



# northside church

OF RICHMOND

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## **Meditation**

One primary enemy of the Gospel - legalism - comes in two forms. Some people avoid the gospel and try to save themselves by keeping the rules, doing what they're told, maintaining the standards, and so on (you could call this "front-door legalism"). Other people avoid the gospel and try to save themselves by breaking the rules, doing whatever they want, developing their own autonomous standards, and so on (you could call this "back-door legalism").

- Tullian Tchividjian

*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.

### **Before I Knew**

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**Psalm 113:1-5**

*Please stand if able.*

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

## **Song of Gathering**

Before I knew what freedom was,  
Jesus set me free.

With no control, a slave to sin,  
God was my enemy.

But then He broke my rusty chains  
to share eternity.

Before I knew what freedom was,  
Jesus set me free.

Hallelujah, Hallelujah,  
Hallelujah, Jesus set me free!

Before I knew what loving was,  
He showed His love for me.  
He knew me in my mother's womb,  
He knew my sinful tendencies.

Adopted by His saving grace  
into His family.

Before I knew what loving was,  
He showed His love for me.

Hallelujah, Hallelujah,  
Hallelujah, He showed His love for me!

Before I knew what living was,  
He gave His life for me.

I was defeated in my sins,  
death had the victory.

Then all my guilt was placed on Him,  
That day on Calvary.

Before I knew what living was,  
He gave His life for me.

Hallelujah, Hallelujah,  
Hallelujah, He gave His life for me!

Hallelujah, Hallelujah,  
Hallelujah, Jesus set me free!

## **Welcome and Call to Worship**

Leader: *Praise the LORD!*

**People: *Praise, O servants of the LORD,  
praise the name of the LORD!***

Leader: *Blessed be the name of the LORD  
from this time forth and forevermore!*

**People: *From the rising of the sun to its setting,  
the name of the LORD is to be praised!***

Leader: *The LORD is high above all nations,  
and his glory above the heavens!*

**People: *Who is like the LORD our God,  
who is seated on high?***

## Song of Praise

All hail the power of Jesus' Name!  
Let angels prostrate fall;  
Bring forth the royal **diadem**,  
and crown Him Lord of all!  
Bring forth the royal **diadem**,  
and crown Him Lord of all!

Ye chosen seed of Israel's race,  
ye ransomed from the fall,  
Hail Him Who saves you by His grace,  
and crown Him Lord of all!  
Hail Him Who saves you by His grace,  
and crown Him Lord of all!

Let ev'ry tribe and ev'ry tongue  
to Him their hearts enthrall.  
Lift high the universal song,  
and crown Him Lord of all!  
Lift high the universal song,  
and crown Him Lord of all!

O that, with yonder sacred throng,  
we at His feet may fall,  
Join in the everlasting song,  
and crown Him Lord of all!  
Join in the everlasting song,  
and crown Him Lord of all!

### *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*

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John Rippon  
Music: Oliver Holden  
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A **diadem** is a crown worn  
as a sign of royalty.

## Scripture Reading

*One of the Pharisees asked him to eat with him, and he went into the Pharisee's house and reclined at the table. And behold, a woman of the city, who was a sinner, when she learned that he was reclining at table in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster flask of ointment, and standing behind him at his feet, weeping, she began to wet his feet with her tears and wiped them with the hair of her head and kissed his feet and anointed them with the ointment. Now when the Pharisee who had invited him saw this, he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet, he would have known who and what sort of woman this is who is touching him, for she is a sinner." And Jesus answering said to him, "Simon, I have something to say to you." And he answered, "Say it, Teacher."*

*"A certain moneylender had two debtors. One owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. When they could not pay, he cancelled the debt of both. Now which of them will love him more?" Simon answered, "The one, I suppose, for whom he cancelled the larger debt." And he said to him, "You have judged rightly." Then turning toward the woman he said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave me no water for my feet, but she has wet my feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair. You gave me no kiss, but from the time I came in she has not ceased to kiss my feet. You did not anoint my head with oil, but she has anointed my feet with ointment. Therefore I tell you, her sins, which are many, are forgiven - for she loved much. But he who is forgiven little, loves little." And he said to her, "Your sins are forgiven." Then those who were at table with him began to say among themselves, "Who is this, who even forgives sins?" And he said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace."*

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

**Luke 7:36-50**

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

*Please read responsively.*

**Romans 5:10**

***In Christ Alone***

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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!  
Renew our faith and restore to us the true rest You alone offer us. Amen.

