



northside church

OF RICHMOND

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Meditation

Jesus Christ explains how the resurrection is a mysterious certainty in three of the Gospels, and in the Good News according to John—immediately before raising Lazarus from the dead—Jesus reveals himself to Martha as the resurrection and the life. Yet, throughout the history of Christ's church, individuals have tried to make the Christian faith more assessable or palatable by denying the resurrection of Jesus Christ—in one way or another. Thanks be to God that 1 Corinthians 15:12-19 and His Holy Spirit help us soberly and somberly consider how utterly hopeless, worthless and miserable our faith would be if Christ had not risen from the dead—as some within Paul's original audience and our communities may suggest.

*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.*

The Holy God is present with us in worship, and He invites us to come to Him with true adoration.

10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)

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Psalm 103:1-5

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Psalm 71:1-3

Please stand if able.

God calls us into His presence to worship

Song of Gathering

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning,

It's time to sing Your song again.

Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me,

Let me be singing when the evening comes.

Bless the Lord O my soul,

O my soul,

Worship His Holy name.

Sing like never before, O my soul.

I'll worship Your Holy name!

You're rich in love, and You're slow to anger.

Your name is great, and Your heart is kind.

For all Your goodness I will keep on singing

Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.

chorus

And on that day when my strength is failing,

The end draws near and my time has come.

Still my soul will sing Your praise unending,

Ten thousand years and then forevermore.

chorus

Call to Worship

Leader: *In you, O LORD, do I take refuge;*

let me never be put to shame!

People: ***In your righteousness deliver me and rescue me;
incline your ear to me, and save me!***

Leader: *Be to me a rock of refuge,*

to which I may continually come;

People: ***you have given the command to save me,
for you are my rock and my fortress.***

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, holy -
holy Lord most high!
Holy, holy, holy, holy -
holy Lord most high!

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.

chorus

Confession of Sin

Heavenly Father, You told us to love You with our whole being, but we have not.
We have fled from You in unbelief.
We have treasured the gifts rather than the Giver.
We have complained about our circumstances rather than rejoice in Your presence.

You told us to love our neighbor, but we have not.
Instead of speaking well of them, we have gossiped.
Instead of reconciling with them, we have held on to bitterness.
Instead of loving them, we have only loved ourselves.

Forgive us our sins, renew us by Your Spirit, and increase our faith as we follow You. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

*Since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of **Hebrews 10:21-22** faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.*

Holy, Holy, Holy

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

How Deep the Father's Love For Us

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Song of Renewal

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.

repeat

*Being reconciled with God
through Christ enables us to
seek peace with each other
and participate in His work.*

Passing of the Peace

Community Life

Update and Prayer: Church-wide retreat on Saturday, April 29

*God designed worship to
include the voluntary giving
of offerings by His people.*

Offering

Scripture Reading

There came to him some Sadducees, those who deny that there is a resurrection, and they asked him a question, saying, "Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies, having a wife but no children, the man must take the widow and raise up offspring for his brother. Now there were seven brothers. The first took a wife, and died without children. And the second and the third took her, and likewise all seven left no children and died. Afterward the woman also died. In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had her as wife."

And Jesus said to them, "The sons of this age marry and are given in marriage, but those who are considered worthy to attain to that age and to the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage, for they cannot die anymore, because they are equal to angels and are sons of God, being sons of the resurrection. But that the dead are raised, even Moses showed, in the passage about the bush, where he calls the Lord the God of Abraham and the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob. Now he is not God of the dead, but of the living, for all live to him." Then some of the scribes answered, "Teacher, you have spoken well." For they no longer dared to ask him any question.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Song of Preparation

I'll just say yes; You lead the way.
I'm not afraid of what it means for me to say,
That this life You gave is not my own.
I'm trusting You to hear my yes and lead me on.

Yes Lord, yes Lord – my life is Yours.

verse

Yes Lord, yes Lord – my life is Yours.
Yes Lord, yes Lord – my life is Yours.

And there is peace when I say yes.
I might not see it now, but You save the best.
For all who trust You and obey,
there is an answer, no more delay.
I'll just say yes.

Yes Lord, yes Lord – my life is Yours.
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Luke 20:27-40

I'll Just Say Yes

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*Luke 9:23-25
James 1:25
1 John 2:3-6*

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

God feeds us with His Word

Sermon Text

1 Corinthians 15:12-19

12 Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? 13 But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. 14 And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain. 15 We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified about God that he raised Christ, whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. 16 For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised. 17 And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. 18 Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. 19 If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied.

Isaiah 40:8

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

People: Praise be to God!

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nary and is under the care
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Sermon

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

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

There is life in the blood
of the Lamb who was slain.
There is power, there is power in His name.
There is love pouring out
of the wounds that were made,
Pouring out, pouring over our shame.

So praise the God who saves!
Praise the God who bled!
Praise the God who was nailed to a tree,
And wore our sins upon His head.

There is truth in His body,
raised that third day.
There is joy in a stone rolled away.

There is hope pouring out
of the tomb where He lay,
Pouring out, pouring over the grave.

chorus

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of the Lamb who was slain.
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And wore our sins...

chorus

God Who Saves

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We go out with renewed
faith to love our God and
our neighbors.

Leaning On The Everlasting Arms

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Deuteronomy 33:27

God sends us out refreshed

Song of Rejoicing

What a fellowship, what a joy divine,
leaning on the everlasting arms.
What a blessedness, what a peace is mine,
leaning on the everlasting arms.

Leaning, leaning,
safe and secure from all alarms.
Leaning, leaning,
leaning on the everlasting arms.

Oh, how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way,
leaning on the everlasting arms.
Oh, how bright the path grows from day to day,
leaning on the everlasting arms.

chorus

What have I to dread? What have I to fear,
leaning on the everlasting arms?
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near,
leaning on the everlasting arms.

chorus

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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