though all things change,
You still remain the same.
You alone are God!

You spoke, it came to pass:
a universe so vast.
Most things no eye can see,
Yet still bring You glory.
Although all things are Yours,
You made Yourself so poor.
You left Your awesome throne,
To seek and save Your own.
Mighty is our God!

So blind I had no clue.
Oh, how I ran from You!
Wickedness had me bound,
Until You tracked me down.
Your law revealed my sin,
My corruption within,
It drove me to Your cross,
Where You paid my sin's cost.
Faithful is our God!

Jesus, You died for me,
and now abide in me.
What can I give to You?
Lord, help me live for You!
Help me stay in Your word,
Help me obey You, Lord.
And when we finally meet,
I'll cast my crown at Your feet.
Holy is our God!
Faithful is our God!
Mighty is our God!
You alone are God!

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

You Alone Are God

*Words and music:
Shai Linne*

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

God feeds us with His Word

Matthew 22:1-14

Sermon Text

And again Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying, 2 "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son, 3 and sent his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding feast, but they would not come. 4 Again he sent other servants, saying, 'Tell those who are invited, "See, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding feast."' 5 But they paid no attention and went off, one to his farm, another to his business, 6 while the rest seized his servants, treated them shamefully, and killed them. 7 The king was angry, and he sent his troops and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. 8 Then he said to his servants, 'The wedding feast is ready, but those invited were not worthy. 9 Go therefore to the main roads and invite to the wedding feast as many as you find.' 10 And those servants went out into the roads and gathered all whom they found, both bad and good. So the wedding hall was filled with guests.

11 "But when the king came in to look at the guests, he saw there a man who had no wedding garment. 12 And he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding garment?' And he was speechless. 13 Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot and cast him into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' 14 For many are called, but few are chosen."

Isaiah 40:8

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

People: Praise be to God!

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

Sermon

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

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

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.

Song of Communion

Bread of heaven, sent down from glory,
Many things you were on Earth:
A Holy King, a carpenter.
You are the living Word.

repeat

Awesome Ruler, gentle Redeemer,
God with us, the Living Truth,
And what a friend we have in You.
You are the living Word.

repeat

Jesus, Jesus - that's what we call You,
Manger born, put on a tree,
You died to save humanity.
You are the living Word!

repeat

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

1 Corinthians 11:23b-26

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

You Are the Living Word

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*John 1:1, 6:35
Matthew 21:5*

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

God sends us out refreshed

Every Praise

*Words and music: Hezekiah
Walker, John David Bratton
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Song of Rejoicing

Every praise is to our God,
Every word of worship with one accord!
Every praise, every praise is to our God!
Sing hallelujah to our God,
Glory hallelujah is due our God.
Every praise, every praise is to our God.

repeat

God my Savior!
God my Healer!
God my Deliverer!
Yes He is, yes He is!

repeat

Every praise is to our God,
Every word of worship with one accord!
Every praise, every praise...
is to our God!

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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