



# northside church

OF RICHMOND

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## **Meditation**

While other worldviews lead us to sit in the midst of life's joys, foreseeing the coming sorrows, Christianity empowers its people to sit in the midst of this world's sorrows, tasting the coming joy.

– Tim Keller

*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 111:1-4, 9-10**

*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: *Praise the LORD!*

**People: *I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart,  
in the company of the upright, in the congregation.***

Leader: *Great are the works of the LORD,  
studied by all who delight in them.*

**People: *Full of splendor and majesty is his work,  
and his righteousness endures forever.***

Leader: *He has caused his wondrous works to be remembered;  
the LORD is gracious and merciful.*

**People: *He sent redemption to his people;  
he has commanded his covenant forever.  
Holy and awesome is his name!***

Leader: *The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;  
all those who practice it have a good understanding.*

**People: *His praise endures forever!***

## Song of Praise

Jesus, everlasting King,  
accept the tribute which we bring,  
Accept the well-deserved renown  
And wear our praises as Your crown.

O send Your Spirit to impart,  
Rest and repentance to our hearts,  
Like the dear hour when from above,  
We first received Your pledge of love.

*chorus*

The gladness of redemption's day,  
Our hearts would wish it long to stay,  
Nor let our faith forsake its hold,  
Nor comforts sink, or love grow cold.

*chorus*

May every time of worship see  
Your grace revealed more rich and free,  
Till we are raised to sing Your name  
At the great supper of the Lamb.

*chorus*

O that the months would roll away,  
And bring the coronation day.  
The King of Grace shall fill the throne,  
With all His Father's glories on.

*chorus (x2)*

## *Jesus Everlasting King*

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## Scripture Reading

*For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.*

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

**Romans 8:18-25**

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

*Please read responsively.*

*Titus 3:4-5*

*How Deep the Father's  
Love For Us*

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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

*But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us,  
not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy.*

## 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*

# 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 - Jacob Minnick, Rachel Myers

Baptism - Rachel Myers

## Offering

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

## Song of Preparation

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.

*chorus*

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)*

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.

## ***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.

# God feeds us with His Word

## Sermon Text

**Matthew 23:37-24:35**

37 "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often would I have gathered your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! 38 See, your house is left to you desolate. 39 For I tell you, you will not see me again, until you say, 'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

24:1 Jesus left the temple and was going away, when his disciples came to point out to him the buildings of the temple. 2 But he answered them, "You see all these, do you not? Truly, I say to you, there will not be left here one stone upon another that will not be thrown down."

3 As he sat on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to him privately, saying, "Tell us, when will these things be, and what will be the sign of your coming and of the end of the age?" 4 And Jesus answered them, "See that no one leads you astray. 5 For many will come in my name, saying, 'I am the Christ,' and they will lead many astray. 6 And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not alarmed, for this must take place, but the end is not yet. 7 For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, and there will be famines and earthquakes in various places. 8 All these are but the beginning of the birth pains.

9 "Then they will deliver you up to tribulation and put you to death, and you will be hated by all nations for my name's sake. 10 And then many will fall away and betray one another and hate one another. 11 And many false prophets will arise and lead many astray. 12 And because lawlessness will be increased, the love of many will grow cold. 13 But the one who endures to the end will be saved. 14 And this gospel of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.

15 "So when you see the abomination of desolation spoken of by the prophet Daniel, standing in the holy place (let the reader understand), 16 then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains. 17 Let the one who is on the housetop not go down to take what is in his house, 18 and let the one who is in the field not turn back to take his cloak. 19 And alas for women who are pregnant and for those who are nursing infants in those days! 20 Pray that your flight may not be in winter or on a Sabbath. 21 For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been from the beginning of the world until now, no, and never will be. 22 And if those days had not been cut short, no human being would be saved. But for the sake of the elect those days will be cut short. 23 Then if anyone says to you, 'Look, here is the Christ!' or 'There he is!' do not believe it. 24 For false christs and false prophets will arise and perform great signs and wonders, so as to lead astray, if possible, even the elect. 25 See, I have told you beforehand. 26 So, if they say to you, 'Look, he is in the wilderness,' do not go out. If they say, 'Look, he is in the inner rooms,' do not believe it. 27 For as the lightning comes from the east and shines as far as the west, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. 28 Wherever the corpse is, there the vultures will gather.

29 "Immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken. 30 Then will appear in heaven the sign of the Son of Man, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. 31 And he will send out his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

32 "From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts out its leaves, you know that summer is near. 33 So also, when you see all these things, you know that he is near, at the very gates. 34 Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place. 35 Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

**Isaiah 40:8**

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

**People:** **Praise be to God!**

Today's sermon is given by  
Pastor Matt Lorish.

## 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

## ***On Jordan's Stormy Banks I Stand***

Words: Samuel Stennet  
Music: Christopher Miner  
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*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](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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