



# northside church

## OF RICHMOND

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### **Meditations**

"A silly idea is current that good people do not know what temptation means. This is an obvious lie. Only those who try to resist temptation know how strong it is... A man who gives in to temptation after five minutes simply does not know what it would have been like an hour later. That is why bad people, in one sense, know very little about badness. They have lived a sheltered life by always giving in."

- C. S. Lewis

*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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*A recognition of the  
presence of God among  
us, which influences the  
posture of our hearts.*

***Psalms 28:6-9***

*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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## **We gather in the presence of God**

### **Welcome and Call to Worship**

Leader: *Blessed be the LORD!*

*For He has heard the voice of my pleas for mercy.*

**People:** *The LORD is my strength and my shield;  
in Him my heart trusts, and I am helped;  
my heart exults,  
and with my song I give thanks to Him.*

Leader: *The LORD is the strength of his people;*

*He is the saving refuge of His anointed.*

**People:** *Oh, save Your people and bless Your heritage!  
Be their shepherd and carry them forever.*

## Song of Praise

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun  
Does its successive journeys run;  
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore,  
Till moons shall wax and wane no more.

To Him shall endless prayer be made,  
And praises throng to crown His head;  
His Name like sweet perfume shall rise  
With every morning sacrifice.

People and realms of every tongue  
Dwell on His love with sweetest song;  
And infant voices shall proclaim  
Their early blessings on His Name.

Blessings abound wherever He reigns;  
The prisoner leaps to lose his chains;  
The weary find eternal rest,  
And all the sons of want are blessed.

Let every creature rise and bring  
Peculiar honors to our King;  
Angels descend with songs again,  
And earth repeat the loud amen!

### *Jesus Shall Reign*

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## Scripture Reading

*All the congregation of the people of Israel moved on from the wilderness of Sin by stages, according to the commandment of the LORD, and camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. Therefore the people quarreled with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink." And Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?" But the people thirsted there for water, and the people grumbled against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." And the LORD said to Moses, "Pass on before the people, taking with you some of the elders of Israel, and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock at Horeb, and you shall strike the rock, and water shall come out of it, and the people will drink." And Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. And he called the name of the place Massah and Meribah, because of the quarreling of the people of Israel, and because they tested the LORD by saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"*

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

**Exodus 17:1-7**

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

*Please read together.*

**Isaiah 53:6**

**Rock of Ages**

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# We confess our sin and receive grace

## Confession of Sin

O Lord, no day of my life has passed that has not proved me guilty in Your sight.  
Prayers have been uttered from a prayer-less heart.  
Praise has been often praise-less sound.  
My best services are filthy rags.  
Blessed Jesus, let me find a shelter in Your appeasing wounds.  
Though my sins rise to heaven, Your merits soar above them.  
Though unrighteousness weighs me down to hell, Your righteousness exalts me to Your throne.  
Forgive my sin, and give me faith to trust You. 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

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.*

## Community Life

Passing of the Peace

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

## Prayers of the People

**The world:** Compassion International

**The Northside:** Young Lives, a ministry to teenage mothers

**Our church:** Northside Group leaders

## Offering

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

## Song of Preparation

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

*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*

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.

## ***Jesus Everlasting King***

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

**Matthew 4:1-11**

**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. Sermon  
discussion is the primary  
material of study in our  
Northside Groups.*

# God feeds us with His Word

## Sermon Text

*1 Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. 2 And after fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. 3 And the tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." 4 But he answered, "It is written,*

*" 'Man shall not live by bread alone,  
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.' "*

*5 Then the devil took him to the holy city and set him on the pinnacle of the temple 6 and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written,*

*" 'He will command his angels concerning you,'  
and*

*" 'On their hands they will bear you up,  
lest you strike your foot against a stone.' "*

*" 7 Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.' " 8 Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. 9 And he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." 10 Then Jesus said to him, "Be gone, Satan! For it is written,*

*" 'You shall worship the Lord your God  
and him only shall you serve.' "*

*" 11 Then the devil left him, and behold, angels came and were ministering to him.*

**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.

You will circle the communion station with others in a group of about 6.

Gluten-free wafers are located in the wooden boxes; grape juice is available upon request.

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

Jesus, the Lord, my Savior is,  
My Shepherd, and my God.  
My light, my strength, my joy, my bliss,  
And I, His grace, record.

Yea, all I need, in Jesus dwells,  
And there, it dwells for me.  
'Tis Christ, my earthen vessel, fills,  
With treasures rich and free.

Mercy and truth and righteousness,  
And peace, most richly meet,  
In Jesus Christ, the King of grace,  
In whom I stand complete.

As through the wilderness, I roam,  
His mercies, I'll proclaim.  
And when I safely reach my home,  
I'll still adore His name.

"Worthy the Lamb," shall be my song,  
For, He for me was slain.  
And me, with all the heavenly throng,  
Shall join, and say, "Amen."

*chorus*

Jesus, the Lord, my Savior is,  
My Shepherd, and my God.  
My light, my strength, my joy, my bliss,  
And I, His grace, record.

*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.*

**Jesus, The Lord, My Savior Is**

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Music: Sandra McCracken  
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*We go forth to love and  
serve God and neighbor.*

# God sends us out refreshed

## ***The Doxology***

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## **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.

## ***It Is Finished***

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"It is finished!" – Sinners, hear it!  
Tis the dying Victor's cry;  
"It is finished!" – Angels bear it,  
Bear the joyful truth on high:  
"It is finished!" Tell it through the earth and sky!  
"It is finished!" Tell it through the earth and sky!

Justice, from her awful station,  
Bars the sinner's peace no more.  
Justice views with approbation  
What the Savior did and bore.  
Grace and mercy  
now display their boundless store.  
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"It is finished!" – All is over,  
Yes, the cup of wrath is drained.  
Such the truth these words discover,  
Thus the victory was obtained.  
'Tis a victory none but Jesus could have gained.  
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Crown the mighty Conqueror, crown him,  
Who his people's foes o'ercame!  
In the highest heaven enthrone him,  
Men and angels sound his fame!  
Great his glory! Jesus bears a matchless name.  
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*At the end of the service,  
please pick up your children  
from the nursery.*

## **Benediction**

### **About**

Northside Church of Richmond is a mission church of the Presbyterian Church in America ([www.pcanet.org](http://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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