



northside church

OF RICHMOND

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He is risen!

Meditation

Jesus didn't really die-someone gave him a long drug that made him look like dead, and he revived in the tomb. Answer: Roman soldiers knew how to kill people, and no disciple would have been fooled by a half-drugged, beat-up Jesus into thinking he'd defeated death and inaugurated the kingdom.

- N.T. Wright, *Surprised by Hope*

*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.

Salvation to the Lamb

Words: Joseph Hart,
alt. Justin Smith
Music: Justin Smith
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The title of this song comes from Revelation 7:10, which depicts the great multitude of God's redeemed people declaring "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

The "paschal lamb" was the sacrifice at the first Passover (see Exodus 12). Here Jesus is spoken of as the perfect Paschal Lamb whose blood completely atones for sin.

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Revelation 5:11-13

Please stand if able.

We gather in the presence of God

Song of Gathering

Poor sinner come, cast off thy fear,
And raise thy drooping head.
Come sing with all poor sinners here,
Jesus, who once was dead.

Salvation sing no word more meet
To join to Jesus' name.
Let every thankful tongue repeat:
"Salvation to the Lamb,
salvation to the Lamb!"

Saints from the garden to the cross
Your conquering Lord pursue,
Who, dearly to redeem your loss
Groaned, bled, and died for you.

Now reigns victorious over death,
The glorious great I Am.
Let every soul repeat with faith,
"Salvation to the Lamb,
salvation to the Lamb!"

When we incurred the wrath of God,
Alas! What could be worse?
He came, and with His heart's own blood,
Redeemed us from the curse.

This **Paschal Lamb**, His blood can meet,
And cleanse ye from each stain.
Repeat, ye ransomed souls, repeat:
"Salvation to the Lamb,
salvation to the Lamb!
Salvation to the Lamb,
salvation to the Lamb!"

Welcome and Call to Worship

Leader: *Then I looked, and I heard around the throne
and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels,
numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands,
saying with a loud voice,*

**People: "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain,
to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might
and honor and glory and blessing!"**

Leader: *And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth
and under the earth and in the sea,
and all that is in them, saying,*

**People: "To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb
be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!"**

Song of Praise

Christ, the Lord, is risen today, Alleluia!
Sons of men and angels say, Alleluia!
Raise your voice and triumphs high, Alleluia!
Sing, ye heavens, and earth, reply, Alleluia!

Vain the stone, the watch, the seal, Alleluia!
Christ has burst the gates of hell, Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids His rise, Alleluia!
Christ has opened paradise, Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!
Once He died, our souls to save, Alleluia!
Where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!

Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!
Following our exalted head, Alleluia!
Made like Him, like Him we rise, Alleluia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

Hail, the Lord of earth and heaven, Alleluia!
Praise to Thee by both be given, Alleluia!
Thee we greet triumphant now, Alleluia!
Hail, the Resurrection, Thou! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Scripture Reading

Now after the Sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And behold, there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and behold, he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him. See, I have told you." So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. And behold, Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came up and took hold of his feet and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see me."

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Christ The Lord Is Risen Today

*Words: Edward Perronet,
John Rippon
Music: Oliver Holden
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Matthew 28:1-10

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

Please read together.

Romans 8:11

God Who Saves

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We confess our sin and receive grace

Confession of Sin

Lord Jesus Christ, by Your steadfast love and atoning sacrifice,
You took our place and proved Yourself to be the Friend of sinners.
You were punished that we might be pardoned, and broken that we would be made whole.
In Your resurrection You demonstrated Your power over death,
and showed us our future - triumphant, redeemed, and blessed eternally.

While we await this, we have been faithless and anxious in heart.
In our restlessness we have sought peace for our souls where there is none to be found.
Apart from You, we find ourselves alone, tired, and worn. Forgive us, Savior!
Restore to us the true rest You offer us by Your death and resurrection. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.

Song of Renewal

There is life in the blood
of the Lamb who was slain.
There is power, there is power in His name.
There is love pouring out
of the wounds that were made,
Pouring out, pouring over our shame.

So praise the God who saves!
Praise the God who bled!
Praise the God who was nailed to a tree,
And wore our sins upon His head.

There is truth in His body,
raised that third day.
There is joy in a stone rolled away.

There is hope pouring out
of the tomb where He lay,
Pouring out, pouring over the grave.

chorus

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of the Lamb who was slain.
There is power, there is power in His name.

So praise the God who saves!
Praise the God who bled!
Praise the God who was nailed to a tree,
And wore our sins...

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

New Member Vows - Matt Sizemore

Offering

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

Song of Preparation

I am weak but Thou art strong;
Jesus, keep me from all wrong;
I'll be satisfied as long
As I walk, dear Lord, close to Thee.

chorus

When my feeble life is o'er,
Time for me will be no more;
Guide me gently, safely o'er,
to Thy kingdom shore, to Thy shore!

chorus (x2)

Just a closer walk with Thee,
Grant it, Jesus, this my plea,
Daily walking close to Thee,
Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

Through this world of toil and snares,
If I falter, Lord, who cares?
Who with me my burden shares?
None but Thee, dear Lord, none but Thee.

Just a Closer Walk

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

1 Corinthians 15:3–7

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

3 For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, 4 that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, 5 and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. 6 Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. 7 Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles.

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

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

Jesus! What a friend for sinners!
Jesus! Lover of my soul;
Friends may fail me, foes assail me,
He, my Savior, makes me whole.

Hallelujah! What a Savior!
Hallelujah! What a friend!
Saving, helping, keeping, loving,
He is with me to the end.

Jesus! What a strength in weakness!
Let me hide myself in Him.
Tempted, tried, and sometimes failing,
He, my strength, my victory wins.

chorus

Jesus! What a help in sorrow!
While the billows over me roll,
Even when my heart is breaking,
He, my Comfort, helps my soul.

chorus

Jesus! I do now adore Him,
more than all in Him I find.
He hath granted me forgiveness,
I am His, and He is mine.

chorus

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.

Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners

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

God sends us out refreshed

Now the Green Blade Rises

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Music: Alex Mejias
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John 12:24-26

Song of Rejoicing

Now the green blade rises
from the buried grain,
Wheat that in the dark earth
many days has lain.
Love lives again,
that with the dead has been,
Love is come again like
wheat that springeth green.

In the grave they laid Him,
Love Whom we had slain,
Thinking that He'd never wake to life again.
Laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen,
Love is come again like
wheat that springeth green

Alleluia! Alleu!
When we die we will rise with You.
Alleluia! Alleu!
When we die we will rise with You.

Up He sprang at Easter,
like the risen grain,
He that for three days in the grave had lain.
Up from the dead my risen Lord is seen,
Love is come again like
wheat that springeth green.

chorus

When our hearts are weary,
grieving or in pain,
By Your touch You call us back to life again.
Fields of our hearts
that dead and bare have been,
Love is come again like
wheat that springeth green.

chorus (x2)

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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