



northside church

OF RICHMOND

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Meditations

The capacity to give one's attention to a sufferer is a very rare and difficult thing; it is almost a miracle; it is a miracle. Nearly all those who think they have this capacity do not possess it. Warmth of heart, impulsiveness, pity are not enough.

- Simone Weil

*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. Declaring this together turns our hearts and minds toward Him.

O Love That Will Not Let Me Go

Words: George Matheson
Music: Christopher Miner
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Music

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1 Samuel 2:2-4, 8

Please stand if able.

We gather in the presence of God

Song of Gathering

O Love that will not let me go,
I rest my weary soul in Thee;
I give Thee back the life I owe,
That in Thine ocean depths its flow
May richer, fuller be.

O Light that follow'st all my way,
I yield my flick'ring torch to Thee.
My heart restores its borrowed ray,
That in Thy sunshine's blaze its day,
May brighter, fairer be.

O Joy that seekest me through pain,
I cannot close my heart to Thee.
I trace the rainbow through the rain,
And feel the promise is not vain,
That morn shall tearless be.

O Cross that liftest up my head,
I dare not ask to fly from Thee.
I lay in dust life's glory dead,
And from the ground there blossoms red,
Life that shall endless be.

O Love that will not let me go,
I rest my weary soul in Thee;
I give Thee back the life I owe,
That in Thine ocean depths its flow
May richer, fuller be.

Welcome and Call to Worship

Leader: *There is none holy like the LORD:*

**People: *for there is none besides you;
there is no rock like our God.***

Leader: *Talk no more so very proudly,
let not arrogance come from your mouth;
for the LORD is a God of knowledge, and by him actions are weighed.*

**People: *The bows of the mighty are broken,
but the feeble bind on strength.***

Leader: *He raises up the poor from the dust;
he lifts the needy from the ash heap
to make them sit with princes and inherit a seat of honor.*

**People: *For the pillars of the earth are the LORD's,
and on them he has set the world.***

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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Music: John B. Dykes
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Scripture Reading

*Who has believed what he has heard from us?
And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?
For he grew up before him like a young plant,
and like a root out of dry ground;
he had no form or majesty that we should look at him,
and no beauty that we should desire him.
He was despised and rejected by men;
a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief;
and as one from whom men hide their faces
he was despised, and we esteemed him not.
Surely he has borne our griefs
and carried our sorrows;
yet we esteemed him stricken,
smitten by God, and afflicted.
But he was pierced for our transgressions;
he was crushed for our iniquities;
upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace,
and with his wounds we are healed.*

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Isaiah 53:1-5

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

Please read together.

John 1:29

Rock of Ages

*Words: Augustus Toplady
Music: Thomas Hastings
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We confess our sin and receive grace

Confession of Sin

Father, teach us not to sin with such abandon. We do it all so easily:

Pretend, lie, envy, lust, criticize, brood, ignore, deny,
consume, hoard, defame, distort, make excuses,
and then expect an easy forgiveness for the asking.

God, forgive us for our negligence of Your holy character.

Keep us from treating Your patience as permissiveness.

Astonish us with a godly fear, which will not drive us to despair,
but cause us to number our days, and cling to the cross of Christ,
the friend of sinners.

In His name, amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

The next day [John the Baptist] saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!"

Song of Renewal

Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee.
Let the water and the blood,
From Thy riven side which flowed,
Be of sin the double cure,
Cleanse me from its guilt and power.

Not the labors of my hands,
Can fulfill Thy law's demands.
Could my zeal no respite know,
Could my tears forever flow,
All for sin could not atone,
Thou must save, and Thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring,
Simply to Thy cross I cling.
Naked come to Thee for dress,
Helpless, look to Thee for grace.
Foul, I to the fountain fly,
Wash me, Savior, or I die!

While I draw this fleeting breath,
When mine eyes shall close in death,
When I soar to worlds unknown,
See thee on Thy judgment throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee.

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

New Member Vows - Debra Jones

Offering

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

Song of Preparation

For the beauty of the earth,
For the glory of the skies,
For the love which from our birth,
Over and around us lies.

Lord of all to Thee we raise,
This our hymn of grateful praise.

For the wonder of each hour,
Of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale, and tree and flower,
Sun and moon, and stars of light.

chorus

For the joy of human love,
Brother, sister, parent, child,

Friends on earth and friends above,
For all gentle thoughts and mild.

chorus

For the church, that evermore
Lifteth holy hands above,
Offering upon every shore
Her pure sacrifice of love.

chorus

For Thyself, best Gift Divine.
To the world so freely given,
For that great, great love of Thine,
Peace on earth and joy in Heaven.

chorus (x3)

For the Beauty of the Earth

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Music: Conrad Kocher
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Our mind, body, and spirit
are nourished with food
that does not perish.

God feeds us with His Word

Sermon Text

Matthew 8:1-17

1 When he came down from the mountain, great crowds followed him. 2 And behold, a leper came to him and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, if you will, you can make me clean." 3 And Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him, saying, "I will; be clean." And immediately his leprosy was cleansed. 4 And Jesus said to him, "See that you say nothing to anyone, but go, show yourself to the priest and offer the gift that Moses commanded, for a proof to them."

5 When he had entered Capernaum, a centurion came forward to him, appealing to him, 6 "Lord, my servant is lying paralyzed at home, suffering terribly." 7 And he said to him, "I will come and heal him." 8 But the centurion replied, "Lord, I am not worthy to have you come under my roof, but only say the word, and my servant will be healed. 9 For I too am a man under authority, with soldiers under me. And I say to one, 'Go,' and he goes, and to another, 'Come,' and he comes, and to my servant, 'Do this,' and he does it." 10 When Jesus heard this, he marveled and said to those who followed him, "Truly, I tell you, with no one in Israel have I found such faith. 11 I tell you, many will come from east and west and recline at table with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven, 12 while the sons of the kingdom will be thrown into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." 13 And to the centurion Jesus said, "Go; let it be done for you as you have believed." And the servant was healed at that very moment.

14 And when Jesus entered Peter's house, he saw his mother-in-law lying sick with a fever. 15 He touched her hand, and the fever left her, and she rose and began to serve him. 16 That evening they brought to him many who were oppressed by demons, and he cast out the spirits with a word and healed all who were sick. 17 This was to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah: "He took our illnesses and bore our diseases."

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

We love our God,
He always hears us when we cry,
His peace is so complete,
His love is so divine.

Sing a song (sing a song)
of praise unto the Lord,
Sing a song (sing a song)
of praise unto the Lord,
Sing a song (sing a song)
of praise unto the Lord,
He will hold us in His love forevermore.

We love our God,
we'll live and die to see His fame,
There's nothing greater than
the glory of His Name.

chorus

We love our God,
we long to see His Kingdom come,
And on that day then
every nation, tribe, and tongue will . . .

chorus (x2)

He will hold us in His love forevermore.

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.

We Love Our God

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*We go forth to love and
serve God and neighbor.*

God sends us out refreshed

Salvation to the Lamb

*Words: Joseph Hart,
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), 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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