## Silent Confession

## Assurance of Pardon

*For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son,  
much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life.*

## Song of Renewal

In Christ alone my hope is found,  
He is my light, my strength, my song.  
This Cornerstone, this solid ground,  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
What heights of love, what depths of peace,  
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease.  
My Comforter, my All in All,  
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh,  
Fullness of God in helpless babe.  
This gift of love and righteousness,  
Scorned by the ones He came to save.  
'Til on that cross as Jesus died,  
The wrath of God was satisfied.  
For every sin on Him was laid,  
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay,  
Light of the world by darkness slain.  
Then bursting forth in glorious day,  
Up from the grave He rose again.  
And as He stands in victory,  
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me,  
For I am His and He is mine,  
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,  
This is the power of Christ in me.  
From life's first cry to final breath,  
Jesus commands my destiny.  
No power of hell, no scheme of man,  
Can ever pluck me from His hand.  
'Til He returns or calls me home,  
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

# We respond to the grace received

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

## Passing of the Peace

## Community Life

Ministry Update - Charity Smith, beginning 2 year ministry internship at Northside Church

## Offering

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

## Song of Preparation

You are the God who loves,  
You are the God who listens,  
I cast my cares at Your feet.  
You are the God who hears,  
You are the God who answers,  
You know just what I need.

Abba, Father,  
You are near to all who call  
upon Your name.  
Savior, Healer,  
You are near to all who call  
upon Your name.

You are the God who loves,  
You are the God who listens,  
I cast my cares at Your feet.  
You are the God who hears,  
You are the God who answers,  
You know just what I need.

*chorus (x2)*

Nothing is impossible for You.  
Heaven and earth are at Your command.  
Nothing is impossible for You.  
You are the great I AM.

*repeat*

*chorus (x2)*

## *All Who Call*

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*Romans 10:12-13  
Luke 1:37*

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

# God feeds us with His Word

**Matthew 23:23-36**

## Sermon Text

23 "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you tithe mint and dill and cumin, and have neglected the weightier matters of the law: justice and mercy and faithfulness. These you ought to have done, without neglecting the others. 24 You blind guides, straining out a gnat and swallowing a camel!

25 "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you clean the outside of the cup and the plate, but inside they are full of greed and self-indulgence. 26 You blind Pharisee! First clean the inside of the cup and the plate, that the outside also may be clean.

27 "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you are like whitewashed tombs, which outwardly appear beautiful, but within are full of dead people's bones and all uncleanness. 28 So you also outwardly appear righteous to others, but within you are full of hypocrisy and lawlessness.

29 "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you build the tombs of the prophets and decorate the monuments of the righteous, 30 saying, 'If we had lived in the days of our fathers, we would not have taken part with them in shedding the blood of the prophets.' 31 Thus you witness against yourselves that you are sons of those who murdered the prophets. 32 Fill up, then, the measure of your fathers. 33 You serpents, you brood of vipers, how are you to escape being sentenced to hell? 34 Therefore I send you prophets and wise men and scribes, some of whom you will kill and crucify, and some you will flog in your synagogues and persecute from town to town, 35 so that on you may come all the righteous blood shed on earth, from the blood of righteous Abel to the blood of Zechariah the son of Barachiah, whom you murdered between the sanctuary and the altar. 36 Truly, I say to you, all these things will come upon this generation.

**Isaiah 40:8**

Leader: *The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever.*

**People: Praise be to God!**

*Today's sermon is given by  
Pastor Matt Lorish.*

## Sermon

*We encourage you to use  
this space to take notes or  
write questions.*

# 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

## **Salvation to the Lamb**

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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.*

## **Song of Rejoicing**

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!"

## **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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