



# northside church

## OF RICHMOND

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### **Meditations**

"Throw us in jail and we will still love you. Bomb our houses and threaten our children and we will still love you. Beat us and leave us half dead, and we will still love you. But be ye assured that we will wear you down by our capacity to suffer. One day we shall so appeal to your heart and conscience that we shall win you in the process, and our victory will be a double victory."

– Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., "The American Dream"

*Readings to help you engage with God and worship, as Jesus said, "in spirit and in truth."*

*When you hear the first song begin, please come take a seat and continue preparing for worship by praying, reading the meditation quotes above, or singing along.*

## *For the Beauty of the Earth*

Words: Foliott S. Pierpoint  
Music: Conrad Kocher  
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*A recognition of the presence of God among us, which influences the posture of our hearts.*

*Psalm 18:1-4, 6, 30-31*

*Please stand if able.*

## Song of Gathering

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*

## We gather in the presence of God

### Welcome and Call to Worship

Leader: *I love you, O LORD, my strength.  
The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer,  
my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge,  
my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.*

**People:** *I call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised,  
and I am saved from my enemies.*

Leader: *In my distress I called upon the LORD;  
to my God I cried for help.*

**People:** *From his temple he heard my voice,  
and my cry to him reached his ears.*

Leader: *This God – his way is perfect;  
the word of the LORD proves true;  
he is a shield for all those who take refuge in him.*

**People:** *For who is God, but the LORD?  
And who is a rock, except our God?*

## Song of Praise

Come thou fount of ev'ry blessing,  
tune my heart to sing Thy grace.  
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,  
call for songs of loudest praise.

Teach me some melodious sonnet,  
sung by flaming tongues above.  
Praise the mount, I'm fixed upon it –  
mount of God's unchanging love.

Here I raise my **Ebenezer**,  
hither by Thy help I've come;  
And I hope by Thy good pleasure,  
safely to arrive at home.

Jesus sought me when a stranger,  
wand'ring from the fold of God.  
He, to rescue me from danger,  
interposed His precious blood.

O, to grace, how great a debtor,  
daily I'm constrained to be.  
Let that grace, now, like a **fetter**,  
bind my wand'ring heart to Thee.

Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it –  
prone to leave the God I love.  
Here's my heart, Lord, take and seal it –  
seal it for Thy courts above.     *(repeat)*

## *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

Words: Robert Robinson  
Music: Ashael Nettleton  
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*“Ebenezer” means “stone of help.” It was the name of a monument to God’s faithfulness erected by Samuel, a judge of ancient Israel. See 1 Samuel 7:12.*

*A “fetter” is a chain or shackle placed on the feet.*

## Scripture Reading

*Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be wise in your own sight. Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, “Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.” To the contrary, “if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head.” Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.*

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

**Romans 12:14-21**

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

Please read together.

1 Peter 2:24

**Great God From Thee**

Words: John Newton  
Music: Justin Smith  
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# We confess our sin and receive grace

## Confession of Sin

Almighty and most merciful Father; we have erred, and strayed from Your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against Your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and there is no health in us. But You, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore those who repent; according to Your promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for His sake; that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of Your holy Name. Amen.

## Silent Confession

### Assurance of Pardon

*He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed.*

## 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!

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# 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: South Sudan, continued nation building

The Northside: Young Lives, a ministry to teenage mothers

Our church: "Growing In Your Ability To Engage God's Word" workshop next Saturday, 6/9

## 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 for 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

Before I knew what freedom was,  
Jesus set me free.

Hallelujah, Hallelujah,  
Hallelujah, He showed His love for me.

With no control, a slave to sin,  
God was my enemy.

But then He broke my rusty chains  
to share eternity.

Before I knew what freedom was,  
Jesus set me free.

Before I knew what living was,  
He gave His life for me.  
I was defeated in my sins,  
death had the victory.  
Then all my guilt was placed on Him,  
That day on Calvary.  
Before I knew what living was,  
He gave His life for me.

Hallelujah, Hallelujah,  
Hallelujah, Jesus set me free.

