



# northside church

OF RICHMOND

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## **Meditation**

Any simplistic Christian response to politics - the claim that we shouldn't be involved in politics, or that we should "take back our country for Jesus" - is inadequate. In each society, time, and place, the form of political involvement has to be worked out differently, with the utmost faithfulness to the Scripture, but also the greatest sensitivity to culture, time, and place.

- Tim Keller

*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.

### ***But For You Who Fear My Name***

Words and music: Leonard E. Smith Jr.

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Malachi 4:2; 3:17

### ***The Doxology***

Words: Thomas Ken

Music: Louis Bourgeois  
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### ***Psalm 106:1-2, 47-48***

Please stand if able.

# We gather in the presence of God

## Songs of Gathering

But for you who fear My Name,  
The Son of righteousness will rise  
With healing in His wings.

And you shall go forth again,  
And skip about like calves  
Coming from their stalls at last.

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

You shall be My very own,  
On the day that I  
Cause you to be My special home.

I shall spare you as a man  
Has compassion on his son  
Who does the best he can.

## Welcome and Call to Worship

Leader: *Praise the LORD!*

**People:** *Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,  
for his steadfast love endures forever!*

Leader: *Who can utter the mighty deeds of the LORD,  
or declare all his praise?*

**People:** *Save us, O LORD our God,  
and gather us from among the nations,*

Leader: *that we may give thanks to your holy name  
and glory in your praise.*

**People:** *Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel,  
from everlasting to everlasting!*

Leader: *And let all the people say, "Amen!"*

**People:** *Praise the LORD!*

## Song of Praise

Arise, my soul, arise, shake off your guilty fears,  
The bleeding Sacrifice on my behalf appears.  
Before the throne my **Surety** stands,  
Before the throne my Surety stands,  
My name is written on His hands.

Arise, arise, arise!  
Arise my soul, arise!

Arise, arise, arise!  
Arise my soul, arise!  
Shake off your guilty fears and rise!

He ever lives above, for me to intercede,  
His all-redeeming love, His precious blood to plead,  
His blood atoned for every race,  
His blood atoned for every race,  
And sprinkles now the throne of grace.

*chorus*

My God is reconciled, His pard'ning voice I hear,  
He owns me for His child, I can no longer fear,  
With confidence I now draw nigh,  
With confidence I now draw nigh,  
And "Father, Abba Father," cry.

*chorus*

## Scripture Reading

*And as they were speaking to the people, the priests and the captain of the temple and the Sadducees came upon them, greatly annoyed because they were teaching the people and proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection from the dead. And they arrested them and put them in custody until the next day, for it was already evening. But many of those who had heard the word believed, and the number of the men came to about five thousand.*

*On the next day their rulers and elders and scribes gathered together in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest and Caiaphas and John and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. And when they had set them in the midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, if we are being examined today concerning a good deed done to a crippled man, by what means this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead - by him this man is standing before you well. This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."*

*Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were uneducated, common men, they were astonished. And they recognized that they had been with Jesus. But seeing the man who was healed standing beside them, they had nothing to say in opposition. But when they had commanded them to leave the council, they conferred with one another, saying, "What shall we do with these men? For that a notable sign has been performed through them is evident to all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and we cannot deny it. But in order that it may spread no further among the people, let us warn them to speak no more to anyone in this name." So they called them and charged them not to speak or teach at all in the name of Jesus. But Peter and John answered them, "Whether it is right in the sight of God to listen to you rather than to God, you must judge, for we cannot but speak of what we have seen and heard." And when they had further threatened them, they let them go, finding no way to punish them, because of the people, for all were praising God for what had happened. For the man on whom this sign of healing was performed was more than forty years old.*

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

*Arise, My Soul, Arise*

Words: Charles Wesley  
Music: Kevin Twit  
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*"Surety" refers to Jesus, and is derived from Hebrews 7:22: "by so much more Jesus has become a **surety** of a better covenant." (NKJV) It means that Jesus' work on the cross is the solid foundation for reconciliation with God.*

**Acts 4:1-22**

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

*Please read together.*

*2 Corinthians 5:21*

**Rock of Ages**

*Words: Augustus Toplady  
Music: Thomas Hastings  
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# We confess our sin and receive grace

## Confession of Sin

King of Glory, You came to us as true peace in the midst of our warfare,  
as true freedom to release us from our bondage to sin,  
as true refuge from our unrest and affliction.

Yet we have rebelled from Your authority,  
and negotiated with the enemy with our secret sins and proud skepticism.  
For our treason, You died; for our restoration, You rose again.

Draw us close to You this week and renew our allegiance,  
increase our faith, amaze us with Your grace,  
and make us willing and able to follow You. Amen

## Silent Confession

## Assurance of Pardon

*For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin,  
so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.*

## Song of Renewal

Rock of Ages, cleft for me,  
Let me hide myself in Thee.  
Let the water and the blood,  
From Thy riven side which flowed,  
Be of sin the double cure,  
Cleanse me from its guilt and power.

Not the labors of my hands,  
Can fulfill Thy law's demands.  
Could my zeal no respite know,  
Could my tears forever flow,  
All for sin could not atone,  
Thou must save, and Thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring,  
Simply to Thy cross I cling.  
Naked come to Thee for dress,  
Helpless, look to Thee for grace.  
Foul, I to the fountain fly,  
Wash me, Savior, or I die!

While I draw this fleeting breath,  
When mine eyes shall close in death,  
When I soar to worlds unknown,  
See thee on Thy judgment throne,  
Rock of Ages, cleft for me,  
Let me hide myself in Thee.

# We respond to the grace received

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

## Passing of the Peace

## Community Life

Baptism - Eliza Iranzi Thompson, Harmony Jane Malpass

## 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.*

**Matthew 22:15-22**

**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

*15 Then the Pharisees went and plotted how to entangle him in his words. 16 And they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are true and teach the way of God truthfully, and you do not care about anyone's opinion, for you are not swayed by appearances. 17 Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?" 18 But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why put me to the test, you hypocrites? 19 Show me the coin for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. 20 And Jesus said to them, "Whose likeness and inscription is this?" 21 They said, "Caesar's." Then he said to them, "Therefore render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's." 22 When they heard it, they marveled. And they left him and went away.*

**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

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

## *Blessed Be Your Name*

Words and music:  
Matt and Beth Redman  
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Job 1:21-22  
Psalm 113:2-3  
Daniel 2:20-23

## Song of Rejoicing

Blessed be Your name  
In the land that is plentiful,  
Where Your streams of abundance flow  
Blessed be Your name.  
Blessed be Your name  
When I'm found in the desert place,  
Though I walk through the wilderness  
Blessed be Your name.

Every blessing You pour out  
I'll turn back to praise.  
When the darkness closes in, Lord,  
Still I will say,

Blessed be the name of the Lord,  
Blessed be Your name!  
Blessed be the name of the Lord,  
Blessed be Your glorious name!

Blessed be Your name  
When the sun's shining down on me,  
When the world's all as it should be,  
Blessed be Your name.  
Blessed be Your name  
On the road marked with suffering,  
Though there's pain in the offering  
Blessed be Your name.

Every blessing You pour out  
I'll turn back to praise.  
When the darkness closes in, Lord,  
Still I will say,

*chorus (x2)*

You give and take away,  
You give and take away,  
My heart will choose to say  
"Lord, blessed be Your name."

*repeat*

*chorus*

## 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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