

# northside church of richmond

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### Meditation

Jesus underwent two trials, one before the Jews and one before the Romans. He was declared guilty in both, though he had done nothing wrong. In the Jewish trial there is a dramatic antithesis between the Jewish leaders with their power, their self-righteousness, their self-deceptions arising from the profound challenge to their own interests posed by Jesus—and a single, silent, 'false' prophet without position, prestige, supporters or any visible evidence of God's help.

- John Stott

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.

#### Oh Give Thanks

Words and music: Iudith McAllister

Psalm 118:1

Psalm 93

Please stand if able.

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# We gather in the presence of God

# **Song of Gathering**

Oh give thanks unto the Lord, For He is good, yes He is good! Oh give thanks unto the Lord, For He is good, yes He is good!

For He is worthy, worthy! For He is good, yes He is good! For He is worthy, worthy! For He is good, yes He is good!

# **Welcome and Call to Worship**

Leader: The LORD reigns; he is robed in majesty;

the LORD is robed; he has put on strength as his belt.

People: Yes, the world is established; it shall never be moved.

Your throne is established from of old;

you are from everlasting.

Leader: The floods have lifted up, O LORD,

the floods have lifted up their voice; the floods lift up their roaring.

People: Mightier than the thunders of many waters,

mightier than the waves of the sea,

the LORD on high is mighty!

Your decrees are very trustworthy;

holiness befits your house, O LORD, forevermore.

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# **Song of Praise**

Jesus, everlasting King, accept the tribute which we bring, Accept the well-deserved renown And wear our praises as Your crown.

O send Your Spirit to impart, Rest and repentance to our hearts, Like the dear hour when from above, We first received Your pledge of love.

chorus

The gladness of redemption's day, Our hearts would wish it long to stay, Nor let our faith forsake its hold, Nor comforts sink, or love grow cold.

#### chorus

May every time of worship see Your grace revealed more rich and free, Till we are raised to sing Your name At the great supper of the Lamb.

chorus

O that the months would roll away, And bring the coronation day. The King of Grace shall fill the throne, With all His Father's glories on.

chorus (x2)

#### Jesus Everlasting King

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Matthew 21:1-15

# **Scripture Reading**

He was oppressed, and he was afflicted,
yet he opened not his mouth;
like a lamb that is led to the slaughter,
and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent,
so he opened not his mouth.
By oppression and judgment he was taken away;
and as for his generation, who considered
that he was cut off out of the land of the living,
stricken for the transgression of my people?
And they made his grave with the wicked
and with a rich man in his death,
although he had done no violence,
and there was no deceit in his mouth.

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

Isaiah 53:7-9

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**

Holy God, together we confess our sinful attitudes and actions:

We act like our own providers and use our resources selfishly.

We sometimes serve others only when it is convenient or when it serves our purposes.

And in difficult circumstances we accuse You of neglect.

We repent from our sins and turn to you alone for forgiveness.

Lord Jesus, teach us that true freedom is found in submission to your loving authority.

Holy Spirit, renew our heart and will, and conform us to the likeness of Christ.

Heavenly Father, be glorified in our lives. Amen.

#### **Silent Confession**

#### **Assurance of Pardon**

Since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.

# **Song of Renewal**

Jesus my great High Priest offered His blood and died My guilty conscience seeks no sacrifice beside. His pow'rful blood did once atone, And now it pleads before the throne, And now it pleads before the throne.

To this dear Surety's hand will I commit my cause; He answers and fulfills His Father's broken laws. Behold my soul at freedom set -

My **Surety** paid the dreadful debt, My Surety paid the dreadful debt.

Now I approach the throne, and I have confidence, For Jesus, my great High Priest, offered His blood and died... Now I approach the throne, and I have confidence, For Jesus, my great High Priest, offered His blood and died for me My Advocate appears for my defense on high. The Father bows His ears and lays His thunder by. Not all that hell or sin can say Shall turn His heart, His love, away Shall turn His heart, His love, away.

chorus

Should all the hosts of death and pow'rs of hell unknown, Put their most dreadful forms of rage and mischief on, I shall be safe, for Christ displays His conqu'ring power and guardian grace; His conqu'ring power and guardian grace.

chorus

#### Jesus My Great High Priest

Hebrews 10:21-22

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Hebrews 4:14-5:10; 10:21-22

"Surety" is referring to Jesus, 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.

# We respond to the grace received

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

# **Passing of the Peace**

# **Community Life**

New Member Vows - Lucy Warren

# Offering

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

# **Song of Preparation**

My God is awesome, He can move mountains, Keep me in the valley, hide me from the rain. My God is awesome, heals me when I'm broken, Strength where I've been weakened, forever He will reign.

repeat

My God is awesome, awesome, awesome, awesome! My God is awesome, awesome, awesome, awesome!

My God is awesome, Savior of the whole world Giver of salvation, by His stripes I am healed. My God is awesome, today I am forgiven,

His grace is why I'm living, praise His holy name!

chorus

He's mighty, He's mighty, He's mighty! Awesome, awesome!

He's holy, He's holy, He's holy! Awesome, awesome!

He's great, He's great, He's great! Awesome, awesome!

Provider, Provider, Provider! Awesome, awesome!

Protector, Protector, Protector! Awesome, awesome!

Deliverer, Deliverer, Deliverer! Awesome, awesome!

#### Awesome

Words and music: Charles Jenkins © 2012 P Alex Publishing Our mind, body, and spirit are nourished with food that does not perish.

Matthew 26:57-68

# God feeds us with His Word

**Sermon Text** 

57 Then those who had seized Jesus led him to Caiaphas the high priest, where the scribes and the elders had gathered. 58 And Peter was following him at a distance, as far as the courtyard of the high priest, and going inside he sat with the guards to see the end. 59 Now the chief priests and the whole council were seeking false testimony against Jesus that they might put him to death, 60 but they found none, though many false witnesses came forward. At last two came forward 61 and said, "This man said, 'I am able to destroy the temple of God, and to rebuild it in three days." 62 And the high priest stood up and said, "Have you no answer to make? What is it that these men testify against you?" 63 But Jesus remained silent. And the high priest said to him, "I adjure you by the living God, tell us if you are the Christ, the Son of God." 64 Jesus said to him, "You have said so. But I tell you, from now on you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power and coming on the clouds of heaven." 65 Then the high priest tore his robes and said, "He has uttered blasphemy. What further witnesses do we need? You have now heard his blasphemy. 66 What is your judgment?" They answered, "He deserves death." 67 Then they spit in his face and struck him. And some slapped him, 68 saying, "Prophesy to us, you Christ! Who is it that struck you?"

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

People: Praise be to God!

Sermon

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.

# **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**

1 Corinthians 11:23b-26

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, 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**

There's nothing worth more, that will ever come close, No thing can compare, You're our living hope. Your presence, Lord.

I've tasted and seen, of the sweetest of loves, Where my heart becomes free, and my shame is undone, in Your presence, Lord.

Holy Spirit, You are welcome here, Come flood this place and fill the atmosphere. Your glory, God, is what our hearts long for, To be overcome by Your presence, Lord.

repeat

There's nothing worth more, that will ever come close, No thing can compare, You're our living hope. Your presence, Lord.

I've tasted and seen, of the sweetest of loves, Where my heart becomes free, and my shame is undone, in Your presence, Lord.

chorus

Let us become more aware of Your presence, Let us experience the glory of Your goodness. repeat

#### Holy Spirit

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2 Corinthians 3:17 Psalm 96: 8-13

chorus

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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Malachi 4:2; 3:17

# **Song 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.

#### **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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