



# northside church

OF RICHMOND

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## **Meditation**

The church is not a theological classroom. It is a conversion, confession, repentance, reconciliation, forgiveness and sanctification center, where flawed people place their faith in Christ, gather to know and love him better, and learn to love others as he designed.

- Paul David Tripp, *Instruments in the Redeemer's Hands: People in Need of Change Helping People in Need of Change*

*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.

**Come Holy Spirit, Come**

Words: Joseph Hart

Music: Hiram Ring

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**Psalm 104:1-2, 5-6, 31-33**

*Please stand if able.*

# We gather in the presence of God

## Song of Gathering

Come Holy Spirit, come

Let Thy bright beams arise;  
Dispel the darkness from our minds,  
And open all our eyes.

Convince us of our sin,  
Then lead to Jesus' blood,  
And to our wondering view reveal  
The secret love of God.

Revive our drooping faith,  
Our doubts and fears remove,  
And kindle in our breast the flame  
Of never-dying love.

'Tis Thine to cleanse the heart,  
To sanctify the soul,  
To pour fresh life in every part,  
And new-create the whole.

Dwell therefore in our hearts,  
Our minds from bondage free;  
Then we shall know, and praise, and love  
The Father, Son, and Thee.

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## Welcome and Call to Worship

Leader: *Bless the LORD, O my soul! O LORD my God, you are very great!*

**People: *You are clothed with splendor and majesty,  
covering yourself with light as with a garment,  
stretching out the heavens like a tent.***

Leader: *He set the earth on its foundations, so that it should never be moved.*

**People: *You covered it with the deep as with a garment;  
the waters stood above the mountains.***

Leader: *May the glory of the LORD endure forever;  
may the LORD rejoice in his works,  
who looks on the earth and it trembles,  
who touches the mountains and they smoke!*

**People: *I will sing to the LORD as long as I live;  
I will sing praise to my God while I have being.***

## Song of Praise

All creatures of our God and King,  
Lift up your voice and with us, sing,  
O praise him! Alleluia!

Thou burning sun with golden beam,  
Thou silver moon with softer gleam,  
O praise him! O praise him!  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Thou rushing wind that art so strong,  
Ye clouds that sail in heav'n along,  
O praise him! Alleluia!

Thou rising moon, in praise, rejoice,  
Ye lights of evening, find a voice,  
O praise him! O praise him!  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Let all things, their Creator, bless,  
And worship him in humbleness,  
O praise him! Alleluia!

Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,  
And praise the Spirit, three in one,  
O praise him! O praise him!  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

*repeat*

## *All Creatures of Our God and King*

*Words: Francis of Assisi,  
1225*

*Music: Peter von Brachel,  
1623*

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## Scripture Reading

*Then Solomon stood before the altar of the LORD in the presence of all the assembly of Israel and spread out his hands. Solomon had made a bronze platform five cubits long, five cubits wide, and three cubits high, and had set it in the court, and he stood on it. Then he knelt on his knees in the presence of all the assembly of Israel, and spread out his hands toward heaven, and said, "O LORD, God of Israel, there is no God like you, in heaven or on earth, keeping covenant and showing steadfast love to your servants who walk before you with all their heart, who have kept with your servant David my father what you declared to him. You spoke with your mouth, and with your hand have fulfilled it this day. Now therefore, O LORD, God of Israel, keep for your servant David my father what you have promised him, saying, 'You shall not lack a man to sit before me on the throne of Israel, if only your sons pay close attention to their way, to walk in my law as you have walked before me.' Now therefore, O LORD, God of Israel, let your word be confirmed, which you have spoken to your servant David.*

*"If they sin against you - for there is no one who does not sin - and you are angry with them and give them to an enemy, so that they are carried away captive to a land far or near, yet if they turn their heart in the land to which they have been carried captive, and repent and plead with you in the land of their captivity, saying, 'We have sinned and have acted perversely and wickedly,' if they repent with all their mind and with all their heart in the land of their captivity to which they were carried captive, and pray toward their land, which you gave to their fathers, the city that you have chosen and the house that I have built for your name, then hear from heaven your dwelling place their prayer and their pleas, and maintain their cause and forgive your people who have sinned against you."*

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

**2 Chronicles 6:12-17,  
36-39**

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

*Please read together.*

*Matthew 20:28*

### ***Mighty To Save***

*Words and music: Reuben  
Morgan, Ben Fielding  
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*Zephaniah 3:17, Hebrews  
2:10, Ezekiel 38:20*

# **We confess our sin and receive grace**

## **Confession of Sin**

Heavenly Father, You told us to love You with our whole being, but we have not.

We have fled from You in unbelief.

We have treasured the gifts rather than the Giver.

We have complained about our circumstances rather than rejoice in Your presence.

You told us to love our neighbor, but we have not.

Instead of speaking well of them, we have gossiped.

Instead of reconciling with them, we have held on to bitterness.

Instead of loving them, we have only loved ourselves.

