



# northside church

## OF RICHMOND

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### **Meditations**

"Openness to suffering is really openness to life. Suffering is an inevitable part of life, and if we are to open to any of life, we must be open to it all. If we run from pain in ourselves and others, we will never know peace or joy with any real depth."

- 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.*

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

Words: John Berridge  
Music: Brian T. Murphy &  
Ashley Spurling  
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*A recognition of the  
presence of God among  
us, which influences the  
posture of our hearts.*

***Psalms 57:5,9-11***

*Please stand if able.*

## **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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But Christ will bring thee safe on shore.

## **We gather in the presence of God**

### **Welcome and Call to Worship**

Leader: *Be exalted, O God, above the heavens!  
Let your glory be over all the earth!*

**People:** *I will give thanks to you, O Lord, among the peoples;  
I will sing praises to you among the nations.*

Leader: *For your steadfast love is great to the heavens,  
your faithfulness to the clouds.*

**People:** *Be exalted, O God, above the heavens!  
Let your glory be over all the earth!*

## Song of Praise

Come ye sinners, poor and wretched,  
weak and wounded, sick and sore.  
Jesus, ready, stands to save you,  
Full of pity joined with power.  
He is able, He is able,  
He is willing, doubt no more.

Come ye needy, come and welcome;  
God's free bounty glorify:  
True belief and true repentance,  
every grace that brings you nigh.  
Without money, without money  
Come to Jesus Christ and buy.

Come ye weary, heavy laden,  
Bruised and broken by the fall.  
If you tarry till you're better,  
you will never come at all.  
Not the righteous, not the righteous;  
Sinners Jesus came to call.

Let not conscience make you linger,  
nor of fitness fondly dream.  
All the fitness He requireth  
is to feel your need of Him.  
This He gives you, this He gives you,  
'Tis the Spirit's rising beam.

Lo! The Incarnate God, ascended;  
pleads the merit of His blood.  
Venture on Him; venture wholly,  
Let no other trust intrude.  
None but Jesus, none but Jesus  
Can do helpless sinners good.

## *Come Ye Sinners*

*Words: Joseph Hart  
Music: Matthew Smith  
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## Scripture Reading

*Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD! O Lord, hear my voice!  
Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleas for mercy!  
If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand?  
But with you there is forgiveness, that you may be feared.  
I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in his word I hope;  
my soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen for the morning,  
more than watchmen for the morning.  
O Israel, hope in the LORD! For with the LORD there is steadfast love,  
and with him is plentiful redemption.  
And he will redeem Israel from all his iniquities.*

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

## *Psalms 130*

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

*Please read together.*

**1 John 4:10**

### ***All Must Be Well***

*Words by Mary Bowley-  
Peters alt by Matthew S.  
Smith  
Music by Matthew S. Smith.  
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# **We confess our sin and receive grace**

## **Confession of Sin**

Lord, You alone are full of grace and truth, but we have not kept watch for You.  
We have occupied ourselves with our own concerns.  
We have sought our own glory above Yours.  
We have not waited to find Your will for us.  
We have not noticed the needs of others around us.  
We have not acknowledged Your beauty and the love that You have shown us.  
Forgive us for our sins against You.  
Heavenly Father, help us to yield to the wisdom of Your ways;  
Lord Jesus, lead us to live in light of Your coming;  
Holy Spirit, give us faith to see that You are truly among us. Amen.

## **Silent Confession**

## **Assurance of Pardon**

*This is love: not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.*

## **Song of Renewal**

Through the love of God our Savior,  
all will be well.  
Free and changeless is His favor, all is well.  
Precious is the blood that healed us,  
Perfect is the grace that sealed us,  
Strong the hand stretched forth to shield us,  
All must be well.

Though we pass through tribulation,  
all will be well.  
Ours is such a full salvation, all is well.  
Happy still in God confiding,  
Fruitful if in Christ abiding,  
Steadfast through the Spirit's guiding  
All must be well.

We expect a bright tomorrow;  
all will be well.  
Faith can sing through days of sorrow,  
all is well.  
On our Father's love relying,  
Jesus every need supplying,  
Yes in living or in dying,  
All must be well.

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# We respond to the grace received

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

## Community Life

Passing of the Peace

*The peace God made with us is extended to those around us.*

## Prayers of the People

**The world:** Christ School in Bundibugyo, Uganda

**The Northside:** Jobs For Life, a program developing in the Northside

**Our church:** Development of Northside service teams

## Offering

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

## Song of Preparation

God of my life, to Thee I call,  
Afflicted at Thy feet I fall.

When the great water floods prevail,  
Leave not my trembling heart to fail.

Poor though I am, despised, forgot,  
Yet God, my God, forgets me not.  
And he is safe and must succeed,  
For whom the Lord is sure to plead.

Friend of the friendless and the faint,  
Where should I lodge my deep complaint?  
Where but with Thee, whose open door,  
Invites the helpless and the poor!

*chorus*

That were a grief I could not bear,  
Didst Thou not hear and answer prayer.  
But a prayer-hearing, -answering God,  
Supports me under every load.

*chorus*

*chorus*

## ***God of My Life, To Thee I Call***

*Words: William Cowper  
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*Here's another way to phrase the last 2 lines of the chorus:  
When you put your faith in Jesus he becomes your powerful advocate, and you can be confident of your spiritual safety and profit in any circumstance.*

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

**Matthew 5:4**

**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. Sermon  
discussion is the primary  
material of study in our  
Northside Groups.*

# God feeds us with His Word

## Sermon Text

*4 "Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted."*

**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.

You will circle the communion station with others in a group of about 6.

Gluten-free wafers are located in the wooden boxes; grape juice is available upon request.

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***

*Words, music: Tommy Walker  
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*We go forth to love and  
serve God and neighbor.*

# God sends us out refreshed

## ***Victory In Jesus***

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## **Songs of Rejoicing**

I heard an old, old story,  
how a Savior came from glory,  
How He gave His life on Calvary  
to save a wretch like me;  
I heard about His groaning,  
of His precious blood's atoning,  
Then I repented of my sins  
and won the victory.

O victory in Jesus,  
my Savior, forever.  
He sought me and bought me  
with His redeeming blood;  
He loved me ere I knew Him,  
and all my love is due Him,  
He plunged me to victory  
beneath the cleansing flood.

I heard about His healing,  
of His cleansing pow'r revealing.  
How He made the lame to walk again  
and caused the blind to see;  
And then I cried, "Dear Jesus,  
come and heal my broken spirit,"  
And somehow Jesus came and brought  
to me the victory.

*chorus*

I heard about a mansion  
He has built for me in glory.  
And I heard about the streets of gold  
beyond the crystal sea;  
About the angels singing,  
and the old redemption story,  
And some sweet day I'll sing to Him  
the song of victory.

*chorus*

*At the end of the service,  
please pick up your children  
from the nursery.*

## **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**

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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