

northside church of RICHMOND

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Meditation

We do not know all that transpired during those hours when Jesus endured the wrath of God. Scripture draws a veil over them for the most part. We do know that the physical suffering Jesus endured was only a feeble picture of the suffering His soul experienced as He drank the cup. (the cup of God's wrath) Part of that suffering was the utter abandonment by His Father. The night before, He had been strengthened by divine assistance (Lk. 22:43), but now He was left alone.

- Jerry Bridges

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.

The Holy God is present with us in worship, and He invites us to come to Him with true adoration.

Hosanna

Words and music: Brooke Ligertwood © 2006 Hillsong Publishing

Iohn 12:13 Mark 11:9-10 Matthew 21:9

God calls us into His presence to worship

Song of Gathering

I see the King of glory

Coming down the clouds with fire

The people sing, the people sing.

The whole earth shakes, the whole earth shakes. Stirring as we pray and seek

I see a near revival

We're on our knees, we're on our knees.

I see His love and mercy

Washing over all our sin

chorus

Hosanna, Hosanna!

Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna, Hosanna!

Hosanna in the highest!

Heal my heart and make it clean. Open up my eyes to the things unseen.

Show me how to love like You have loved me.

Break my heart for what breaks Yours, Everything I am for Your kingdom come.

As I walk from earth into eternity.

I see a generation

Rising up to take their place

With selfless faith, with selfless faith.

chorus (x2)

Call to Worship

Zechariah 9:9-10, 16-17

Please stand if able.

Leader: Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!

Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your King is coming to you;

People: righteous and having salvation is He, humble and mounted on a donkey,

on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

Leader: His rule shall be from sea to sea.

and from the River to the ends of the earth.

People: On that day the LORD their God will save them,

as the flock of His people;

for like the jewels of a crown they shall shine on His land. For how great is His goodness, and how great His beauty!

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!

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!

repeat

All Creatures of Our God and King

Words: Francis of Assisi, 1225 Music: Peter von Brachel, 1623 Public domain

Psalm 148

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

Please read together.

Confession of Sin

Jesus, when You rode in Jerusalem on a donkey, the adoring crowds waved palm branches and shouted "Hosanna!" Then only a few days later they turned away and opposed You, because You were not the type of King they had expected.

Under the conviction of Your Holy Spirit, we confess that we have acted like them - ungrateful for Your blessings because they are not what we demand, uncomfortable with Your authority in our lives and where that might lead us.

Forgive us our sins, and restore our communion with You.

By Your Holy Spirit, continue to renew us in Your image!

Help us boldly submit to Your rule and walk by faith,

producing the fruit of obedience and resting in Your provision and promises. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life.

Romans 5:10

How Deep the Father's Love For Us

Words and music: Stuart Townend © 1995 Thankyou Music

Song of Renewal

How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure, That He should give His only Son, to make a wretch His treasure!

How great the pain of searing loss, the Father turned His face away, As wounds which mar the chosen one, bring many sons to glory.

Behold the man upon a cross, my sin upon His shoulders. Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers. It was my sin that held Him there until it was accomplished. His dying breath has brought me life; I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything; no gifts, no power, no wisdom, But I will boast in Jesus Christ, His death and resurrection.

Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer, But this I know with all my heart: His wounds have paid my ransom. repeat

Being reconciled with God through Christ enables us to seek peace with each other and participate in His work.

Passing of the Peace

Community Life

Ministry Update and Prayer: Young Men's Academy

On account of God's generous mercy toward us, we can worship through the cheerful giving of our resources.

Offering

Scripture Reading

Hear this, you who trample on the needy and bring the poor of the land to an end, saying, "When will the new moon be over, that we may sell grain?

And the Sabbath, that we may offer wheat for sale,
that we may make the ephah small and the shekel great
and deal deceitfully with false balances,
that we may buy the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals
and sell the chaff of the wheat?"

The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob: "Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

Shall not the land tremble on this account, and everyone mourn who dwells in it, and all of it rise like the Nile,

and be tossed about and sink again, like the Nile of Egypt?"

Leader: The Word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God!**

Song of Preparation

You don't have to worry, and don't you be afraid.
Joy comes in the morning, troubles they don't last always.
For there's a friend named Jesus, who will wipe your tears away.
And if your heart is broken, just lift your hands and say:

Oh, I know that I can make it, I know that I can stand. No matter what may come my way, my life is in Your hands.

verse 1

Oh, I know that I can make it, I know that I can stand.
No matter what may come my way, my life is in Your hands.
With Jesus I can take it, with Him I know I can stand.
No matter what may come my way, my life is in Your hands.

So when your tests and trials, they seem to get you down.
And all your friends and loved ones, are nowhere to be found.
Remember there's a friend in Jesus, who will wipe your tears away,
And if you heart is broken, just lift your hands and say:

Amos 8:4-9

My Life Is In Your Hands

Words and music: Kirk Franklin © OBO APRA/AMCOS

Deuteronomy 31:6 Isaiah 25:8 James 1:2

chorus 2

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

Mathew 27:45-54

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

45 Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour. 46 And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" that is, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" 47 And some of the bystanders, hearing it, said, "This man is calling Elijah." 48 And one of them at once ran and took a sponge, filled it with sour wine, and put it on a reed and gave it to him to drink. 49 But the others said, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him." 50 And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice and yielded up his spirit.

51 And behold, the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. And the earth shook, and the rocks were split. 52 The tombs also were opened. And many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised, 53 and coming out of the tombs after his resurrection they went into the holy city and appeared to many. 54 When the centurion and those who were with him, keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were filled with awe and said, "Truly this was the Son of God!"

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, nut-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.

their nursery-aged children to be prayed for during communion should pick them up at this time.

Parents who would like for

1 Corinthians 11:23b-26

As others take communion please feel free to pray, sing along, or talk quietly with your neighbor.

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

Jesus My Great High Priest

Words: Isaac Watts (chorus by Kirk Ward) Music: Kirk Ward © 2005 Kirk Ward

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.

How Great Thou Art

Words and music: Stuart K. Hine © 1949 & 1953

God sends us out refreshed

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), planted in October 2011.

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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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