Forgive us our sins, renew us by Your Spirit, and increase our faith as we follow You. Amen.

## **Silent Confession**

## **Assurance of Pardon**

*The Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.*

## **Song of Renewal**

Everyone needs compassion,  
love that's never failing.

Let mercy fall on me.

Everyone needs forgiveness,  
the kindness of a Savior,

The hope of nations.

Savior, He can move the mountains,

My God is mighty to save,

He is mighty to save!

Forever, Author of salvation

He rose and conquered the grave,

Jesus conquered the grave!

So take me as You find me,  
all my fears and failures.

Fill my life again.

I give my life to follow,  
everything I believe in.

Now I surrender.

*chorus*

Shine your light and let the whole world see.

We're singing for the glory of the risen King.

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We're singing for the glory of the risen King.

*chorus*

# We respond to the grace received

*Being set right with God enables us to participate in his work.*

## Passing of the Peace

## Community Life

### Prayers of the People

The world: Hunter and Adrienne Thompson - Northsiders who moved to Rwanda

The Northside: Timothy Project (outreach to John Marshall students) - just returned from camp

Our church: Urban Ministry Training with David Bailey - next meeting on July 20th

## Offering

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

## Song of Preparation

Our mouths, they were filled, filled with laughter;

Our tongues, they were loosed, loosed with joy;

Restore us, O Lord! Restore us, O Lord!

The nations will say, "He has done great things!"

The nations will sing songs of joy.

Restore us, O Lord! Restore us, O Lord!

*chorus*

Although we are weeping,  
Lord help us keep sowing,  
The seeds of Your Kingdom  
for the day You will reap them!  
Your sheaves we will carry,  
Lord please do not tarry.  
All those who sow weeping  
will go out with songs of joy.

**Psalm 126**

*Words and music: unknown*

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

**Matthew 21:28-46**

**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

28 "What do you think? A man had two sons. And he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' 29 And he answered, 'I will not,' but afterward he changed his mind and went. 30 And he went to the other son and said the same. And he answered, 'I go, sir,' but did not go. 31 Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly, I say to you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes go into the kingdom of God before you. 32 For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him. And even when you saw it, you did not afterward change your minds and believe him.

33 "Hear another parable. There was a master of a house who planted a vineyard and put a fence around it and dug a winepress in it and built a tower and leased it to tenants, and went into another country. 34 When the season for fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants to get his fruit. 35 And the tenants took his servants and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. 36 Again he sent other servants, more than the first. And they did the same to them. 37 Finally he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' 38 But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and have his inheritance.' 39 And they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. 40 When therefore the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" 41 They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death and let out the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the fruits in their seasons."

42 Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the Scriptures:

*"The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone;  
this was the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes?"*

43 Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people producing its fruits. 44 And the one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him."

45 When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they perceived that he was speaking about them. 46 And although they were seeking to arrest him, they feared the crowds, because they held him to be a prophet.

**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 my great High Priest offered His blood and died  
My guilty conscience seeks no sacrifice beside.  
His pow'rful blood did once atone,  
And now it pleads before the throne,  
And now it pleads before the throne.

To this dear Surety's hand will I commit my cause;  
He answers and fulfills His Father's broken laws.  
Behold my soul at freedom set -  
My **Surety** paid the dreadful debt,  
My Surety paid the dreadful debt.

Now I approach the throne,  
and I have confidence,  
For Jesus, my great High Priest,  
offered His blood and died...  
Now I approach the throne,  
and I have confidence,  
For Jesus, my great High Priest,  
offered His blood and died for me.

My Advocate appears for my defense on high.  
The Father bows His ears and lays His thunder by.  
Not all that hell or sin can say  
Shall turn His heart, His love, away  
Shall turn His heart, His love, away.

*chorus*

Should all the hosts of death  
and pow'rs of hell unknown,  
Put their most dreadful forms  
of rage and mischief on,  
I shall be safe, for Christ displays  
His conqu'ring power and guardian grace;  
His conqu'ring power and guardian grace.

*chorus*

*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 My Great High Priest**

*Words: Isaac Watts (chorus by Kirk Ward)  
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*Hebrews 4:14-5:10*

*"Surety" is referring to Jesus, derived from Hebrews 7:22: "by so much more Jesus has become a **surety** of a better covenant." (NKJV)  
It means that Jesus' work on the cross is the solid foundation for reconciliation with God.*

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

# God sends us out refreshed

## *How Great Thou Art*

*Words and music:  
Stuart K. Hine  
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## Song of Rejoicing

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder,  
Consider all the works Thy hands have made,  
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,  
Thy power throughout the universe displayed.

Then sings my soul,  
my Savior, God, to Thee,  
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!  
Then sings my soul,  
my Savior, God, to Thee,  
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!

And when I think that God, his Son, not sparing,  
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in –  
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,  
He bled and died, to take away my sin.

*chorus*

When Christ shall come with shouts of acclamation,  
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart.  
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,  
And there proclaim,  
“My God, how great Thou art!”

*chorus (x2)*

## 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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