Hallelujah, Hallelujah,  
Hallelujah, He gave His life for me.

Before I knew what loving was,  
He showed His love for me.  
He knew me in my mother's womb,  
He knew my sinful tendencies.  
Adopted by His saving grace  
into His family.

Hallelujah, Hallelujah,  
Hallelujah, Jesus set me free.

Before I knew what loving was,  
He showed His love for me.

### *Before I Knew*

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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

38 *"You have heard that it was said, 'An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.'* 39 *But I say to you, Do not resist the one who is evil. But if anyone slaps you on the right cheek, turn to him the other also.* 40 *And if anyone would sue you and take your tunic, let him have your cloak as well.* 41 *And if anyone forces you to go one mile, go with him two miles.* 42 *Give to the one who begs from you, and do not refuse the one who would borrow from you.*

43 *"You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.'* 44 *But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you,* 45 *so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven. For he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust.* 46 *For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same?* 47 *And if you greet only your brothers, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same?* 48 *You therefore must be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect."*

**Isaiah 40:8**

Leader: *The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever.*

**People: Praise be to God!**

## Sermon

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

*We encourage you to use  
this space to take notes or  
write questions. Sermon  
discussion is the primary  
material of study in our  
Northside Groups.*

# 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

When you are ready, please come to one of the communion stations.

You will circle the communion station with others in a group of about 6.

Gluten-free wafers are located in the wooden boxes; grape juice is available upon request.

If you would like, a communion distributor will pray for your children.

There is a person at the back of the fellowship hall ready to pray with and for you, if desired.

## Song of Communion

We love our God,  
He always hears us when we cry,  
His peace is so complete,  
His love is so divine.

Sing a song (sing a song)  
of praise unto the Lord,  
Sing a song (sing a song)  
of praise unto the Lord,  
Sing a song (sing a song)  
of praise unto the Lord,  
He will hold us in His love forevermore.

We love our God,  
we'll live and die to see His fame,  
There's nothing greater than  
the glory of His Name.

*chorus*

We love our God,  
we long to see His Kingdom come,  
And on that day then  
every nation, tribe, and tongue will . . .

*chorus (x2)*

He will hold us in His love forevermore.

*Parents who would like for their nursery-aged children to be present and prayed for during communion meal 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.*

***We Love Our God***

*Words and music: Ross King  
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*We go forth to love and  
serve God and neighbor.*

# God sends us out refreshed

## **Salvation to the Lamb**

*Words: Joseph Hart, alt.  
Justin Smith*

*Music: Justin Smith  
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*The title of this song comes  
from Revelation 7:10, which  
depicts the great multitude  
of God's redeemed people  
declaring "Salvation belongs  
to our God who sits on the  
throne, and to the Lamb!"*

*The "paschal lamb" was  
the sacrifice at the first  
Passover.*

*Here Jesus is spoken of as  
the perfect Paschal Lamb  
whose blood completely  
atones for sin.*

*At the end of the service,  
please pick up your children  
from the nursery.*

## **Song of Rejoicing**

Poor sinner come, cast off thy fear,  
And raise thy drooping head.  
Come sing with all poor sinners here,  
Jesus, who once was dead.

Salvation sing no word more meet  
To join to Jesus' name.  
Let every thankful tongue repeat:  
"Salvation to the Lamb,  
salvation to the Lamb!"

Saints from the garden to the cross  
Your conquering Lord pursue,  
Who, dearly to redeem your loss  
Groaned, bled, and died for you.

## **Benediction**

Now reigns victorious over death,  
The glorious great I Am.  
Let every soul repeat with faith,  
"Salvation to the Lamb,  
salvation to the Lamb!"

When we incurred the wrath of God,  
Alas! What could be worse?  
He came, and with His heart's own blood,  
Redeemed us from the curse.

This **Paschal Lamb**, His blood can meet,  
And cleanse ye from each stain.  
Repeat, ye ransomed souls, repeat:  
"Salvation to the Lamb,  
salvation to the Lamb!  
Salvation to the Lamb,  
salvation to the Lamb!"

## **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**

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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