



# northside church

OF RICHMOND

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## **Meditation**

I know the resurrection is a fact, and Watergate proved it to me. How? Because 12 men testified they had seen Jesus raised from the dead, then they proclaimed that truth for 40 years, never once denying it. Every one was beaten, tortured, stoned and put in prison. They would not have endured that if it weren't true. Watergate embroiled 12 of the most powerful men in the world- and they couldn't keep a lie for three weeks. You're telling me 12 apostles could keep a lie for 40 years? Absolutely impossible.

- Charles Colson

*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.*

*The Holy God is present with us in worship, and He invites us to come to Him with true adoration.*

### **You Alone Are God**

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# God calls us into His presence to worship

## **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!

## **Call to Worship**

*Psalm 19:1-2, 7, 14*

*Please stand if able.*

**Leader:** *The heavens declare the glory of God,  
and the sky above proclaims his handiwork.*

**People:** *Day to day pours out speech,  
and night to night reveals knowledge.*

**Leader:** *The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul;  
the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple;*

**People:** *Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart  
be acceptable in your sight,  
O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.*

## Song of Praise

Arise, my soul, arise, shake off your guilty fears,  
The bleeding Sacrifice on my behalf appears.  
Before the throne my **Surety** stands,  
Before the throne my Surety stands,  
My name is written on His hands.

Arise, arise, arise!  
Arise my soul, arise!

Arise, arise, arise!  
Arise my soul, arise!  
Shake off your guilty fears and rise!

He ever lives above, for me to intercede,  
His all-redeeming love, His precious blood to plead,  
His blood atoned for every race,  
His blood atoned for every race,  
And sprinkles now the throne of grace.

*chorus*

My God is reconciled, His pard'ning voice I hear,  
He owns me for His child, I can no longer fear,  
With confidence I now draw nigh,  
With confidence I now draw nigh,  
And "Father, Abba Father," cry.

*chorus*

## Confession of Sin

Lord, You delight to dwell with the broken and contrite, and so we confess together -  
success convinces us that we can make it on our own,  
difficulty leads us to accuse You of neglect,  
possessions diminish our love for You,  
and busyness diverts us from caring for our neighbors.  
Forgive what we have been, change what we are, and direct what we are becoming;  
teach us that both Your love and our neediness are greater than we think,  
give us a renewed will and desire to follow You,  
and brighten our hearts with the joy of Your Spirit.  
In the Name of Your Son, Jesus. Amen.

## Silent Confession

### Assurance of Pardon

*For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin,  
so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.*

### *Arise, My Soul, Arise*

*Words: Charles Wesley  
Music: Kevin Twit  
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*Psalm 57:8*

*"Surety" refers to Jesus, and is 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.*

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

*2 Corinthians 5:21*

## **Search Me**

*Words and music: Kirk Ward  
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*Psalm 139:23-24*

## **Song of Renewal**

Search me, and know my heart  
Test me, and know my thoughts.  
See into me: is there any sin?  
And Lord, lead me in the everlasting way.

Search me, and know my heart  
Test me, and know my thoughts.  
See into me: is there any sin?  
And Lord, lead me in the everlasting way.

Where there is fear, make me courageous,  
Where there is doubt, give me faith.  
Where there is pride, Lord make me humble.  
Where there is silence, give me praise.

Search me, and know my heart  
Test me, and know my thoughts.  
See into me: is there any sin?  
And Lord, lead me in the everlasting way.

Jesus, Your love has made me righteous,  
For by your wounds I am healed.  
Jesus, Your death has paid the ransom,  
Your resurrection gives me life.

*chorus*

*Being reconciled with God  
through Christ enables us to  
seek peace with each other  
and participate in His work.*

## **Passing of the Peace**

## **Community Life**

Update and prayer: Fiscal year internal giving

*God designed worship to  
include the voluntary giving  
of offerings by His people.*

## **Offering**

## Scripture Reading

*When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who also was a disciple of Jesus. He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate ordered it to be given to him. And Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a clean linen shroud and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had cut in the rock. And he rolled a great stone to the entrance of the tomb and went away. Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were there, sitting opposite the tomb.*

*The next day, that is, after the day of Preparation, the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered before Pilate and said, "Sir, we remember how that impostor said, while he was still alive, 'After three days I will rise.' Therefore order the tomb to be made secure until the third day, lest his disciples go and steal him away and tell the people, 'He has risen from the dead,' and the last fraud will be worse than the first." Pilate said to them, "You have a guard of soldiers. Go, make it as secure as you can." So they went and made the tomb secure by sealing the stone and setting a guard.*

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

## Song of Preparation

Rock of Ages, cleft for me,  
Let me hide myself in Thee.  
Let the water and the blood,  
From Thy riven side which flowed,  
Be of sin the double cure,  
Cleanse me from its guilt and power.

Not the labors of my hands,  
Can fulfill Thy law's demands.  
Could my zeal no respite know,  
Could my tears forever flow,  
All for sin could not atone,  
Thou must save, and Thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring,  
Simply to Thy cross I cling.  
Naked come to Thee for dress,  
Helpless, look to Thee for grace.  
Foul, I to the fountain fly,  
Wash me, Savior, or I die!

While I draw this fleeting breath,  
When mine eyes shall close in death,  
When I soar to worlds unknown,  
See thee on Thy judgment throne,  
Rock of Ages, cleft for me,  
Let me hide myself in Thee.

**Matthew 27:57-66**

## Rock of Ages

*Words: Augustus Toplady  
Music: Thomas Hastings  
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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

**Luke 24:13-35**

13 That very day two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, 14 and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened. 15 While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them. 16 But their eyes were kept from recognizing him. 17 And he said to them, "What is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?" And they stood still, looking sad. 18 Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?" 19 And he said to them, "What things?" And they said to him, "Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, 20 and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him. 21 But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things happened. 22 Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning, 23 and when they did not find his body, they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive. 24 Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but him they did not see." 25 And he said to them, "O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! 26 Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?" 27 And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.

28 So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He acted as if he were going farther, 29 but they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, for it is toward evening and the day is now far spent." So he went in to stay with them. 30 When he was at table with them, he took the bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them. 31 And their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. And he vanished from their sight. 32 They said to each other, "Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?" 33 And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem. And they found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together, 34 saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!" 35 Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread.

**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

*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.

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*

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...

*chorus*

## God Who Saves

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*We go out with renewed  
faith to love our God and  
our neighbors.*

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

*Words: Samuel Stennet  
Music: Christopher Miner  
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*In this song the Christian  
life is compared to when the  
Israelites looked forward to  
entering rest in the promised  
land of Canaan on the other  
side of the Jordan River.  
Though we endure difficul-  
ties in this life, in Christ we  
look forward with hope to  
when God's promises will  
come to fruition.*

# God sends us out refreshed

## **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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