

northside church of Richmond

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He is risen!

Meditation

Question: How does Christ's resurrection benefit us?

Answer: First, by his resurrection he has overcome death, so that he might make us share in the righteousness he obtained for us by his death.

Second, by his power we too are already raised to a new life.

Third, Christ's resurrection is a sure pledge to us of our blessed resurrection.

- Heidelberg Catechism, 45

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.

The Holy God is present with us in worship, and He invites us to come to Him with true adoration.

Were You There?

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Christ The Lord Is Risen Today

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Psalm 121

Please stand if able, and read together.

God calls us into His presence to worship

Songs of Gathering

Were you there when He rose up from the grave? Were you there when He rose up from the grave? Oh, oh, oh, oh, sometimes I feel like shouting "Glory, glory, glory!" Were you there when He rose up from the grave?

Christ, the Lord, is risen today, Alleluia! Sons of men and angels say, Alleluia! Raise your voice and triumphs high, Alleluia! Sing, ye heavens, and earth, reply, Alleluia!

Vain the stone, the watch, the seal, Alleluia! Christ has burst the gates of hell, Alleluia! Death in vain forbids His rise, Alleluia! Christ has opened paradise, Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia! Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia! Once He died, our souls to save, Alleluia! Where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia! Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia! Following our exalted head, Alleluia! Made like Him, like Him we rise, Alleluia! Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

Hail, the Lord of earth and heaven, Alleluia! Praise to Thee by both be given, Alleluia! Thee we greet triumphant now, Alleluia! Hail, the Resurrection, Thou! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Call to Worship

I lift up my eyes to the mountains—where does my help come from? My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth. He will not let your foot slip—he who watches over you will not slumber; indeed, he who watches over Israel will neither slumber nor sleep. The Lord watches over you—the Lord is your shade at your right hand; the sun will not harm you by day, nor the moon by night. The Lord will keep you from all harm—he will watch over your life; the Lord will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore.

Song of Praise

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,

Salvation to the Lamb

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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.

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

Confession of Sin

Lord Jesus Christ, by Your steadfast love and atoning sacrifice, You took our place and proved Yourself to be the Friend of sinners. You were punished that we might be pardoned, and broken that we would be made whole. In Your resurrection You demonstrated Your power over death, and showed us our future - triumphant, redeemed, and blessed eternally.

While we await this, we have been faithless and anxious in heart. In our restlessness we have sought peace for our souls where there is none to be found. Apart from You, we find ourselves alone, tired, and worn. Forgive us, Savior! Restore to us the true rest You offer us by Your death and resurrection. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the **Romans 8:11** dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.

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God Who Saves

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Song of Renewal

There is life in the blood of the Lamb who was slain. There is power, there is power in His name. There is love pouring out of the wounds that were made, Pouring out, pouring over our shame.

Praise the God who was nailed to a tree,

And wore our sins upon His head.

So praise the God who saves!

Praise the God who bled!

There is truth in His body,

There is joy in a stone rolled away.

raised that third day.

There is hope pouring out of the tomb where He lay, Pouring out, pouring over the grave.

chorus

There is life in the blood of the Lamb who was slain. There is power, there is power in His name.

So praise the God who saves! Praise the God who bled! Praise the God who was nailed to a tree, And wore our sins...

chorus

The Blood Will Never Lose Its Power

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Being reconciled with God through Christ enables us to seek peace with each other and participate in His work. The blood that Jesus shed for me, Way back on Calvary, The blood that gives me strength, from day to day, It will never lose its power.

It reaches to the highest mountain. It flows to the lowest valley, Oh, the blood that gives me strength from day to day, It will never lose its power.

Passing of the Peace

Community Life

Easter Praise and Petition: Resurrection power in the world, the Northside, and the church

Offering

On account of God's generous mercy toward us, we can worship through the cheerful giving of our resources.

1 Corinthians 15:51-58

Scripture Reading

Behold! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed. For this perishable body must put on the imperishable, and this mortal body must put on immortality. When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written:

"Death is swallowed up in victory."

"O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?"

The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Song of Preparation

In Christ alone my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my song. This Cornerstone, this solid ground, Firm through the fiercest drought and storm. What heights of love, what depths of peace, When fears are stilled, when strivings cease. My Comforter, my All in All, Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh, Fullness of God in helpless babe. This gift of love and righteousness, Scorned by the ones He came to save. 'Til on that cross as Jesus died, The wrath of God was satisfied. For every sin on Him was laid, Here in the death of Christ I live. There in the ground His body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain. Then bursting forth in glorious day, Up from the grave He rose again. And as He stands in victory, Sin's curse has lost its grip on me, For I am His and He is mine, Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death, This is the power of Christ in me. From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny. No power of hell, no scheme of man, Can ever pluck me from His hand. 'Til He returns or calls me home, Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

In Christ Alone

Words and music: Keith Getty & Stuart Townend © 2002 Thankyou Music Our mind, body, and spirit are nourished with food that does not perish.

God feeds us with His Word

Sermon Text

Sermon

Mathew 28:1-10

Now after the Sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. 2 And behold, there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. 3 His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. 4 And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men. 5 But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. 6 He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. 7 Then go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and behold, he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him. See, I have told you." 8 So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. 9 And behold, Jesus met them and said, "Greet-ings!" And they came up and took hold of his feet and worshiped him. 10 Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see me."

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

We encourage you to use this space to take notes or write questions.

God sends us out refreshed

Songs of Rejoicing

By His stripes we are healed, by His nail-pierced hands we're free, By His blood we're washed clean, now we have the victory.

The power of sin is broken, Jesus overcame it all. He has won our freedom, Jesus has won it all. Hallelujah! You have won the victory. Hallelujah! You have won it all for me. Death could not hold You down. You are the risen King! Seated in majesty, You are the risen King!

Our God is risen, He is alive! He won the victory, He reigns on high! We go forth to love and serve God and neighbor.

The Anthem (You Have Won the Victory)

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Every praise is to our God, Every word of worship with one accord! Every praise, every praise is to our God! Sing hallelujah to our God, Glory hallelujah is due our God. Every praise, every praise is to our God!

repeat

God my Savior! God my Healer! God my Deliverer! Yes He is, yes He is! repeat

Every praise is to our God, Every word of worship with one accord! Every praise, every praise... is to our God!

Benediction

Every Praise

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Victory In Jesus

Words and music: Eugene Monroe Bartlett Public domain 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 (x2)

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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