



northside church

OF RICHMOND

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Meditation

If we consider the unblushing promises of reward and the staggering nature of the rewards promised in the Gospels, it would seem that our Lord finds our desires, not too strong, but too weak. We are half-hearted creatures, fooling about with drink and sex and ambition when infinite joy is offered us, like an ignorant child who wants to go on making mud pies in a slum because he cannot imagine what is meant by the offer of a holiday at the sea. We are far too easily pleased.

— C.S. Lewis

*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. Declaring this together turns our hearts and minds toward Him.

Gather Them In

Words and music:
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Zephaniah 3:14-20,
Zechariah 9:9

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Psalm 29:1-4, 10-11

Please stand if able.

We gather in the presence of God

Song of Gathering

We wait for You to testify,
To hold the kingdoms to account.
Your righteous justice shall not fail,
All those who trust in Your name.

You will gather them in,
You will bring, bring them home.
King of all Kings, Lord of all Lords.

You will gather them in,
You will bring, bring them home.
King of all Kings, Lord of all Lords.

Sing out, sing out, you daughters of Zion,
And shout aloud, O Israel.
Be glad, rejoice with all your heart,
He has removed your punishment.

He will gather us in,
He will bring, bring us home.
King of all Kings, Lord of all Lords.

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He will bring, bring us home.
King of all Kings, Lord of all Lords.

repeat

Welcome and Call to Worship

Leader: *Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings,
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.*

People: ***Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;
worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness.***

Leader: *The voice of the LORD is over the waters;
the God of glory thunders,
the LORD, over many waters.*

People: ***The voice of the LORD is powerful;
the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.***

Leader: *The LORD sits enthroned over the flood;
the LORD sits enthroned as king forever.*

People: ***May the LORD give strength to his people!
May the LORD bless his people with peace!***

Song of Praise

From all that dwell below the skies
Let the Creator's praise arise.
Let the Redeemer's Name be sung,
Through every land, by every tongue.

Eternal are Thy mercies, Lord,
And truth eternal is Thy Word.
Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore,
Till suns shall rise and set no more.

In every land begin the song,
To every land the strains belong.
In cheerful sounds all voices raise,
And fill the world with loudest praise.

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow,
Praise Him, all creatures here below,
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!

From All That Dwell Below the Skies

*Words: Isaac Watts (v 1-2),
Robert Spence (v 3), and
Thomas Ken (v 4)
Music: Alex Mejias
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Scripture Reading

I searched with my heart how to cheer my body with wine - my heart still guiding me with wisdom - and how to lay hold on folly, till I might see what was good for the children of man to do under heaven during the few days of their life. I made great works. I built houses and planted vineyards for myself. I made myself gardens and parks, and planted in them all kinds of fruit trees. I made myself pools from which to water the forest of growing trees. I bought male and female slaves, and had slaves who were born in my house. I had also great possessions of herds and flocks, more than any who had been before me in Jerusalem. I also gathered for myself silver and gold and the treasure of kings and provinces. I got singers, both men and women, and many concubines, the delight of the sons of man.

So I became great and surpassed all who were before me in Jerusalem. Also my wisdom remained with me. And whatever my eyes desired I did not keep from them. I kept my heart from no pleasure, for my heart found pleasure in all my toil, and this was my reward for all my toil. Then I considered all that my hands had done and the toil I had expended in doing it, and behold, all was vanity and a striving after wind, and there was nothing to be gained under the sun.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Ecclesiastes 2:3-11

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

Please read together.

2 Corinthians 5:17

Depth of Mercy

*Words: Charles Wesley
Music: Jeff Koonce, Clint
Wells, Brian T. Murphy
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Music*

We confess our sin and receive grace

Confession of Sin

Lord, how quickly we forget Your promises to us!

Doubting Your provision for our needs, we chase after possessions and social status.

Denying Your comfort for our pain, we medicate ourselves with detachment or illicit thrills.

Distrusting Your calling for our life, we hoard our blessings from those in need.

This has left us tired, hungry, and anxious. Together we confess and turn again toward You.

Give us faith that You will provide for us, and grateful hearts when we receive.

Convince us that sin does not satisfy, and that life is found only in You.

Lead us in loving others and bearing fruit for Your Kingdom.

Forgive us and renew us, for our sake and for Your glory. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation.

The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

Song of Renewal

Depth of mercy! Can there be
mercy still reserved for me?

Can my God His wrath forbear,
me, the chief of sinners, spare?

I have long withstood His grace,
long provoked Him to His face,
Would not hearken to His calls,
grieved Him by a thousand falls.

I have spilt His precious blood,
trampled on the Son of God,
Filled with pangs unspeakable,
I, who yet am not in hell!
I my Master have denied,
I afresh have crucified,
And profaned His hallowed Name,
put Him to an open shame.

Jesus speaks, and pleads His blood!

He disarms the wrath of God;

Now my Father's mercies move,
justice lingers into love.

There for me the Savior stands,
shows His wounds and spreads His hands.

God is love! I know, I feel;

Jesus weeps and loves me still.

Pity from Thine eye let fall,
by a look my soul recall;

Now the stone to flesh convert,
cast a look, and break my heart.

Now incline me to repent,
let me now my sins lament,
Now my foul revolt deplore,
weep, believe, and sin no more.

We respond to the grace received

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

Passing of the Peace

Community Life

Prayers of the People

The world: Christ School - Bundibugyo, Uganda

The Northside: Youth Life Foundation - need more mentors

Our church: Joel Passmore - pastoral internship

Offering

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

Song of Preparation

For the beauty of the earth,
For the glory of the skies,
For the love which from our birth,
Over and around us lies.

Lord of all to Thee we raise,
This our hymn of grateful praise.

For the wonder of each hour,
Of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale, and tree and flower,
Sun and moon, and stars of light.

chorus

For the joy of human love,
Brother, sister, parent, child,

Friends on earth and friends above,
For all gentle thoughts and mild.

chorus

For the church, that evermore
Lifteth holy hands above,
Offering upon every shore
Her pure sacrifice of love.

chorus

For Thyself, best Gift Divine.
To the world so freely given,
For that great, great love of Thine,
Peace on earth and joy in Heaven.

chorus (x3)

For the Beauty of the Earth

*Words: Folliott S. Pierpoint
Music: Conrad Kocher
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*Our mind, body, and spirit
are nourished with food
that does not perish.*

Matthew 13:44-46

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

44 "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

45 "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, 46 who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it."

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 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

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.

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.

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

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

chorus

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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.

God Who Saves

*Words and music:
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*We go forth to love and
serve God and neighbor.*

It Is Finished

*Words: Thomas Kelly
Music: Clint Wells, Brian T.
Murphy
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Music*

*"Approbation" is an
expression of warm
approval.*

God sends us out refreshed

Song of Rejoicing

"It is finished!" – Sinners, hear it!

Tis the dying Victor's cry;

"It is finished!" – Angels bear it,

Bear the joyful truth on high:

"It is finished!" Tell it through the earth and sky!

"It is finished!" Tell it through the earth and sky!

Justice, from her awful station,

Bars the sinner's peace no more.

Justice views with **approbation**

What the Savior did and bore.

Grace and mercy now display their boundless store.

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"It is finished!" – All is over,

Yes, the cup of wrath is drained.

Such the truth these words discover,

Thus the victory was obtained.

'Tis a victory none but Jesus could have gained.

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Crown the mighty Conqueror, crown Him,

Who His people's foes o'ercame!

In the highest heaven enthrone Him,

Men and angels sound His fame!

Great His glory! Jesus bears a matchless name.

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repeat

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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