

# northside church RICHMOND

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#### Meditation

God, by the very perfection of His moral nature, cannot but be angry at sin, not only because of its destructiveness, but, more importantly, because of its assault upon His divine majesty. This is not the mere petulance of an offended deity. Rather, it is God's necessary response to uphold His moral song begin, please come take authority in His universe. And though God's wrath does not contain the sinful emotions associated with human wrath, it does contain a fierce intensity arising from His settled opposition to sin.

- Jerry Bridges, "The Empty Cup"

Readings to help you prepare to worship, as Jesus said, "in spirit and in truth."

When you hear the first a seat.

God is present with us in worship, and we ask Him to turn our hearts and minds toward Him.

#### Down At the Cross (Glory To His Name)

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# We gather in the presence of God

## Song of Gathering

Down at the cross where my Savior died, Down where for cleansing from sin I cried, There to my heart was the blood applied; Glory to His Name!

Glory to His Name, glory to His Name! There to my heart was the blood applied Glory to His Name!

I am so wondrously saved from sin Jesus so sweetly abides within. There at the cross where He took me in, Glory to His Name!

chorus

O precious fountain that saves from sin I am so glad I have entered in. There Jesus saves me and keeps me clean; Glory to His Name!

chorus

Come to the fountain so rich and sweet, Cast thy poor soul at the Savior's feet. Plunge in today, and be made complete; Glory to His Name!

chorus (x2)

## **Welcome and Call to Worship**

Psalm 30:1-2, 4-5, 11-12 Leader: I will extol you, O LORD, for you have drawn me up and have not let my foes rejoice over me.

Please stand if able.

People: O LORD my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me.

Leader: Sing praises to the LORD, O you his saints, and give thanks to his holy name.

People: For his anger is but for a moment, and his favor is for a lifetime. Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning.

Leader: You have turned for me my mourning into dancing; you have loosed my sackcloth and clothed me with gladness, that my glory may sing your praise and not be silent.

People: O LORD my God, I will give thanks to you forever!

## **Song of Praise**

Come thou fount of ev'ry blessing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace. Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.

Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above.

Praise the mount, I'm fixed upon it — mount of God's unchanging love.

Here I raise my **Ebenezer**, hither by Thy help I've come; And I hope by Thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home. Jesus sought me when a stranger, wand'ring from the fold of God. He, to rescue me from danger, interposed His precious blood.

O, to grace, how great a debtor, daily I'm constrained to be. Let that grace, now, like a **fetter**, bind my wand'ring heart to Thee.

Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it — prone to leave the God I love.

Here's my heart, Lord, take and seal it — seal it for Thy courts above.

repeat

#### Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

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"Ebenezer" means "stone of help." It was the name of a monument to God's faithfulness erected by Samuel, a judge of ancient Israel. See 1 Samuel 7:12.

A "fetter" is a chain or shackle placed on the feet.

## **Scripture Reading**

We give thanks to you, O God;

we give thanks, for your name is near.

We recount your wondrous deeds.

"At the set time that I appoint I will judge with equity.

When the earth totters, and all its inhabitants,

it is I who keep steady its pillars.

I say to the boastful, 'Do not boast,'

and to the wicked, 'Do not lift up your horn;

do not lift up your horn on high,

or speak with haughty neck."

 $For not from \ the \ east \ or \ from \ the \ west \ and \ not \ from \ the \ wilderness \ comes \ lifting \ up,$ 

but it is God who executes judgment,

putting down one and lifting up another.

For in the hand of the LORD there is a cup with foaming wine, well mixed, and he pours out from it,

and all the wicked of the earth shall drain it down to the dregs.

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

Psalm 75:1-8

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**

Heavenly Father, you have loved us with an everlasting love, but we have gone our own way and broken your laws.

We are sorry for our sins and turn away from them.

For the sake of your Son who died for us, forgive us, cleanse us, and change us.

By your Holy Spirit, enable us to live for you, and to please you more and more; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **Silent Confession**

#### **Assurance of Pardon**

All the prophets testify about Jesus Christ that everyone who believes in Him receives forgiveness of sins through His name.

