



northside church

OF RICHMOND

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Meditation

I have read in Plato and Cicero sayings that are very wise and very beautiful; but I never read in either of them: "Come unto me all ye that labour and are heavy laden."

- Augustine, bishop of Hippo (Africa), 4th-5th century

*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.

Gather Them In

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Zephaniah 3:14-20
Zechariah 9:9

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Psalm 19:1-2, 7, 14

Please stand if able.

We gather in the presence of God

Song of Gathering

We wait for You to testify,
To hold the kingdoms to account.
Your righteous justice shall not fail,
All those who trust in Your name.

You will gather them in,
You will bring, bring them home.
King of all Kings, Lord of all Lords.

You will gather them in,
You will bring, bring them home.
King of all Kings, Lord of all Lords.

Sing out, sing out, you daughters of Zion,
And shout aloud, O Israel.
Be glad, rejoice with all your heart,
He has removed your punishment.

He will gather us in,
He will bring, bring us home.
King of all Kings, Lord of all Lords.

He will gather us in,
He will bring, bring us home.
King of all Kings, Lord of all Lords.

repeat

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

All hail the power of Jesus' Name!
Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal **diadem**,
and crown Him Lord of all!
Bring forth the royal **diadem**,
and crown Him Lord of all!

Ye chosen seed of Israel's race,
ye ransomed from the fall,
Hail Him Who saves you by His grace,
and crown Him Lord of all!
Hail Him Who saves you by His grace,
and crown Him Lord of all!

Let ev'ry tribe and ev'ry tongue
to Him their hearts enthrall.
Lift high the universal song,
and crown Him Lord of all!
Lift high the universal song,
and crown Him Lord of all!

O that, with yonder sacred throng,
we at His feet may fall,
Join in the everlasting song,
and crown Him Lord of all!
Join in the everlasting song,
and crown Him Lord of all!

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

*Words: Edward Perronet,
John Rippon
Music: Oliver Holden
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*A **diadem** is a crown worn
as a sign of royalty.*

Scripture Reading

And it happened that while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul passed through the inland country and came to Ephesus. There he found some disciples. And he said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?" And they said, "No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." And he said, "Into what then were you baptized?" They said, "Into John's baptism." And Paul said, "John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, Jesus." On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. And when Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they began speaking in tongues and prophesying. There were about twelve men in all.

And he entered the synagogue and for three months spoke boldly, reasoning and persuading them about the kingdom of God. But when some became stubborn and continued in unbelief, speaking evil of the Way before the congregation, he withdrew from them and took the disciples with him, reasoning daily in the hall of Tyrannus. This continued for two years, so that all the residents of Asia heard the word of the Lord, both Jews and Greeks.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Acts 19:1-10

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

Please read together.

Matthew 20:28

***God of My Life, To Thee
I Call***

*Words: William Cowper
Music: Clint Wells, Brian T.
Murphy and Benj Pocta
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Music*

*Here's another way to phrase
the last 2 lines of the chorus:
When you put your faith
in Jesus he becomes your
powerful advocate, and you
can be confident of your
spiritual safety and profit in
any circumstance.*

We confess our sin and receive grace

Confession of Sin

Heavenly Father, loving King, all of our life is laid bare before Your eyes:

We often promote ourselves, and overlook people around us.

We nurse anger and envy in secret, while wearing a cheery façade.

We tether our joy to our circumstances, rather than to the gospel.

We repent of our fruitless wanderings, and ask that You cover us in Jesus Christ.

Let us hear Your voice saying: "Awake and rise!

His blood is your peace, His death is your life, His Spirit is your power."

Convince us that a life lived in Your service is perfect freedom. 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

God of my life, to Thee I call,

Afflicted at Thy feet I fall.

chorus

When the great water floods prevail,

Leave not my trembling heart to fail.

That were a grief I could not bear,
Didst Thou not hear and answer prayer.

But a prayer-hearing, -answering God,
Supports me under every load.

Poor though I am, despised, forgot,

Yet God, my God, forgets me not.

And he is safe and must succeed,

For whom the Lord is sure to plead.

chorus (x2)

Friend of the friendless and the faint,
Where should I lodge my deep complaint?

Where but with Thee, whose open door,

Invites the helpless and the poor!

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: Tanisha Webster, serving with Serge in London

The Northside: CARITAS, at Battery Park Christian Church next week

Our church: Northside Church Vision Brunch, Saturday, February 7

Offering

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

Song of Preparation

Because of His great love,
We are not overcome!
Because of His great love,
We are not overcome!

Put no trust in the earth,
In the sod you stand upon.
Flowers fade into dust;
The Lord will make a place for us.

chorus

Flesh will fail, and bones will break;
Thieves will steal, the earth will shake.
Night will fall, the light will fade;
The Lord will give and take away.

Have no fear for your life,
Turn your cheek, turn your cheek.
Bear the yoke of love and death,
The Lord will give life and breath.

chorus (x2)

chorus

We Are Not Overcome

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Lamentations 3

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

Ephesians 1:1-2

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

*Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God,
To the saints who are in Ephesus, and are faithful in Christ Jesus:
2 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.*

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)
Music: 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

On Jordan's Stormy Banks I Stand

Words: Samuel Stennet
Music: Christopher Miner
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Music

In this song the Christian journey is compared to the Israelites' anticipated entrance to the promised land of Canaan on the other side of the Jordan River. They had endured many hardships while waiting for God to fulfill his promises of land and rest. Though we endure difficulties in this life, in Christ we can look forward to when God's promises will come to fruition.

Song of Rejoicing

On Jordan's stormy banks I stand,
and cast a wishful eye,
To Canaan's fair and happy land,
where my possessions lie.

All o'er those wide extended plains,
shines one eternal day.
There God, the Son forever reigns,
and scatters night away.

I am bound, (I am bound)
I am bound, (I am bound)
I am bound for the promised land.
I am bound, (I am bound)
I am bound, (I am bound)
I am bound for the promised land.

No chilling winds nor poisonous breath,
can reach that healthful shore,
Sickness, sorrow, pain and death,
are felt and feared no more.

chorus

When shall I reach that happy place,
and be forever blest?
When shall I see my Father's face,
and in His bosom rest?

chorus (x2)

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

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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