



northside church

OF RICHMOND

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Meditations

"Aim at heaven and you will get earth 'thrown in'; aim at earth and you will get neither. ... If I find in myself a desire which no experience in this world can satisfy, the most probable explanation is that I was made for another world."

- C.S. Lewis

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.

Up On A Mountain

*Words, music: Vito Aiuto
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*A recognition of the
presence of God among
us, which influences the
posture of our hearts.*

Psalm 63:1-5

Please stand if able.

Song of Gathering

Up on a mountain our Lord is alone,
Without a family, friends, or a home.
He cries, "Oh, oh, oh, will you stay with me?"
He cries, "Oh, oh, oh, will you wait with me?"

Up on a mountain our Lord is afraid,
Carrying all the mistakes we have made.
And He knew it's a long way down.
Do you know it's a long way down?

Up in the heavens our Lord prays for you,
He sends His spirit to carry us through.
So it's true that you're not alone.
Do you know he came all the way down?

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Do you know he came all the way down?

We gather in the presence of God

Welcome and Call to Worship

Leader: *O God, You are my God, earnestly I seek You;
my soul thirsts for You, my body longs for You,
in a dry and weary land where there is no water.*

People: *I have seen You in the sanctuary
and beheld Your power and Your glory.
Because Your love is better than life,
my lips will glorify You.*

Leader: *I will praise You as long as I live,
and in Your name I will lift up my hands.*

People: *My soul will be satisfied as with the richest of foods;
with singing lips my mouth will praise You.*

Song of Praise

How firm a foundation, you saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!
What more can He say than to you He has said,
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled.

Fear not, I am with you, O be not dismayed,
For I am your God and will still give you aid;
I'll strengthen you, help you,
and cause you to stand
Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.

When through the deep waters I call you to go,
The rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;
For I will be with you, your troubles to bless,
And sanctify to you your deepest distress.

When through fiery trials
your pathways shall lie,
My grace, all sufficient, shall be your supply;
The flame shall not hurt you; I only design
Your dross to consume, and your gold to refine.

The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;
That soul, though all hell
should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no never, no never forsake.

Scripture Reading

After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

*"Therefore they are before the throne of God,
and serve him day and night in his temple;
and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence.*

*They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore;
the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat.*

*For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of living water,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."*

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

How Firm a Foundation

*Words: John Rippon
Music: Early American
melody
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Revelation 7:9-12,15-17

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

Please read together.

1 Peter 3:18a

**Jesus! What a Friend for
Sinners**

Words: Wilbur Chapman
Music: Rowland Pritchard
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We confess our sin and receive grace

Confession of Sin

Lord Jesus Christ, by Your steadfast love and atoning sacrifice, You took our place, and proved Yourself to be the Friend of sinners.

You were cast off that we might be brought in, trodden down as an enemy that we might be welcomed, stripped that we might be clothed, wounded that we might be healed, tormented that we might be comforted, marked by sin that we would be marked by righteousness, broken that we would be made whole, made a shame that we would inherit glory, entered darkness that we would live as sons of the light.

Yet we have been faithless and anxious in heart, and in our restlessness have sought peace for our souls where there is none to be found. Apart from You, we find ourselves alone, tired and worn. Forgive us, Lord Jesus. Restore to us the true rest You offer us by Your death and resurrection. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God.

Song of Renewal

Jesus! What a friend for sinners!
Jesus! Lover of my soul;
Friends may fail me, foes assail me,
He, my Savior, makes me whole.

Hallelujah! What a Savior!
Hallelujah! What a friend!
Saving, helping, keeping, loving,
He is with me to the end.

Jesus! What a strength in weakness!
Let me hide myself in Him.
Tempted, tried, and sometimes failing,
He, my strength, my victory wins.

chorus

Jesus! What a help in sorrow!
While the billows over me roll,
Even when my heart is breaking,
He, my Comfort, helps my soul.

chorus

Jesus! I do now adore Him,
more than all in Him I find.
He hath granted me forgiveness,
I am His, and He is mine.

chorus

We respond to the grace received

Being set right with God enables us to participate in his work.

Community Life

Work In Progress - Erik and Kate DeVriendt

A time to hear how God is working in the life of our church members.

Prayers of the People

The world: South Sudan, continued nation building

The Northside: Boaz & Ruth, a non-profit organization in Highland Park

Our church: Deep missions connections for our church

Offering

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

Song of Preparation

We love our God,
He always hears us when we cry,
His peace is so complete,
His love is so divine.

We love our God,
we'll live and die to see His fame,
There's nothing greater than
the glory of His Name.

Sing a song (sing a song)
of praise unto the Lord,
Sing a song (sing a song)
of praise unto the Lord,
Sing a song (sing a song)
of praise unto the Lord,
He will hold us in His love forevermore.

chorus

We love our God,
we long to see His Kingdom come,
And on that day then
every nation, tribe, and tongue will . . .

chorus (x2)

He will hold us in His love forevermore.

We Love Our God

*Words and music: Ross King
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*Our mind, body, and spirit
are nourished with food
that does not perish.*

Matthew 5:6

Isaiah 40:8

*Today's sermon is given by
Kevin Greene, associate
pastor of West End
Presbyterian Church, one
of the churches that planted
Northside.*

*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.*

God feeds us with His Word

Sermon Text

6 "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied."

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

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

How sweet the name of Jesus sounds
In a believer's ear!
It soothes his sorrow, heals his wounds
And drives away his fear.

It makes the wounded spirit whole,
And calms the troubled breast.
Tis manna to the hungry soul,
And to the weary rest.

Dear Name, the Rock on which I build
My Shield and Hiding Place,
My never-failing Treasury filled with
Boundless stores of grace.

Jesus, my Shepherd, Brother, Friend,
My Prophet, Priest, and King,
My Lord, my Life, my Way, My End,
Accept the praise I bring.

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.

How Sweet the Name

*Words: John Newton
Music: Alexander Reinagle
Arrangement: Bill Moore
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*We go forth to love and
serve God and neighbor.*

God sends us out refreshed

O Love That Will Not Let Me Go

*Words: George Matheson
Music: Christopher Miner
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Music*

Songs of Rejoicing

O Love that will not let me go,
I rest my weary soul in Thee;
I give Thee back the life I owe,
That in Thine ocean depths its flow
May richer, fuller be.

O Light that follow'st all my way,
I yield my flick'ring torch to Thee.
My heart restores its borrowed ray,
That in Thy sunshine's blaze its day,
May brighter, fairer be.

O Joy that seekest me through pain,
I cannot close my heart to Thee.
I trace the rainbow through the rain,
And feel the promise is not vain,
That morn shall tearless be.

O Cross that liftest up my head,
I dare not ask to fly from Thee.
I lay in dust life's glory dead,
And from the ground there blossoms red,
Life that shall endless be.

O Love that will not let me go,
I rest my weary soul in Thee;
I give Thee back the life I owe,
That in Thine ocean depths its flow
May richer, fuller be.

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

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

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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