



northside church

OF RICHMOND

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Meditations

"You have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you."

- St. Augustine

"The question is not whether we love but what we love."

- James K.A. Smith

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.

Thy Mercy My God

Words: John Stocker

Music: Sandra McCracken

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Music (ASCAP)

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God is present with us in worship. Declaring this together turns our hearts and minds toward Him.

Psalm 98:1-2,4-6

Please stand if able.

Song of Gathering

Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

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Thy mercy my God is the theme of my song,
The joy of my heart and the boast of my tongue.
Thy free grace alone from the first to the last,
Hath won my affection and bound my soul fast.

Without Thy sweet mercy I could not live here,
Sin would reduce me to utter despair.
But through Thy free goodness my spirits revive,
And He that first made me still keeps me alive.

Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Thy mercy is more than a match for my heart,
Which wonders to feel its own hardness depart.
Dissolved by Thy goodness, I fall to the ground,
And weep to the praise of the mercy I've found.

Great Father of mercies, Thy goodness I own,
And the covenant love of Thy crucified Son.
All praise to the Spirit whose whisper divine,
Seals mercy and pardon and righteousness mine!

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Seals mercy and pardon and righteousness mine!

Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

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We gather in the presence of God

Welcome and Call to Worship

*Leader: Oh sing to the LORD a new song,
for he has done marvelous things!*

**People: His right hand and his holy arm
have worked salvation for him.**

*Leader: The LORD has made known his salvation;
he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.*

**People: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;
break forth into joyous song and sing praises!**

*Leader: Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre,
with the lyre and the sound of melody!*

**People: With trumpets and the sound of the horn
make a joyful noise before the King, 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

Arise, My Soul, Arise

Words: Charles Wesley
Music: Kevin Twit
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"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.

Scripture Reading

About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them, and suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken. And immediately all the doors were opened, and everyone's bonds were unfastened. When the jailer woke and saw that the prison doors were open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, supposing that the prisoners had escaped. But Paul cried with a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." And the jailer called for lights and rushed in, and trembling with fear he fell down before Paul and Silas. Then he brought them out and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" And they said, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." And they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. And he took them the same hour of the night and washed their wounds; and he was baptized at once, he and all his family. Then he brought them up into his house and set food before them. And he rejoiced along with his entire household that he had believed in God.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Acts 16:25-34

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

Please read together.

Isaiah 53:6

**Jesus My Great High
Priest**

Words: Isaac Watts
(chorus by Kirk Ward)
Music: Kirk Ward
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Hebrews 4:14-5:10

We confess our sin and receive grace

Confession of Sin

Gracious Lord, we have strayed from You like lost sheep.

Our despair and hopelessness shows how weak we believe You to be.

Our pursuit of worldly goods shows our deep suspicion that You will truly care for us.

Our love for ourselves above everyone else shows how trivial we consider Your grace.

We pray now, Lord, for You to forgive all of our many sins.

Renew our faith and help us to walk in Your might.

Remind us of Your Fatherly provision of every good gift.

Amaze us with Your grace and mercy to undeserving sinners.

In the name of Your most precious Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

*All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned – every one – to his own way;
and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.*

Song of Renewal

Jesus my great High Priest offered His blood and died

My guilty conscience seeks no sacrifice beside.

His pow'ful 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 pow'r and guardian grace;

His conqu'ring pow'r and guardian grace.

chorus

We respond to the grace received

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

Passing of the Peace

The peace God made with us is extended to those around us.

Community Life

Prayers of the People

The world: Kevin and Katie Shaffer, church plant in London

The Northside: The Timothy Project, outreach to John Marshall High School

Our church: To be church marked by love of God and neighbor

Offering

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

Song of Preparation

Come, Holy Spirit, come
Let Thy bright beams arise;
Dispel the darkness from our minds,
And open all our eyes.

Convince us of our sin,
Then lead to Jesus' blood,
And to our wondering view reveal
The secret love of God.

Revive our drooping faith,
Our doubts and fears remove,
And kindle in our breast the flame
Of never-dying love.

'Tis Thine to cleanse the heart,
To sanctify the soul,
To pour fresh life in every part,
And new-create the whole.

Dwell therefore in our hearts,
Our minds from bondage free;
Then we shall know, and praise, and love
The Father, Son, and Thee.

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The Father, Son, and Thee.

Come Holy Spirit, Come

*Words: Joseph Hart
Music: Hiram Ring
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*Our mind, body, and spirit
are nourished with food
that does not perish.*

Philippians 1:8-11

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

8 For God is my witness, how I yearn for you all with the affection of Christ Jesus. 9 And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, 10 so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, 11 filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

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 and circle it with others in a group of about 6. Step forward and take a cup and a piece of bread, and a communion distributor will pour wine or grape juice. Gluten-free wafers are located in the wooden boxes. 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.

Song of Communion

Let us break bread together on our knees,
Let us break bread together on our knees.
When I fall on my knees
with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.
O Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us drink wine together on our knees,
Let us drink wine together on our knees.
When I fall on my knees
with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.
O Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us praise God together on our knees,
Let us praise God together on our knees.
When I fall on my knees
with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.
O Lord, have mercy on me.

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.

Break Bread

*Anonymous African-American spiritual
Contemporary arrangement
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We go forth to love and
serve God and neighbor.

God sends us out refreshed

On Jordan's Stormy Banks I Stand

Words: Samuel Stennet
Music: Christopher Miner
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Music

In this song the Christian journey is compared to the Israelites' anticipated entrance to the promised land of Canaan on the other side of the Jordan River. The Israelites had endured many hardships while waiting for God to fulfill his promises of land and rest.

Similarly, though we face difficulties and tests of faith in this life, in Christ we can look forward in faith to the time when God's promises will come to fruition.

Song of Rejoicing

On Jordan's stormy banks I stand,
and cast a wishful eye,
To Canaan's fair and happy land,
where my possessions lie.

All o'er those wide extended plains,
shines one eternal day.
There God, the Son forever reigns,
and scatters night away.

I am bound, (I am bound)
I am bound, (I am bound)
I am bound for the promised land.
I am bound, (I am bound)
I am bound, (I am bound)
I am bound for the promised land.

No chilling winds nor poisonous breath,
can reach that healthful shore,
Sickness, sorrow, pain and death,
are felt and feared no more.

chorus

When shall I reach that happy place,
and be forever blest?
When shall I see my Father's face,
and in His bosom rest?

chorus (x2)

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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