

# northside church of RICHMOND

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## **Meditations**

"There are a lot of people who have an outward spirituality, but inwardly they still think too much of themselves. People who think they are lowering themselves have a lot of conceit. They think they are doing others a favor in "getting down to their level."

- Fenelon

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.

#### Just a Little Talk With Iesus

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# **Song of Gathering**

I once was lost in sin, but Jesus took me in.

Then a little light from heaven healed my soul.

Well He bathed my heart in love, and He wrote my name above.

Just a little talk with Jesus makes it right.

We'll just have a little talk with Jesus,

And we'll tell him all about out troubles.

He will hear our faintest cry, He will answer by and by.

When you feel a little prayerful yearning,

You will know a little fire is burning.

Just a little talk with Jesus makes it right.

You may have doubts and fears, And your eyes be filled with tears, But Jesus is a friend who watches

day and night.

He wrote my name above, And he bathed my heart in love.

Just a little talk with Jesus makes it right.

chorus

chorus

A recognition of the presence of God among us, which influences the posture of our hearts.

Psalm 29:1-4, 10-11

Please stand if able.

# We gather in the presence of God

## **Welcome and Call to Worship**

Leader: Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

People: Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness.

Leader: The voice of the LORD is over the waters;

the God of glory thunders, the LORD, over many waters.

People: *The voice of the LORD is powerful;* 

the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.

Leader: The LORD sits enthroned over the flood;

the LORD sits enthroned as king forever.

People: May the LORD give strength to his people!

May the LORD bless his people with peace!

# **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

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# **Scripture Reading**

And Jesus called them to him and said to them, "You know that those who are considered rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. But it shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

Leader: The Word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God!** 

Mark 10:42-45

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

Please read together.

# We confess our sin and receive grace

## **Confession of Sin**

O Lord, You are the Giver of every good gift. You have given us so much.

Yet, in our ingratitude and sin, we rebel in lust for more.

We have coveted what our neighbor has been given.

Even worse, we have loved and trusted the gifts,

rather than resting on You, the Giver.

For Christ's sake, forgive us for sinning against You, and for our slowness to trust You and give You thanks.

Amen.

# **Silent Confession**

## **Assurance of Pardon**

At just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. God demonstrates His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

#### Great God From Thee

**Romans 5:6,8** 

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# **Song of Renewal**

Great God from Thee there's nought concealed, Thou seest my inward frame. To Thee I always stand revealed, exactly as I am.

Since I can hardly therefore bear, What in myself I see, How vile and dark must I appear, Most holy God to Thee?

But since my Savior stands between, In garments dyed in blood, 'Tis He instead of me is seen, When I approach to God.

Thus though a sinner, I am safe, He pleads before the throne, His life and death in my behalf, And calls my sins His own.

What wondrous love, what mysteries, In this appointment shine. My breaches of the law are His, And His obedience mine!

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What wondrous love, what mysteries, In this appointment shine. My breaches of the law are His, And His obedience mine!

# We respond to the grace received

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

## **Community Life**

Ministry update - Lukeythia Bastardi, service trip to Haiti

An opportunity to hear how God is using us in the Northside and beyond.

# **Prayers of the People**

**The world:** Hope International, a Christian microfinance organization **The Northside:** Youth Life Foundation, a tutoring ministry in Highland Park

Our church: Continued development and growth of Northside Groups

# Offering

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

# **Song of Preparation**

'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus, just to take Him at His Word; Just to rest upon His promise, just to know, "Thus saith the Lord!"

Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him! How I've proved Him o'er and o'er Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus! O for grace to trust Him more!

O how sweet to trust in Jesus, Just to trust His cleansing blood; And in simple faith to plunge me 'Neath the healing, cleansing flood! Yes, 'tis sweet to trust in Jesus, Just from sin and self to cease; Just from Jesus simply taking Life and rest, and joy and peace.

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I'm so glad I learned to trust Thee, Precious Jesus, Savior, Friend; And I know that You are with me, Will be with me to the end.

chorus

#### 'Tis So Sweet To Trust In Jesus

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

Matthew 5:5

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**

5 "Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

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.

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.

# **Song of Communion**

Depth of mercy! Can there be mercy still reserved for me? Can my God His wrath forbear, me, the chief of sinners, spare? I have long withstood His grace, long provoked Him to His face, Would not hearken to His calls, grieved Him by a thousand falls.

I have spilt His precious blood, trampled on the Son of God, Filled with pangs unspeakable, I, who yet am not in hell! I my Master have denied, I afresh have crucified, And profaned His hallowed Name, put Him to an open shame. Jesus speaks, and pleads His blood!
He disarms the wrath of God;
Now my Father's mercies move,
justice lingers into love.
There for me the Savior stands,
shows His wounds and spreads His hands.
God is love! I know, I feel;
Jesus weeps and loves me still.

Pity from Thine eye let fall, by a look my soul recall; Now the stone to flesh convert, cast a look, and break my heart. Now incline me to repent, let me now my sins lament, Now my foul revolt deplore, weep, believe, and sin no more.

#### Depth of Mercy

Words: Charles Wesley Music: Jeff Koonce, Clint Wells, Brian T. Murphy © 2003 Red Mountain Music We go forth to love and serve God and neighbor.

# God sends us out refreshed

#### The Doxology

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## But For You Who Fear My Name

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# **Songs of Rejoicing**

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.

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. 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.

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), 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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