



# northside church

OF RICHMOND

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## **Meditation**

The power comes from him; the glory must go to him.

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

### **You Alone Are God**

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# We gather in the presence of God

## Song of Gathering

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!

## Welcome and Call to Worship

Leader: *Go on up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good news;  
lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good news;  
lift it up, fear not; say to the cities of Judah, "Behold your God!"*

People: ***Behold, the Lord GOD comes with might,  
and his arm rules for him;  
behold, his reward is with him,  
and his recompense before him.***

Leader: *He will tend his flock like a shepherd;  
he will gather the lambs in his arms;*

People: ***he will carry them in his bosom,  
and gently lead those that are with young.***

## Song of Praise

A voice says "Cry out: All men are like grass,  
And their time of glory soon shall pass.  
But the word of God, it will never die.  
Surely it will stand For eternity!"

Every ditch and valley shall be raised up,  
Every hill and mountain be made low,  
Every rugged place will be made flat,  
Everybody shall see the glory of the LORD.

You who bring good news,  
raise your voice and shout,  
Do not be afraid to speak the name of God.  
The hard days are gone, the debt has been paid,  
And the time has come to walk the righteous way.

*chorus (x2)*

Everybody shall see the glory of the LORD.

*Every Ditch,  
Every Valley*

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*Isaiah 40:3-8*

## Scripture Reading

*So Ahab sent to all the people of Israel and gathered the prophets together at Mount Carmel. And Elijah came near to all the people and said, "How long will you go limping between two different opinions? If the LORD is God, follow him; but if Baal, then follow him." And the people did not answer him a word. Then Elijah said to the people, "I, even I only, am left a prophet of the LORD, but Baal's prophets are 450 men. Let two bulls be given to us, and let them choose one bull for themselves and cut it in pieces and lay it on the wood, but put no fire to it. And I will prepare the other bull and lay it on the wood and put no fire to it. And you call upon the name of your god, and I will call upon the name of the LORD, and the God who answers by fire, he is God." And all the people answered, "It is well spoken." Then Elijah said to the prophets of Baal, "Choose for yourselves one bull and prepare it first, for you are many, and call upon the name of your god, but put no fire to it." And they took the bull that was given them, and they prepared it and called upon the name of Baal from morning until noon, saying, "O Baal, answer us!" But there was no voice, and no one answered. And they limped around the altar that they had made. And at noon Elijah mocked them, saying, "Cry aloud, for he is a god. Either he is musing, or he is relieving himself, or he is on a journey, or perhaps he is asleep and must be awakened." And they cried aloud and cut themselves after their custom with swords and lances, until the blood gushed out upon them. And as midday passed, they raved on until the time of the offering of the oblation, but there was no voice. No one answered; no one paid attention.*

*Then Elijah said to all the people, "Come near to me." And all the people came near to him. And he repaired the altar of the LORD that had been thrown down. Elijah took twelve stones, according to the number of the tribes of the sons of Jacob, to whom the word of the LORD came, saying, "Israel shall be your name," and with the stones he built an altar in the name of the LORD. And he made a trench about the altar, as great as would contain two seahs of seed. And he put the wood in order and cut the bull in pieces and laid it on the wood. And he said, "Fill four jars with water and pour it on the burnt offering and on the wood." And he said, "Do it a second time." And they did it a second time. And he said, "Do it a third time." And they did it a third time. And the water ran around the altar and filled the trench also with water.*

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

**1 Kings 18:20-35**

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

*Please read together.*

*2 Corinthians 5:17*

*Mighty To Save*

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*Zephaniah 3:17, Hebrews  
2:10, Ezekiel 38:20*

# We confess our sin and receive grace

## Confession of Sin

Almighty God, together we confess that our attitudes and actions often do not reflect You. We strive for recognition and acclaim from others, growing bitter if we do not get it. We are preoccupied with our own concerns, ignoring others except when it serves our purposes. And our worship of You recedes when circumstances turn difficult.

Together we repent from our sins and turn to you alone for forgiveness. Jesus, teach us that we only achieve greatness by giving our lives away. Spirit, renew our heart and will, and conform us to the likeness of Christ, Father, be glorified in our lives. Amen.

## Silent Confession

## Assurance of Pardon

*Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation.  
The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.*

## Song of Renewal

Everyone needs compassion,  
love that's never failing.  
Let mercy fall on me.  
Everyone needs forgiveness,  
the kindness of a Savior,  
The hope of nations.

Savior, He can move the mountains,  
My God is mighty to save,  
He is mighty to save!  
Forever, Author of salvation  
He rose and conquered the grave,  
Jesus conquered the grave!

So take me as You find me,  
all my fears and failures.  
Fill my life again.  
I give my life to follow,  
everything I believe in.  
Now I surrender.

*chorus*

Shine your light and let the whole world see.  
We're singing for the glory of the risen King.  
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We're singing for the glory of the risen King.

*chorus*

# We respond to the grace received

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

## Passing of the Peace

## Community Life

Announcement and Prayer - Northside Church Retreat on May 2, 9am - 9pm

## Offering

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

## Song of Preparation

Behold me here, in grief draw near,  
Pleading at Thy throne, oh King.  
To Thee each tear, each trembling fear,  
Jesus, Son of Man, I bring.

Let me find Thee, let me find Thee.  
Let me find Thee,  
here on earth and then on high.

### *Let Me Find Thee*

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Let me find Thee, let me find Thee.  
Let me find Thee,  
Lord of mercy, King of grace.

Hear the broken, scarcely spoken,  
Longings of my heart to Thee.  
All the crying, all the sighing,  
Of Thy child, accepted be.

Look down in love, and from above,  
With Thy Spirit, satisfy.  
Thou hast sought me, Thou hast bought me,  
And Thy purchase, Lord, am I.

Let me find Thee, let me find Thee.  
Let me find Thee,  
wounded healer, suffering Lord.

*repeat*

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

***Ephesians 3:20-21***

***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

*20 Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, 21 to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.*

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.

1 Corinthians 11:23b-26

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, nut-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

My God is awesome, He can move mountains,

Keep me in the valley, hide me from the rain.

My God is awesome, heals me when I'm broken,

Strength where I've been weakened,

forever He will reign.

He's mighty, He's mighty, He's mighty, He's mighty!

Awesome, awesome!

He's holy, He's holy, He's holy, He's holy!

*repeat*

Awesome, awesome!

My God is awesome, awesome,  
awesome, awesome!

My God is awesome, awesome,  
awesome, awesome!

He's great, He's great, He's great, He's great!

Awesome, awesome!

Provider, Provider, Provider, Provider!

Awesome, awesome!

My God is awesome, Savior of the whole world

Giver of salvation, by His stripes I am healed.

My God is awesome, today I am forgiven,

His grace is why I'm living, praise His holy name!

Protector, Protector, Protector, Protector!

Awesome, awesome!

*chorus*

Deliverer, Deliverer, Deliverer, Deliverer!

Awesome, awesome!

### Awesome

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We go forth to love and  
serve God and neighbor.

# God sends us out refreshed

## How Great Thou Art

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## Song of Rejoicing

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder,  
Consider all the works Thy hands have made,  
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,  
Thy power throughout the universe displayed.

Then sings my soul,  
my Savior, God, to Thee,  
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!  
Then sings my soul,  
my Savior, God, to Thee,  
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!

And when I think that God, his Son, not sparing,  
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in –  
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,  
He bled and died, to take away my sin.

*chorus*

When Christ shall come with shouts of acclamation,  
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart.  
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,  
And there proclaim,  
“My God, how great Thou art!”

*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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