



northside church

OF RICHMOND

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Meditations

My friends have made the story of my life. In a thousand ways they have turned my limitations into beautiful privileges, and enabled me to walk serene and happy in the shadow cast by my deprivation.

- Helen Keller

*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.*

We gather in the presence of God

Just a Little Talk With Jesus

*Words and music: Rev.
Cleavant Derricks
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*God is present with us in
worship. Declaring this
together turns our hearts
and minds toward Him.*

Psalm 117

Please stand if able.

Song of Gathering

I once was lost in sin,
but Jesus took me in.
Then a little light from heaven healed my soul.
Well He bathed my heart in love,
and He wrote my name above.
Just a little talk with Jesus makes it right.

We'll just have a little talk with Jesus,
And we'll tell him all about our troubles.
He will hear our faintest cry,
He will answer by and by.
When you feel a little prayerful yearning,
You will know a little fire is burning.
Just a little talk with Jesus makes it right.

You may have doubts and fears,
And your eyes be filled with tears,
But Jesus is a friend who watches
day and night.
He wrote my name above,
And he bathed my heart in love.
Just a little talk with Jesus makes it right.

chorus

verse 1

Welcome and Call to Worship

Leader: *Praise the LORD, all nations!*

People: *Extol him, all peoples!*

Leader: *For great is his steadfast love toward us,
and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever.*

People: *Praise the LORD!*

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

Jesus Everlasting King

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

We want you to know, brothers, about the grace of God that has been given among the churches of Macedonia, for in a severe test of affliction, their abundance of joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part. For they gave according to their means, as I can testify, and beyond their means, of their own accord, begging us earnestly for the favor of taking part in the relief of the saints—and this, not as we expected, but they gave themselves first to the Lord and then by the will of God to us. Accordingly, we urged Titus that as he had started, so he should complete among you this act of grace. But as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in all earnestness, and in our love for you—see that you excel in this act of grace also.

I say this not as a command, but to prove by the earnestness of others that your love also is genuine. For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

2 Corinthians 8:1-9

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

Please read together.

Ephesians 2:4-5

Great God From Thee

*Words: John Newton
Music: Justin Smith
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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 we 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

*But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were
dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ – by grace you have been saved.*

Song of Renewal

Great God from Thee there's nought concealed,
Thou seest my inward frame.
To Thee I always stand revealed, exactly as I am.

Since I can hardly therefore bear,
What in myself I see,
How vile and dark must I appear,
Most holy God to Thee?

But since my Savior stands between,
In garments dyed in blood,
'Tis He instead of me is seen,
When I approach to God.

Thus though a sinner, I am safe,
He pleads before the throne,

His life and death in my behalf,
And calls my sins His own.

What wondrous love, what mysteries,
In this appointment shine:
My breaches of the law are His,
And His obedience mine!

Great God from Thee there's nought concealed,
Thou seest my inward frame.
To Thee I always stand revealed, exactly as I am.

What wondrous love, what mysteries,
In this appointment shine:
My breaches of the law are His,
And His obedience mine!

We respond to the grace received

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

The peace God made with us is extended to those around us.

Passing of the Peace

Community Life

Vision Moment - Urban Fellows update

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.*

Philippians 4:14-23

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

14 Yet it was kind of you to share my trouble. 15 And you Philippians yourselves know that in the beginning of the gospel, when I left Macedonia, no church entered into partnership with me in giving and receiving, except you only. 16 Even in Thessalonica you sent me help for my needs once and again. 17 Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the fruit that increases to your credit. 18 I have received full payment, and more. I am well supplied, having received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent, a fragrant offering, a sacrifice acceptable and pleasing to God. 19 And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. 20 To our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen.

21 Greet every saint in Christ Jesus. The brothers who are with me greet you. 22 All the saints greet you, especially those of Caesar's household.

23 The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit.

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

Let us break bread together on our knees,
Let us break bread together on our knees.
When I fall on my knees
with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.
O Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us drink wine together on our knees,
Let us drink wine together on our knees.
When I fall on my knees
with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.
O Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us praise God together on our knees,
Let us praise God together on our knees.
When I fall on my knees
with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.
O Lord, have mercy on me.

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

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.

Break Bread

*Anonymous African-American spiritual
Contemporary arrangement
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*We go forth to love and
serve God and neighbor.*

God sends us out refreshed

It Is Finished

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

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

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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now display their boundless store.

"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.
'Tis a victory
none but Jesus could have gained.

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.
Great His glory!
Jesus bears a matchless name.

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

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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