



northside church

OF RICHMOND

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Meditation

Only once in sacred Scripture is an attribute of God elevated to the third degree. Only once is a characteristic of God mentioned three times in succession. The Bible says that God is holy, holy, holy. Not that He is merely holy, or even holy, holy. He is holy, holy, holy. The Bible never says that God is love, love, love, or mercy, mercy, mercy, or wrath, wrath, wrath, or justice, justice, justice. It does say that He is holy, holy, holy, the whole earth is full of His glory.

- R.C. Sproul

*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.

**10,000 Reasons
(Bless the Lord)**

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Psalm 103:1-5

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Zechariah 9:9-10, 16-17

Please stand if able.

We gather in the presence of God

Song of Gathering

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning,
It's time to sing Your song again.

Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me,
Let me be singing when the evening comes.

Bless the Lord O my soul,
O my soul,
Worship His Holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul.
I'll worship Your Holy name!

You're rich in love, and You're slow to anger.
Your name is great, and Your heart is kind.
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.

chorus

And on that day when my strength is failing,
The end draws near and my time has come.
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending,
Ten thousand years and then forevermore.

chorus

Welcome and Call to Worship

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

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

Words: Isaac Watts
(alt. by Matthew Smith)
Music: Matthew Smith
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Scripture Reading

Moses said to the LORD, "See, you say to me, 'Bring up this people,' but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, 'I know you by name, and you have also found favor in my sight.' Now therefore, if I have found favor in your sight, please show me now your ways, that I may know you in order to find favor in your sight. Consider too that this nation is your people." And he said, "My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest." And he said to him, "If your presence will not go with me, do not bring us up from here. For how shall it be known that I have found favor in your sight, I and your people? Is it not in your going with us, so that we are distinct, I and your people, from every other people on the face of the earth?"

And the LORD said to Moses, "This very thing that you have spoken I will do, for you have found favor in my sight, and I know you by name." Moses said, "Please show me your glory." And he said, "I will make all my goodness pass before you and will proclaim before you my name 'The LORD.' And I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. But," he said, "you cannot see my face, for man shall not see me and live." And the LORD said, "Behold, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock, and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by."

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Exodus 33:12-22

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

Please read together.

Daniel 9:9, 18

God of My Life, To Thee I Call

*Words: William Cowper
Music: Clint Wells, Brian T. Murphy and Benj Pocta
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*Here's another way to phrase the last 2 lines of the chorus:
When you put your faith in Jesus he becomes your powerful advocate, and you can be confident of your spiritual safety and profit in any circumstance.*

We confess our sin and receive grace

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

*The Lord our God is merciful and forgiving, even though we have rebelled against Him . . .
We do not make requests of You because we are righteous, but because of Your great mercy.*

Song of Renewal

God of my life, to Thee I call,
Afflicted at Thy feet I fall.

chorus

When the great water floods prevail,
Leave not my trembling heart to fail.

That were a grief I could not bear,
Didst Thou not hear and answer prayer.
But a prayer-hearing, -answering God,
Supports me under every load.

Poor though I am, despised, forgot,
Yet God, my God, forgets me not.
And he is safe and must succeed,
For whom the Lord is sure to plead.

chorus (x2)

Friend of the friendless and the faint,
Where should I lodge my deep complaint?
Where but with Thee, whose open door,
Invites the helpless and the poor!

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 - Libby Dalis and Marie Maino

Offering

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

Song of Preparation

Our mouths, they were filled, filled with laughter;
Our tongues, they were loosed, loosed with joy;
Restore us, O Lord! Restore us, O Lord!

The nations will say, "He has done great things!"
The nations will sing songs of joy.
Restore us, O Lord! Restore us, O Lord!

Although we are weeping,
Lord help us keep sowing,
The seeds of Your Kingdom
for the day You will reap them!
Your sheaves we will carry,
Lord please do not tarry.
All those who sow weeping
will go out with songs of joy.

chorus

Psalm 126

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

God feeds us with His Word

Matthew 17:1-13

Sermon Text

1 And after six days Jesus took with him Peter and James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. 2 And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became white as light. 3 And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. 4 And Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah." 5 He was still speaking when, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." 6 When the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces and were terrified. 7 But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Rise, and have no fear." 8 And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only.

9 And as they were coming down the mountain, Jesus commanded them, "Tell no one the vision, until the Son of Man is raised from the dead." 10 And the disciples asked him, "Then why do the scribes say that first Elijah must come?" 11 He answered, "Elijah does come, and he will restore all things. 12 But I tell you that Elijah has already come, and they did not recognize him, but did to him whatever they pleased. So also the Son of Man will certainly suffer at their hands." 13 Then the disciples understood that he was speaking to them of John the Baptist.

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

*We encourage you to use
this space to take notes or
write questions.*

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 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

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 My Great High Priest

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(chorus by Kirk Ward)
Music: Kirk Ward
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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.*

God sends us out refreshed

Jesus Shall Reign

*Words: Isaac Watts
Music: John Hatton
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Song of Rejoicing

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
Does its successive journeys run;
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
Till moons shall wax and wane no more.

To Him shall endless prayer be made,
And praises throng to crown His head;
His Name like sweet perfume shall rise
With every morning sacrifice.

People and realms of every tongue
Dwell on His love with sweetest song;
And infant voices shall proclaim
Their early blessings on His Name.

Blessings abound wherever He reigns;
The prisoner leaps to lose his chains;
The weary find eternal rest,
And all the sons of want are blessed.

Let every creature rise and bring
Peculiar honors to our King;
Angels descend with songs again,
And earth repeat the loud amen!

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

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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