



# northside church

## OF RICHMOND

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### **Meditations**

With a few exceptions, we live in a culture that has immersed itself in the value of individualism. It's pervasive. It's hard to admit that we are needy. We expect people to get on with their lives without being a bother to anyone, and we place the same expectation on ourselves. Instead of building community, we pretend to be what we're not. We claim to be "just fine." But inside we are aching, and we don't know where to take that ache.

- Wes Roberts and Glenn Marshall, *Reclaiming God's Original Intent for the Church*

*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.

### ***Oh To Be Loved By Jesus***

Words, music:  
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# **We gather in the presence of God**

## **Song of Gathering**

Oh to be loved by Jesus,

Oh to be loved by Him.

Oh to have joy and peace within,

Oh to be loved by Him.

*chorus*

And if no other will love me  
in this life I own,

Oh there'd be no love I would long for,  
I know I am His own.

He knows the names of my sorrows,

He knows the names of my fears.

Why should I let them bother me?

For I know He is near.

*chorus*

### ***Psalm 19:1-2, 7, 14***

*Please stand if able.*

## **Welcome and Call to Worship**

Leader: *The heavens declare the glory of God,  
and the sky above proclaims his handiwork.*

**People:** *Day to day pours out speech,  
and night to night reveals knowledge.*

Leader: *The law of the LORD is perfect,  
reviving the soul;  
the testimony of the LORD is sure,  
making wise the simple;*

**People:** *Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart  
be acceptable in your sight,  
O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.*

## 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***

*Words: Reginald Heber  
Music: John B. Dykes  
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## Scripture Reading

*Now when the queen of Sheba heard of the fame of Solomon concerning the name of the LORD, she came to test him with hard questions. She came to Jerusalem with a very great retinue, with camels bearing spices and very much gold and precious stones. And when she came to Solomon, she told him all that was on her mind. And Solomon answered all her questions; there was nothing hidden from the king that he could not explain to her. And when the queen of Sheba had seen all the wisdom of Solomon, the house that he had built, the food of his table, the seating of his officials, and the attendance of his servants, their clothing, his cupbearers, and his burnt offerings that he offered at the house of the LORD, there was no more breath in her.*

*And she said to the king, "The report was true that I heard in my own land of your words and of your wisdom, but I did not believe the reports until I came and my own eyes had seen it. And behold, the half was not told me. Your wisdom and prosperity surpass the report that I heard. Happy are your men! Happy are your servants, who continually stand before you and hear your wisdom! Blessed be the LORD your God, who has delighted in you and set you on the throne of Israel! Because the LORD loved Israel forever, he has made you king, that you may execute justice and righteousness."*

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

**1 Kings 10:1-9**

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

*Please read together.*

**John 3:16**

**Great God From Thee**

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

## Confession of Sin

You are the Great Physician, giving new life to all who come;  
we cling to our familiar sickness.  
You are the Bridegroom, inviting us to feast on new wine;  
we are hesitant to come to Your table.  
You said You came not to call the righteous, but sinners;  
we often deny our sin and ignore its impact.  
  
Lord, we will never outgrow our dependence on You.  
Forgive us for our pride, our unbelief, our slowness to listen to You.  
Have mercy upon us, restore us, grant us Your peace.  
By Your Spirit, lead us in obedient living as Your sons and daughters. Amen.

## Silent Confession

## Assurance of Pardon

*For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son,  
that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.*

## Song of Renewal

Great God from Thee there's nought concealed,    His life and death in my behalf,  
Thou seest my inward frame.    And calls my sins His own.  
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?  
  
What wondrous love, what mysteries,  
In this appointment shine:  
My breaches of the law are His,  
And His obedience mine!

But since my Savior stands between,  
In garments dyed in blood,  
'Tis He instead of me is seen,  
When I approach to God.  
  
Great God from Thee there's nought concealed,  
Thou seest my inward frame.  
To Thee I always stand revealed, exactly as I am.

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

## Community Life

New Member Vows - Anthony and Lukeythia Bastardi

## Offering

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

## Song of Preparation

You are the God who loves,  
You are the God who listens,  
I cast my cares at Your feet.  
You are the God who hears,  
You are the God who answers,  
You know just what I need.

Abba, Father,  
You are near to all who call  
upon Your name.  
Savior, Healer,  
You are near to all who call  
upon Your name.

You are the God who loves,  
You are the God who listens,  
I cast my cares at Your feet.  
You are the God who hears,  
You are the God who answers,  
You know just what I need.

*chorus (x2)*

Nothing is impossible for You.  
Heaven and earth are at Your command.  
Nothing is impossible for You.  
You are the great I AM.

*repeat*

*chorus (x2)*

## *All Who Call*

*Words and music:*  
*Josh Davis*  
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*Romans 10:12-13*  
*Luke 1:37*

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

**Matthew 12:38-50**

**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

38 Then some of the scribes and Pharisees answered him, saying, "Teacher, we wish to see a sign from you." 39 But he answered them, "An evil and adulterous generation seeks for a sign, but no sign will be given to it except the sign of the prophet Jonah. 40 For just as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the great fish, so will the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth. 41 The men of Nineveh will rise up at the judgment with this generation and condemn it, for they repented at the preaching of Jonah, and behold, something greater than Jonah is here. 42 The queen of the South will rise up at the judgment with this generation and condemn it, for she came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon, and behold, something greater than Solomon is here.

43 "When the unclean spirit has gone out of a person, it passes through waterless places seeking rest, but finds none. 44 Then it says, 'I will return to my house from which I came.' And when it comes, it finds the house empty, swept, and put in order. 45 Then it goes and brings with it seven other spirits more evil than itself, and they enter and dwell there, and the last state of that person is worse than the first. So also will it be with this evil generation."

46 While he was still speaking to the people, behold, his mother and his brothers stood outside, asking to speak to him. 48 But he replied to the man who told him, "Who is my mother, and who are my brothers?" 49 And stretching out his hand toward his disciples, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! 50 For whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother."

**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

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

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 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.*

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

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

# God sends us out refreshed

## ***Blessed Be Your Name***

*Words and music:  
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*Job 1:21-22  
Psalm 113:2-3  
Daniel 2:20-23*

## **Song of Rejoicing**

Blessed be Your name  
In the land that is plentiful,  
Where Your streams of abundance flow  
Blessed be Your name.  
Blessed be Your name  
When I'm found in the desert place,  
Though I walk through the wilderness  
Blessed be Your name.

Every blessing You pour out  
I'll turn back to praise.  
When the darkness closes in, Lord,  
Still I will say,

Blessed be the name of the Lord,  
Blessed be Your name!  
Blessed be the name of the Lord,  
Blessed be Your glorious name!

Blessed be Your name  
When the sun's shining down on me,  
When the world's all as it should be,  
Blessed be Your name.  
Blessed be Your name  
On the road marked with suffering,  
Though there's pain in the offering  
Blessed be Your name.

Every blessing You pour out  
I'll turn back to praise.  
When the darkness closes in, Lord,  
Still I will say,

*chorus (x2)*

You give and take away,  
You give and take away,  
My heart will choose to say  
"Lord, blessed be Your name."

*repeat*

*chorus*

## **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**

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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