



northside church

OF RICHMOND

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Meditations

Strength like a lion burns like fire in my veins,
Cause I will run and I will not grow weary until I'm face to face.
I feel the pleasure of my Lord when I'm in stride,
For the glory of the Lord is man who is completely alive.

For the world awaits like a mother celebrates
A child who's life's begun.
Step across that line out into the sunshine,
O Lord, my time has come.
I'm gonna run, I'm gonna run.

- Josh Garrels, "Run"

*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

O Love That Will Not Let Me Go

Words: George Matheson
Music: Christopher Miner
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Music

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God is present with us in worship. Declaring this together turns our hearts and minds toward Him.

Psalm 104:1-2, 5-6, 31-33

Please stand if able.

Song of Gathering

O Love that will not let me go,
I rest my weary soul in Thee;
I give Thee back the life I owe,
That in Thine ocean depths its flow
May richer, fuller be.

O Light that follow'st all my way,
I yield my flick'ring torch to Thee.
My heart restores its borrowed ray,
That in Thy sunshine's blaze its day,
May brighter, fairer be.

O Joy that seekest me through pain,
I cannot close my heart to Thee.
I trace the rainbow through the rain,
And feel the promise is not vain,
That morn shall tearless be.

O Cross that liftest up my head,
I dare not ask to fly from Thee.
I lay in dust life's glory dead,
And from the ground there blossoms red,
Life that shall endless be.

O Love that will not let me go,
I rest my weary soul in Thee;
I give Thee back the life I owe,
That in Thine ocean depths its flow
May richer, fuller be.

Welcome and Call to Worship

Leader: *Bless the LORD, O my soul! O LORD my God, you are very great!*

People: *You are clothed with splendor and majesty,
covering yourself with light as with a garment,
stretching out the heavens like a tent.*

Leader: *He set the earth on its foundations, so that it should never be moved.*

People: *You covered it with the deep as with a garment;
the waters stood above the mountains.*

Leader: *May the glory of the LORD endure forever;
may the LORD rejoice in his works,
who looks on the earth and it trembles,
who touches the mountains and they smoke!*

People: *I will sing to the LORD as long as I live;
I will sing praise to my God while I have being.*

Song of Praise

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty,
Early in the morning
our song shall rise to Thee.
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty,
God in Three Persons, blessed Trinity.

Holy, holy, holy, all the saints adore Thee,
Casting down their golden crowns
around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim
falling down before Thee,
Who wert and art and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy, though the darkness hide Thee,
Though the eye of sinful man,
Thy glory may not see.
Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee,
Perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty,
All thy works shall praise Thy name
in earth, and sky, and sea.
Holy, holy, holy,
merciful and mighty,
God in Three Persons, blessed Trinity.

Holy, Holy, Holy

*Words: Reginald Heber
Music: John B. Dykes
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Scripture Reading

But we have this treasure in jars of clay, to show that the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our bodies. For we who live are always being given over to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh. So death is at work in us, but life in you.

Since we have the same spirit of faith according to what has been written, "I believed, and so I spoke," we also believe, and so we also speak, knowing that he who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and bring us with you into his presence. For it is all for your sake, so that as grace extends to more and more people it may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

2 Corinthians 4:7-18

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

Please read together.

1 Peter 3:18a

Mighty To Save

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Morgan, Ben Fielding
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Hebrews 2:10, Ezekiel 38:20

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

For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God.

Song of Renewal

Everyone needs compassion,

love that's never failing.

Let mercy fall on me.

Everyone needs forgiveness,

the kindness of a Savior,

The hope of nations.

Savior, He can move the mountains,

My God is mighty to save,

He is mighty to save!

Forever, Author of salvation

He rose and conquered the grave,

Jesus conquered the grave!

So take me as You find me,

all my fears and failures.

Fill my life again.

I give my life to follow,

everything I believe in.

Now I surrender.

chorus

Shine your light and let the whole world see.

We're singing for the glory of the risen King, Jesus.

Shine your light and let the whole world see.

We're singing for the glory of the risen King, Jesus.

chorus

We respond to the grace received

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

Passing of the Peace

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

Community Life

Prayers of the People

The world: Kevin and Katie Shaffer - church plant in London

The Northside: Young Men's Academy - Thursday night meeting with middle school boys

Our church: Northside Groups - places of continued connection and spiritual growth

Offering

Today we are collecting an offering for the Mercy Fund in a tan basket in addition to the weekly general fund offering in the multi-colored basket. The Mercy Fund is used to provide financial assistance to those in need from our church and the Northside.

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

Song of Preparation

Christ, whose glory fills the skies,
Christ, the true, the only Light,
Sun of Righteousness, arise!
Triumph o'er the shades of night.

Dayspring from on high, be near.
Daystar, in my heart appear.

Till they inward light impart,
Glad my eyes, and warm my heart.

Visit then this soul of mine!
Pierce the gloom of sin and grief!
Fill me, radiance divine,
Scatter all my unbelief.

Dark and cheerless is the morn
Were it ever without Thee.
Joyless is the day's return,
Till Thy mercy's beams I see,

More and more Thyself display,
Shining to the perfect day.

Dayspring from on high, be near.
Daystar, in my heart appear.

Dayspring

Words: Charles Wesley

Music: Alex Mejias

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

Philippians 3:12-16

Isaiah 40:8

*Today's sermon is given
by pastoral intern Joel
Passmore.*

*We encourage you to use
this space to take notes or
write questions.*

God feeds us with His Word

Sermon Text

12 Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. 13 Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, 14 I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. 15 Let those of us who are mature think this way, and if in anything you think otherwise, God will reveal that also to you. 16 Only let us hold true to what we have attained.

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

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

On Jordan's Stormy Banks I Stand

*Words: Samuel Stennet
Music: Christopher Miner
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*In this song the Christian
journey is compared to
the Israelites' anticipated
entrance to the promised
land of Canaan on the other
side of the Jordan River. The
Israelites had endured many
hardships while waiting for
God to fulfill his promises of
land and rest.*

*Similarly, though we face
difficulties and tests of faith
in this life, in Christ we can
look forward in faith to the
time 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
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Worship Service

Each Sunday at 4pm in the fellowship hall of
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Visitors are always welcome!

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