



# northside church

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***Good Friday***  
***April 14, 2017***

Welcome! On Good Friday we fix our gaze on Jesus' death for us on the cross. This service is also called *Tenebrae*, the Latin word meaning "shadows." Our service will conclude in near darkness, symbolizing the darkness which covered the earth at the time of Jesus' death.

In the crucifixion we are confronted with the sobering reality of our sin, the high price of redemption, and the vast extent of God's love. May the Holy Spirit dwell with us as we meditate on these truths tonight.

*Isaiah 53:1-6*

*Please stand if able.*

## Call to Worship

Leader: *Who has believed what he has heard from us?  
And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?  
For he grew up before him like a young plant,  
and like a root out of dry ground;  
he had no form or majesty that we should look at him,  
and no beauty that we should desire him.*

**People:** *He was despised and rejected by men;  
a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief;  
and as one from whom men hide their faces  
he was despised, and we esteemed him not.*

Leader: *Surely He took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows,  
yet we considered Him stricken by God, smitten by Him, and afflicted.*

**People:** *But He was pierced for our transgressions,  
He was crushed for our iniquities;  
the punishment that brought us peace was upon Him,  
and by His wounds we are healed.*

Leader: *We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way;  
and the Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.*

## Song

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.

*Rock of Ages*

*Words: Augustus Toplady*

*Music: Thomas Hastings*

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## The First Word - Forgiveness Sought

*Pilate addressed them once more, desiring to release Jesus, but they kept shouting, "Crucify, crucify him!" A third time he said to them, "Why? What evil has he done? I have found in him no guilt deserving death. I will therefore punish and release him." But they were urgent, demanding with loud cries that he should be crucified. And their voices prevailed. So Pilate decided that their demand should be granted. He released the man who had been thrown into prison for insurrection and murder, for whom they asked, but he delivered Jesus over to their will. ....*

*Two others, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. And when they came to the place that is called The Skull, there they crucified him, and the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. And Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." And they cast lots to divide his garments. And the people stood by, watching, but the rulers scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself, if he is the Christ of God, his Chosen One!" The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."*

**silence**

## The Second Word - Salvation Promised

*One of the criminals who were hanged railed at him, saying, "Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!" But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong." And he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." And he said to him, "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise."*

**silence**

## Song

When I survey the wondrous cross,  
On which the Prince of Glory died.  
My richest gain I count but loss,  
And pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it Lord that I should boast,  
Save in the death of Christ my God.  
All the vain things that charm me most,  
I sacrifice them to His blood.

See from His head, His hands, His feet,  
Sorrow and love flow mingled down.  
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,  
Or thorns compose so rich a crown.

Were the whole realm of nature mine,  
That were a tribute far too small.  
Love so amazing, so divine,  
Demands my soul, my life, my all.

***When I Survey The  
Wondrous Cross***

*Words: Isaac Watts  
Music: Lowell Mason  
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John 19:23-27

## The Third Word - Love Manifested

When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his garments and divided them into four parts, one part for each soldier; also his tunic. But the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from top to bottom, so they said to one another, "Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see whose it shall be." This was to fulfill the Scripture which says,

*"They divided my garments among them, and for my clothing they cast lots."*

So the soldiers did these things, but standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, "*Woman, behold, your son!*" Then he said to the disciple, "*Behold, your mother!*" And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home.

**silence**

Matthew 27:45-49

## The Fourth Word - Abandonment Questioned

Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour. And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, "*Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?*" that is, "*My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?*" And some of the bystanders, hearing it, said, "This man is calling Elijah." And one of them at once ran and took a sponge, filled it with sour wine, and put it on a reed and gave it to him to drink. But the others said, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him."

## Song

*How Deep the Father's  
Love For Us*

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Stuart Townend  
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How deep the Father's love for us,  
how vast beyond all measure,  
That He should give His only Son,  
to make a wretch His treasure!

How great the pain of searing loss,  
the Father turned His face away,  
As wounds which mar the chosen one,  
bring many sons to glory.

Behold the man upon a cross,  
my sin upon His shoulders.  
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice  
call out among the scoffers.

It was my sin that held Him there  
until it was accomplished.  
His dying breath has brought me life;  
I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything;  
no gifts, no power, no wisdom,  
But I will boast in Jesus Christ,  
His death and resurrection.

Why should I gain from His reward?  
I cannot give an answer,  
But this I know with all my heart:  
His wounds have paid my ransom.

## The Fifth Word - Suffering Endured

After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the Scripture), *"I thirst."* A jar full of sour wine stood there, so they put a sponge full of the sour wine on a hyssop branch and held it to his mouth.

*John 19:28-29*

**silence**

## The Sixth Word - The Work Completed

When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, *"It is finished."*

*John 19:30a*

**silence**

## Song

"Man of Sorrows," what a name  
For the Son of God, who came  
Ruined sinners to reclaim.  
Hallelujah, what a Savior!

Bearing shame and scoffing rude,  
In my place condemned He stood;  
Sealed my pardon with His blood.  
Hallelujah, what a Savior!

Guilty, helpless, lost were we;  
Blameless Lamb of God was He;  
"Full atonement!" can it be?  
Hallelujah, what a Savior!

Lifted up was He to die;  
"It is finished!" was His cry;  
Now in heav'n exalted high.  
Hallelujah, what a Savior!  
Hallelujah, what a Savior!  
Hallelujah, what a Savior!

***Hallelujah! What a Savior***

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Luke 23:44b-48

## The Seventh Word - A Life Entrusted to God

*There was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour, while the sun's light failed. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Then Jesus, calling out with a loud voice, said, "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit!" And having said this he breathed his last. Now when the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God, saying, "Certainly this man was innocent!" And all the crowds that had assembled for this spectacle, when they saw what had taken place, returned home beating their breasts.*

**silence**

*Tonight's sermon is given by  
Pastor Matt Lorish.*

**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, 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.

## Song

Jesus my great High Priest offered His blood and died  
My guilty conscience seeks no sacrifice beside.  
His pow'ful 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*

**1 Corinthians 11:23b-26**

### **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

The phrase "dear Surety" refers to Jesus. Hebrews 7:22 says "Jesus has become a **surety** of a better covenant" (NKJV). This means the sacrifice of Jesus is the solid foundation for a reconciled relationship with God.

Luke 23:34

## The Seven Last Words of Christ

*"Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do."*

Luke 23:43

*"Truly I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise."*

John 19:26-27

*"Dear woman, behold your son...behold your mother!"*

Matthew 27:46

*"My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"*

John 19:28

*"I thirst."*

John 19:30

*"It is finished."*

Luke 23:46

*"Father, into your hands I commit my spirit!"*

**silence**

## Song

*Were You There?*

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Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Oh, sometimes it causes me  
to tremble, tremble, tremble.

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Were you there when they pierced Him in the side?

Were you there when they pierced Him in the side?

Oh, sometimes it causes me  
to tremble, tremble, tremble.

Were you there when they pierced Him in the side?

Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?

Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?

Oh, sometimes it causes me  
to tremble, tremble, tremble.

Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?

## 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

Every Sunday at 4pm in the fellowship hall of Battery Park Christian Church, on the corner of Brook and Bellevue. Visitors are always welcome!

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