



# northside church

OF RICHMOND

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## **Meditation**

You say grace before meals. All right. But I say grace before the concert and the opera, and grace before the play and pantomime, and grace before I open a book, and grace before sketching, painting, swimming, fencing, boxing, walking, playing, dancing and grace before I dip the pen in the ink.

– G.K. Chesterton

*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.

### **You Alone Are God**

Words and music:  
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**Psalm 69:30-34**

Please stand if able.

# We gather in the presence of God

## Song of Gathering

Before all worlds began,  
You are the great I AM.  
Father, Spirit, and Son,  
Eternal Three-In-One.  
Fulfilled within Yourself,  
in need of no one else,  
Even though all things change,  
You still remain the same.  
You alone are God!

You spoke, it came to pass:  
a universe so vast.  
Most things no eye can see,  
Yet still bring You glory.  
Although all things are Yours,  
You made Yourself so poor.  
You left Your awesome throne,  
To seek and save Your own.  
Mighty is our God!

So blind I had no clue.  
Oh, how I ran from You!  
Wickedness had me bound,  
Until You tracked me down.  
Your law revealed my sin,  
My corruption within,  
It drove me to Your cross,  
Where You paid my sin's cost.  
Faithful is our God!

Jesus, You died for me,  
and now abide in me.  
What can I give to You?  
Lord, help me live for You!  
Help me stay in Your word,  
Help me obey You, Lord.  
And when we finally meet,  
I'll cast my crown at Your feet.  
Holy is our God!  
Faithful is our God!  
Mighty is our God!  
You alone are God!

## Welcome and Call to Worship

Leader: *I will praise the name of God with a song;  
I will magnify him with thanksgiving.  
This will please the LORD more than an ox  
or a bull with horns and hoofs.*

**People: *When the humble see it they will be glad;  
you who seek God, let your hearts revive.***

Leader: *For the LORD hears the needy  
and does not despise his own people who are prisoners.*

**People: *Let heaven and earth praise him,  
the seas and everything that moves in them.***

## 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

*Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy Scriptures, concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be the Son of God in power according to the Spirit of holiness by his resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith for the sake of his name among all the nations, including you who are called to belong to Jesus Christ.*

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

**Romans 1:1-6**

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

*Please read together.*

**1 Peter 1:3**

***How Deep the Father's  
Love For Us***

*Words and music:  
Stuart Townend  
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# We confess our sin and receive grace

## Confession of Sin

God and Father, You have called us to be Your followers and have made us one family.  
Yet we have not lived as one, and have not loved You with our whole person.  
Ambition has driven us, and we have chosen not to care for others when it is inconvenient.  
Pride has gripped us, and we have promoted ourselves rather than worship You.  
Fear has reigned in us, and we have tried to control You and manipulate others.

O Lord, forgive us for our many sins through the sacrifice of Christ.  
Subdue everything in us that is contrary to Your purposes.  
By Your Spirit, make us a community that is eager to do Your will and to walk in Your ways.  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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

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

Update and Prayer - Race and the Church Series

## Offering

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

## Song of Preparation

'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus,  
just to take Him at His Word;  
Just to rest upon His promise,  
just to know, "Thus saith the Lord!"

I'm so glad I learned to trust Thee,  
Precious Jesus, Savior, Friend;  
And I know that You are with me,  
Will be with me to the end.

Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him!  
How I've proved Him o'er and o'er  
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus!  
O for grace to trust Him more!

*chorus*

Yes, 'tis sweet to trust in Jesus,  
Just from sin and self to cease;  
Just from Jesus simply taking  
Life and rest, and joy and peace.

*chorus*

## **'Tis So Sweet To Trust In Jesus**

*Words: Louisa Stead  
Music: William Kirkpatrick  
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*Our mind, body, and spirit  
are nourished with food  
that does not perish.*

***Ephesians 5:18-21***

***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

*18 And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, 19 addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart, 20 giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, 21 submitting to one another out of reverence for 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

*Parents who would like for their nursery-aged children to be prayed for during communion should pick them up at this time.*

## 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.*

**1 Corinthians 11:23b-26**

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.

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

## 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.

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

*chorus*

There is life in the blood  
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 upon His head.

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*

There is truth in His body,  
raised that third day.  
There is joy in a stone rolled away.

### **God Who Saves**

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

### ***Leaning On The Everlasting Arms***

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*Deuteronomy 33:27*

# God sends us out refreshed

## **Song of Rejoicing**

What a fellowship, what a joy divine,  
leaning on the everlasting arms.  
What a blessedness, what a peace is mine,  
leaning on the everlasting arms.

Leaning, leaning,  
safe and secure from all alarms.  
Leaning, leaning,  
leaning on the everlasting arms.

Oh, how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way,  
leaning on the everlasting arms.  
Oh, how bright the path grows from day to day,  
leaning on the everlasting arms.

*chorus*

What have I to dread? What have I to fear,  
leaning on the everlasting arms?  
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near,  
leaning on the everlasting arms.

*chorus*

## **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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