#### How Deep the Father's Love For Us

Acts 10:43

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## Song of Renewal

How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure, That He should give His only Son, to make a wretch His treasure!

How great the pain of searing loss, the Father turned His face away, As wounds which mar the chosen one, bring many sons to glory.

Behold the man upon a cross, my sin upon His shoulders. Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers. It was my sin that held Him there until it was accomplished.
His dying breath has brought me life; I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything; no gifts, no power, no wisdom, But I will boast in Jesus Christ, His death and resurrection.

Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer, But this I know with all my heart: His wounds have paid my ransom.

repeat

# We respond to the grace received

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

## **Passing of the Peace**

## **Community Life**

Prayers of the People

The world: Joel and Nikki Passmore, visiting the Thompson's in Rwanda this week

The Northside: Richmond City Young Life

Our church: Church Retreat on April 15-17th; pray for our speaker, Rev. Alex Shipman

## Offering

On the first Sunday of each month Northside collects an offering for the mercy fund using a tan basket in addition to the weekly general fund offering in the multi-colored basket.

The mercy fund is used for financial assistance to those in need from our church and the Northside.

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

## **Song of Preparation**

You don't have to worry, and don't you be afraid.
Joy comes in the morning, troubles they don't last always.
For there's a friend named Jesus, who will wipe your tears away.
And if your heart is broken, just lift your hands and say:

Oh, I know that I can make it, I know that I can stand. No matter what may come my way, my life is in Your hands.

verse 1

Oh, I know that I can make it, I know that I can stand.
No matter what may come my way, my life is in Your hands.
With Jesus I can take it, with Him I know I can stand.
No matter what may come my way, my life is in Your hands.

So when your tests and trials, they seem to get you down.
And all your friends and loved ones, are nowhere to be found.
Remember there's a friend in Jesus, who will wipe your tears away,
And if you heart is broken, just lift your hands and say:

#### My Life Is In Your Hands

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Deuteronomy 31:6 Isaiah 25:8 James 1:2

chorus 2 5

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

#### Matthew 26:36-46

## **Sermon Text**

God feeds us with His Word

36 Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to his disciples, "Sit here, while I go over there and pray." 37 And taking with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, he began to be sorrowful and troubled. 38 Then he said to them, "My soul is very sorrowful, even to death; remain here, and watch with me." 39 And going a little farther he fell on his face and prayed, saying, "My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as you will." 40 And he came to the disciples and found them sleeping. And he said to Peter, "So, could you not watch with me one hour? 41 Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." 42 Again, for the second time, he went away and prayed, "My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done." 43 And again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy. 44 So, leaving them again, he went away and prayed for the third time, saying the same words again. 45 Then he came to the disciples and said to them, "Sleep and take your rest later on. See, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. 46 Rise, let us be going; see, my betrayer is at hand."

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. 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**

Parents who would like for their nursery-aged children to be prayed for during communion should pick them up at this time.

## **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.

1 Corinthians 11:23b-26

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, nut-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.

As others take communion please feel free to pray, sing along, or talk quietly with your neighbor.

## **Song of Communion**

You hold my every moment, You calm my raging seas. You walk with me through fire, and heal all my disease. I trust in You; Lord, I trust in You.

I believe You're my healer,
I believe You are all I need.
I believe You're my portion,
I believe You're more than enough for me.
Jesus, You're all I need.

chorus

Nothing is impossible for You, nothing is impossible. Nothing is impossible for You, You hold my world in Your hands. repeat

chorus

#### Healer

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We go forth to love and serve God and neighbor.

## God sends us out refreshed

#### **Every Praise**

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## **Song of Rejoicing**

Every praise is to our God,
Every word of worship with one accord!
Every praise, every praise is to our God!
Sing hallelujah to our God,
Glory hallelujah is due our God.
Every praise, every praise is to our God!

repeat

God my Savior!
God my Healer!
God my Deliverer!
Yes He is, yes He is!
repeat

Every praise is to our God, Every word of worship with one accord! Every praise, every praise... is to our God!

## **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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