



northside church

OF RICHMOND

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Meditation

I am trying here to prevent anyone saying the really foolish thing that people often say about Him: "I'm ready to accept Jesus as a great moral teacher, but I don't accept his claim to be God." That is the one thing we must not say. A man who was merely a man and said the sort of things Jesus said would not be a great moral teacher. He would either be a lunatic - on the level with the man who says he is a poached egg - or else he would be the Devil of Hell. You must make your choice. Either this man was, and is, the Son of God, or else a madman or something worse. You can shut him up for a fool, you can spit at him and kill him as a demon or you can fall at his feet and call him Lord and God. But let us not come with any patronising nonsense about his being a great human teacher. He has not left that open to us. He did not intend to.

- C.S. Lewis, *Mere Christianity*

*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.

O Love That Will Not Let Me Go

Words: George Matheson
Music: Christopher Miner
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Psalm 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12

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: *The LORD reigns, let the earth rejoice;
let the many coastlands be glad!*

**People: *Clouds and thick darkness are all around him;
righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne.***

Leader: *The mountains melt like wax before the LORD,
before the Lord of all the earth.*

**People: *The heavens proclaim his righteousness,
and all the peoples see his glory.***

Leader: *Light is sown for the righteous,
and joy for the upright in heart.*

**People: *Rejoice in the LORD, O you righteous,
and give thanks to his holy name!***

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

Scripture Reading

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures.

He leads me beside still waters.

He restores my soul.

*He leads me in paths of righteousness
for his name's sake.*

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

*I will fear no evil,
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff,
they comfort me.*

*You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.*

*Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD
forever.*

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

*Words: Robert Robinson
Music: Ashael Nettleton
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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.

Psalm 23

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

Please read together.

1 John 4:10

God of My Life, To Thee I Call

Words: William Cowper
Music: Clint Wells, Brian T.
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Music

Here's another way to phrase
the last 2 lines of the chorus:
When you put your faith
in Jesus he becomes your
powerful advocate, and you
can be confident of your
spiritual safety and profit in
any circumstance.

We confess our sin and receive grace

Confession of Sin

Father in heaven, You have ushered in a new creation in Your Son,
yet we draw back and live like before.
You tell us to come to You in desperation,
yet we try to avoid You while we attempt to patch up our lives.
You invite us to come to You so that You can show us mercy,
yet sometimes we come only to impress You.
You tell us to come to You trusting in Your love,
yet we hesitate because we doubt You will provide.
Forgive us our sins, convince us of Your love, overwhelm us with Your grace,
and melt our hearts with Your mercy. In the name of Jesus Christ, amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

*This is love: not that we loved God,
but that He loved us and sent His Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.*

Song of Renewal

God of my life, to Thee I call,
Afflicted at Thy feet I fall.

chorus

When the great water floods prevail,
Leave not my trembling heart to fail.

That were a grief I could not bear,
Didst Thou not hear and answer prayer.
But a prayer-hearing, -answering God,
Supports me under every load.

Poor though I am, despised, forgot,
Yet God, my God, forgets me not.
And he is safe and must succeed,
For whom the Lord is sure to plead.

chorus (x2)

Friend of the friendless and the faint,
Where should I lodge my deep complaint?
Where but with Thee, whose open door,
Invites the helpless and the poor!

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 - Ashleigh Padgett and Hannah Jones

Offering

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

Song of Preparation

Before all worlds began,
You are the great I AM.
Father, Spirit, and Son,
Eternal Three-In-One.
Fulfilled within Yourself,
in need of no one else,
Even though all things change,
You still remain the same.
You alone are God!

You spoke, it came to pass:
a universe so vast.
Most things no eye can see,
Yet still bring You glory.
Although all things are Yours,
You made Yourself so poor.
You left Your awesome throne,
To seek and save Your own.
Mighty is our God!

So blind I had no clue.
Oh, how I ran from You!
Wickedness had me bound,
Until You tracked me down.
Your law revealed my sin,
My corruption within,
It drove me to Your cross,
Where You paid my sin's cost.
Faithful is our God!

Jesus, You died for me,
and now abide in me.
What can I give to You?
Lord, help me live for You!
Help me stay in Your word,
Help me obey You, Lord.
And when we finally meet,
I'll cast my crown at Your feet.
Holy is our God!
Faithful is our God!
Mighty is our God!
You alone are God!

You Alone Are God

*Words and music:
Shai Linne*

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

God feeds us with His Word

Matthew 19:13-30

Sermon Text

13 Then children were brought to him that he might lay his hands on them and pray. The disciples rebuked the people, 14 but Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven." 15 And he laid his hands on them and went away.

16 And behold, a man came up to him, saying, "Teacher, what good deed must I do to have eternal life?" 17 And he said to him, "Why do you ask me about what is good? There is only one who is good. If you would enter life, keep the commandments." 18 He said to him, "Which ones?" And Jesus said, "You shall not murder, You shall not commit adultery, You shall not steal, You shall not bear false witness, 19 Honor your father and mother, and, You shall love your neighbor as yourself." 20 The young man said to him, "All these I have kept. What do I still lack?" 21 Jesus said to him, "If you would be perfect, go, sell what you possess and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me." 22 When the young man heard this he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions.

23 And Jesus said to his disciples, "Truly, I say to you, only with difficulty will a rich person enter the kingdom of heaven. 24 Again I tell you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God." 25 When the disciples heard this, they were greatly astonished, saying, "Who then can be saved?" 26 But Jesus looked at them and said, "With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible." 27 Then Peter said in reply, "See, we have left everything and followed you. What then will we have?" 28 Jesus said to them, "Truly, I say to you, in the new world, when the Son of Man will sit on his glorious throne, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. 29 And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or lands, for my name's sake, will receive a hundredfold and will inherit eternal life. 30 But many who are first will be last, and the last first.

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

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning,

It's time to sing Your song again.

Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me,

Let me be singing when the evening comes.

You're rich in love, and You're slow to anger.

Your name is great, and Your heart is kind.

For all Your goodness I will keep on singing

Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.

chorus

And on that day when my strength is failing,

The end draws near and my time has come.

Still my soul will sing Your praise unending,

Ten thousand years and then forevermore.

chorus

Bless the Lord O my soul,

O my soul,

Worship His Holy name.

Sing like never before, O my soul.

I'll worship Your Holy name!

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.

**10,000 Reasons
(Bless the Lord)**

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Psalms 103:1-5

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

God sends us out refreshed

Victory In Jesus

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Song of Rejoicing

I heard an old, old story,
how a Savior came from glory,
How He gave His life on Calvary
to save a wretch like me;
I heard about His groaning,
of His precious blood's atoning,
Then I repented of my sins
and won the victory.

O victory in Jesus,
my Savior, forever!
He sought me and bought me
with His redeeming blood;
He loved me ere I knew Him,
and all my love is due Him,
He plunged me to victory
beneath the cleansing flood.

I heard about His healing,
of His cleansing pow'r revealing.
How He made the lame to walk again
and caused the blind to see;
And then I cried, "Dear Jesus,
come and heal my broken spirit,"
And somehow Jesus came and brought
to me the victory.

chorus

I heard about a mansion
He has built for me in glory.
And I heard about the streets of gold
beyond the crystal sea;
About the angels singing,
and the old redemption story,
And some sweet day I'll sing to Him
the song of victory.

chorus

Benediction

About

Northside Church of Richmond is a mission church of the Presbyterian Church in America (www.pcanet.org), planted in October 2011.

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