



# northside church

OF RICHMOND

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## **Meditations**

"Beyond our day to day lives lies a deep and restless hunger for things to be different. So today are longings are on display. We are audacious enough to hope that love and beauty win. We all hunger for a new world. The message of Easter is that the new world has begun. Easter promises the end of futility and the beginning of fullness."

- Greg Thompson, Easter Sermon 2006

"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.*

## ***Were You There?***

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*A recognition of the  
presence of God among  
us, which influences the  
posture of our hearts.*

## ***Revelation 5:11-13***

*Please stand if able.*

## **Song of Gathering**

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?  
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?  
Oh, oh, oh, oh, sometimes it causes me to  
tremble, tremble, tremble.  
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Were you there  
when they nailed Him to the tree?  
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when they nailed Him to the tree?  
Oh, oh, oh, oh, sometimes it causes me to  
tremble, tremble, tremble.  
Were you there  
when they nailed Him to the tree?

Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?  
Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?  
Oh, oh, oh, oh, sometimes it causes me to  
tremble, tremble, tremble.  
Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?

Were you there  
when He rose up from the grave?  
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when He rose up from the grave?  
Oh, oh, oh, oh, sometimes I feel like shouting  
"Glory, glory, glory!"  
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## **We gather in the presence of God**

### **Welcome and Call to Worship**

Leader: *Then I looked, and I heard around the throne  
and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels,  
numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands,  
saying with a loud voice,*

**People:** *"Worthy is the Lamb who was slain,  
to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might  
and honor and glory and blessing!"*

Leader: *And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth  
and under the earth and in the sea,  
and all that is in them, saying,*

**People:** *"To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb  
be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!"*

## Song of Praise

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!

## Scripture Reading

*For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep.*

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

## *Christ The Lord Is Risen Today*

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John Rippon  
Music: Oliver Holden  
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**1 Corinthians 15:3-6**

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

*Please read together.*

**1 Peter 1:3**

***In Christ Alone***

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Keith Getty & Stuart Townend  
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# We confess our sin and receive grace

## Confession of Sin

Our gracious Father, You sent Your Son to die and rise to new life in order that death might be destroyed and that we might live.

We confess that we have often chosen death over life and lived as if Jesus has not been raised. In our thoughts, words, and deeds we have rebelled against You. We have fled from You, Whose love is better than life and Whom to know is Life itself.

We have sinned against others, sometimes unintentionally and sometimes deliberately, and have diminished their lives. We have damaged ourselves who were created to reflect Your beauty. Father, forgive us our sin for Jesus' sake. Give us grace to live as followers of our risen Lord, Jesus Christ, to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

## Silent Confession

## Assurance of Pardon

*Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.*

## Song of Renewal

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.

# 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: South Sudan, continued nation building

The Northside: Boaz & Ruth Service Day next Saturday, April 14th, 9-3pm

Our church: To be a church marked by resurrection hope

## Offering

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

## Song of Preparation

I once was lost in sin, but Jesus took me in.

Then a little light from heaven healed my soul.

Well He bathed my heart in love,

and He wrote my name above.

Just a little talk with Jesus makes it right.

We'll just have a little talk with Jesus,  
And we'll tell him all about our troubles.

He will hear our faintest cry,

He will answer by and by.

When you feel a little prayerful yearning,

You will know a little fire is burning.

Just a little talk with Jesus makes it right.

You may have doubts and fears,  
And your eyes be filled with tears,  
But Jesus is a friend who watches  
day and night.

He wrote my name above,  
And he bathed my heart in love.  
Just a little talk with Jesus makes it right.

*chorus (x2)*

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Then a little light from heaven healed my soul.  
Well He bathed my heart in love,  
and He wrote my name above.  
Just a little talk with Jesus makes it right.  
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### ***Just a Little Talk With Jesus***

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

# God feeds us with His Word

**Luke 24:1-12**

## Sermon Text

*1 But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared. 2 And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, 3 but when they went in they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. 4 While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel. 5 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? 6 He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, 7 that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified and on the third day rise." 8 And they remembered his words, 9 and returning from the tomb they told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest. 10 Now it was Mary Magdalene and Joanna and Mary the mother of James and the other women with them who told these things to the apostles, 11 but these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. 12 But Peter rose and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; and he went home marveling at what had happened.*

**Isaiah 40:8**

**Leader:** *The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever.*

**People: Praise be to God!**

## Sermon

*Today's sermon is given by  
Pastor Matt Lorish.*

*We encourage you to use  
this space to take notes or  
write questions. Sermon  
discussion is the primary  
material of study in our  
Northside Groups.*

# 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.

You will circle the communion station with others in a group of about 6.

Gluten-free wafers are located in the wooden boxes; grape juice is available upon request.

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

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.

So praise the God who saves!

Praise the God who bled!

Praise the God who was nailed to a tree,

And wore our sins upon His head.

There is truth in His body,  
raised that third day.

There is joy in a stone rolled away.

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

*chorus*

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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*

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

**God Who Saves**

*Words and music: Aaron Senseman*

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

# God sends us out refreshed

## ***It Is Finished***

*Words: Thomas Kelly  
Music: Clint Wells, Brian T.  
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Music*

*“Approbation” means an  
expression of warm  
approval.*

*At the end of the service,  
please pick up your children  
from the nursery.*

## **Song of Rejoicing**

“It is finished!” – Sinners, hear it!

Tis the dying Victor’s cry;

“It is finished!” – Angels bear it,

Bear the joyful truth on high:

“It is finished!” Tell it through the earth and sky!

“It is finished!” Tell it through the earth and sky!

Justice, from her awful station,

Bars the sinner’s peace no more.

Justice views with approbation

What the Savior did and bore.

Grace and mercy

now display their boundless store.

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“It is finished!” – All is over,

Yes, the cup of wrath is drained.

Such the truth these words discover,

Thus the victory was obtained.

‘Tis a victory none but Jesus could have gained.

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Crown the mighty Conqueror, crown Him,

Who His people’s foes o’ercame!

In the highest heaven enthrone Him,

Men and angels sound His fame!

Great His glory! Jesus bears a matchless name.

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## **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**

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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