



# northside church

OF RICHMOND

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## **Meditation**

So often it seems that Christians are not sure what they should do in a particular situation, or they become flustered waiting on God to “give them a sign,” when all they really need to consider is the desire of their heart. You see, if you are walking close to the Lord, and he shapes your character and influences your life, then He is also shaping your desires.

~ Bruce Waltke, *Finding the Will of God*

*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.

**Every Ditch,  
Every Valley**

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Isaiah 40:3-8

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**Psalm 111:1-4, 9-10**

Please stand if able.

# We gather in the presence of God

## Song of Gathering

A voice says "Cry out: All men are like grass,  
And their time of glory soon shall pass.  
But the word of God, it will never die.  
Surely it will stand For eternity!"

Every ditch and valley shall be raised up,  
Every hill and mountain be made low,  
Every rugged place will be made flat,  
Everybody shall see the glory of the LORD.

You who bring good news,  
raise your voice and shout,  
Do not be afraid to speak the name of God.  
The hard days are gone, the debt has been paid,  
And the time has come to walk the righteous way.

*chorus (x2)*

Everybody shall see the glory of the LORD.

## Welcome and Call to Worship

Leader: *Praise the LORD!*

**People: *I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart,  
in the company of the upright, in the congregation.***

Leader: *Great are the works of the LORD,  
studied by all who delight in them.*

**People: *Full of splendor and majesty is his work,  
and his righteousness endures forever.***

Leader: *He has caused his wondrous works to be remembered;  
the LORD is gracious and merciful.*

**People: *He sent redemption to his people;  
he has commanded his covenant forever.  
Holy and awesome is his name!***

Leader: *The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;  
all those who practice it have a good understanding.*

**People: *His praise endures forever!***

## Song of Praise

All hail the power of Jesus' Name!  
Let angels prostrate fall;  
Bring forth the royal **diadem**,  
and crown Him Lord of all!  
Bring forth the royal **diadem**,  
and crown Him Lord of all!

Ye chosen seed of Israel's race,  
ye ransomed from the fall,  
Hail Him Who saves you by His grace,  
and crown Him Lord of all!  
Hail Him Who saves you by His grace,  
and crown Him Lord of all!

Let ev'ry tribe and ev'ry tongue  
to Him their hearts enthrall.  
Lift high the universal song,  
and crown Him Lord of all!  
Lift high the universal song,  
and crown Him Lord of all!

O that, with yonder sacred throng,  
we at His feet may fall,  
Join in the everlasting song,  
and crown Him Lord of all!  
Join in the everlasting song,  
and crown Him Lord of all!

### *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*

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John Rippon  
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*A **diadem** is a crown worn  
as a sign of royalty.*

## Scripture Reading

*Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you. Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world. And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you.*

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

**1 Peter 5:6-10**

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

*Please read together.*

*2 Corinthians 5:17*

**Rock of Ages**

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# We confess our sin and receive grace

## Confession of Sin

Holy and loving God, together we confess our sinful attitudes and actions:  
We act like our own providers and use our resources selfishly.  
We sometimes serve others only when it is convenient or when it serves our purposes.  
And in difficult circumstances we accuse You of neglect.

Together we repent from our sins and turn to you alone for forgiveness.  
Jesus, teach us that we only achieve greatness by giving our lives away.  
Spirit, renew our heart and will, and conform us to the likeness of Christ.  
Father, be glorified in our lives. 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

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.

# 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: Travis Johnson, cancer has returned

The Northside: Youth Life Foundation, fall startup

Our church: Northside schools and children

## Offering

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

## Song of Preparation

Because of His great love,  
We are not overcome!  
Because of His great love,  
We are not overcome!

Put no trust in the earth,  
In the sod you stand upon.  
Flowers fade into dust;  
The Lord will make a place for us.

Flesh will fail, and bones will break;  
Thieves will steal, the earth will shake.  
Night will fall, the light will fade;  
The Lord will give and take away.

*chorus*

*chorus*

Have no fear for your life,  
Turn your cheek, turn your cheek.  
Bear the yoke of love and death,  
The Lord will give life and breath.

*chorus (x2)*

## ***We Are Not Overcome***

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*Lamentations 3*

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

***Ephesians 5:15-17***

***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

*15 Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, 16 making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. 17 Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is.*

**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

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

My God is awesome, He can move mountains,  
Keep me in the valley, hide me from the rain.  
My God is awesome, heals me when I'm broken,  
Strength where I've been weakened,  
forever He will reign.

He's mighty, He's mighty, He's mighty, He's mighty!  
Awesome, awesome!

*repeat* He's holy, He's holy, He's holy, He's holy!  
Awesome, awesome!

My God is awesome, awesome,  
awesome, awesome!

He's great, He's great, He's great, He's great!  
Awesome, awesome!

My God is awesome, awesome,  
awesome, awesome!

Provider, Provider, Provider, Provider!  
Awesome, awesome!

My God is awesome, Savior of the whole world  
Giver of salvation, by His stripes I am healed.

Protector, Protector, Protector, Protector!  
Awesome, awesome!

My God is awesome, today I am forgiven,  
His grace is why I'm living, praise His holy name!

Deliverer, Deliverer, Deliverer, Deliverer!  
Awesome, awesome!

*chorus*

**Awesome**

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*We go forth to love and  
serve God and neighbor.*

# God sends us out refreshed

## **Every Praise**

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## **Song of Rejoicing**

Every praise is to our God,  
Every word of worship with one accord!  
Every praise, every praise is to our God!  
Sing hallelujah to our God,  
Glory hallelujah is due our God.  
Every praise, every praise is to our God.

*repeat*

God my Savior!  
God my Healer!  
God my Deliverer!  
Yes He is, yes He is!

*repeat*

Every praise is to our God,  
Every word of worship with one accord!  
Every praise, every praise...  
is to our God!

## **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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