



northside church

OF RICHMOND

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Meditations

"The gospel calls for a reordering, a conversion that makes the fact that Jesus Christ is not lying dead in a tomb but is alive, the key to understanding all reality."

- Michael Williams, *Far as the Curse is Found*

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.

We gather in the presence of God

For the Beauty of the Earth

Words: Foliott S. Pierpoint
Music: Conrad Kocher
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God is present with us in worship. Declaring this together turns our hearts and minds toward Him.

Psalm 85:8-13

Please stand if able.

Song of Gathering

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)

Welcome and Call to Worship

Leader: *Let me hear what God the LORD will speak,
for he will speak peace to his people, to his saints;
but let them not turn back to folly.*

People: ***Surely his salvation is near to those who fear him,
that glory may dwell in our land.***

Leader: *Steadfast love and faithfulness meet;
righteousness and peace kiss each other.*

People: ***Faithfulness springs up from the ground,
and righteousness looks down from the sky.***

Leader: *Yes, the LORD will give what is good,
and our land will yield its increase.*

People: ***Righteousness will go before him
and make his footsteps a way.***

Song of Praise

A voice says "Cry out: All men are like grass,
And their time of glory soon shall pass.
But the word of God, it will never die.
Surely it will stand For eternity!"

Every ditch and valley shall be raised up,
Every hill and mountain be made low,
Every rugged place will be made flat,
Everybody shall see the glory of the LORD.

You who bring good news,
raise your voice and shout,
Do not be afraid to speak the name of God.
The hard days are gone, the debt has been paid,
And the time has come to walk the righteous way.

chorus (x2)

Everybody shall see the glory of the LORD.

Every Ditch, Every Valley

*Words and music:
Peter La Grand
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Isaiah 40

Scripture Reading

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared. And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel. And as they were frightened and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them, "Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified and on the third day rise." And they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb they told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest.

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As they were talking about these things, Jesus himself stood among them, and said to them, "Peace to you!" But they were startled and frightened and thought they saw a spirit. And he said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me, and see. For a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. And while they still disbelieved for joy and were marveling, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate before them.

Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Luke 24:1-9, 36-47

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

Please read together.

1 Peter 2:24

Great God From Thee

Words: John Newton
Music: Justin Smith
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We confess our sin and receive grace

Confession of Sin

Lord, You delight to dwell with the broken and contrite, and so we confess together -
success convinces us that we can make it on our own,
difficulty leads us to accuse You of neglect,
possessions diminish our love for You,
and busyness diverts us from caring for our neighbors.
Forgive what we have been, change what we are, and direct what we are becoming;
teach us that both Your love and our neediness are greater than we think,
give us a renewed will and desire to follow You,
and brighten our hearts with the joy of Your Spirit.
In the Name of Your Son, Jesus. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

*He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness.
By his wounds you have been healed.*

Song of Renewal

Great God from Thee there's nought concealed,
Thou seest my inward frame.
To Thee I always stand revealed, exactly as I am.

Since I can hardly therefore bear,
What in myself I see,
How vile and dark must I appear,
Most holy God to Thee?

But since my Savior stands between,
In garments dyed in blood,
'Tis He instead of me is seen,
When I approach to God.

Thus though a sinner, I am safe,
He pleads before the throne,

His life and death in my behalf,
And calls my sins His own.

What wondrous love, what mysteries,
In this appointment shine:
My breaches of the law are His,
And His obedience mine!

Great God from Thee there's nought concealed,
Thou seest my inward frame.
To Thee I always stand revealed, exactly as I am.

What wondrous love, what mysteries,
In this appointment shine:
My breaches of the law are His,
And His obedience mine!

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: World Harvest team in Bundibugyo, Uganda - health concerns

The Northside: The Timothy Project - help with meals

Our church: Northside Engagement Teams - currently getting established

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 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.

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.

Jesus Everlasting King

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(alt. by Matthew Smith)
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*Our mind, body, and spirit
are nourished with food
that does not perish.*

Philippians 2:5-11

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

5 Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, 6 who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, 7 but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. 8 And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. 9 Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, 10 so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, 11 and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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

'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus,
just to take Him at His Word;
Just to rest upon His promise,
just to know, "Thus saith the Lord!"

Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him!
How I've proved Him o'er and o'er
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus!
O for grace to trust Him more!

O how sweet to trust in Jesus,
Just to trust His cleansing blood;
And in simple faith to plunge me
'Neath the healing, cleansing flood!

chorus

Yes, 'tis sweet to trust in Jesus,
Just from sin and self to cease;
Just from Jesus simply taking
Life and rest, and joy and peace.

chorus

I'm so glad I learned to trust Thee,
Precious Jesus, Savior, Friend;
And I know that You are with me,
Will be with me to the end.

chorus

Parents who would like for their nursery-aged children to be 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.

'Tis So Sweet To Trust In Jesus

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Music: William Kirkpatrick
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*We go forth to love and
serve God and neighbor.*

God sends us out refreshed

The Doxology

*Words: Thomas Ken
Music: Louis Bourgeois
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Songs 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.

But For You Who Fear My Name

*Words and music: Leonard
E. Smith Jr.
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Jerusalem Music*

But for you who fear My Name,
The Son of righteousness will rise
With healing in His wings.

And you shall go forth again,
And skip about like calves
Coming from their stalls at last.

You shall be My very own,
On the day that I
Cause you to be My special home.

I shall spare you as a man
Has compassion on his son
Who does the best he can.

Malachi 4:2; 3:17

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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