



# northside church

OF RICHMOND

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## **Meditation**

The pain of aloneness and pointlessness is piercing. It demands relief. That single fact — that the pain of living apart from God is unbearable — exposes our sinfulness as horribly grotesque and foolish. We insist on finding relief without coming to God on His terms.

- Larry Crabb

*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.

**Down At the Cross  
(Glory To His Name)**

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**Psalm 84:1-4, 10-12**

Please stand if able.

# God calls us into His presence to worship

## Song of Gathering

Down at the cross where my Savior died,  
Down where for cleansing from sin I cried,  
There to my heart was the blood applied;  
Glory to His Name!

Glory to His Name, glory to His Name!  
There to my heart was the blood applied  
Glory to His Name!

I am so wondrously saved from sin  
Jesus so sweetly abides within.  
There at the cross where He took me in,  
Glory to His Name!

*chorus*

O precious fountain that saves from sin  
I am so glad I have entered in.  
There Jesus saves me and keeps me clean;  
Glory to His Name!

*chorus*

Come to the fountain so rich and sweet,  
Cast thy poor soul at the Savior's feet.  
Plunge in today, and be made complete;  
Glory to His Name!

*chorus (x2)*

## Call to Worship

Leader: *How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD of hosts!  
My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts of the LORD;  
my heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God.*

**People: *Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself,  
where she may lay her young,  
at your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God.***

Leader: *Blessed are those who dwell in your house,  
ever singing your praise!  
For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.*

**People: *I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God  
than dwell in the tents of wickedness.***

Leader: *For the LORD God is a sun and shield; the LORD bestows favor and honor.  
No good thing does he withhold from those who walk uprightly.*

**People: *O LORD of hosts, blessed is the one who trusts in you!***

## 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

Living Lord and King, all of our lives are laid bare before Your eyes:  
We often promote ourselves, and overlook people around us.  
We nurse anger and envy in secret, while wearing a cheery façade.  
We tether our joy to our circumstances, rather than to the gospel.

We repent of our fruitless wanderings, and ask that You cover us in Jesus Christ.  
Let us hear Your voice saying: "Awake and rise!  
His blood is your peace, His death is your life, His Spirit is your power."  
Convince us that a life lived in Your service is perfect freedom. Amen.

## Silent Confession

### Assurance of Pardon

*The LORD your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save;  
he will rejoice over you with gladness; he will quiet you by his love;  
he will exult over you with loud singing.*

### **Holy, Holy, Holy**

*Words: Reginald Heber  
Music: John B. Dykes  
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*A time to be honest with  
God about our need for  
forgiveness.  
Please read together*

**Zephaniah 3:17**

## ***How Deep the Father's Love For Us***

*Words and music:  
Stuart Townend  
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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**

Thanksgiving and Prayer: Northside Church of Richmond's 5 year anniversary

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

### **Offering**

On the first Sunday of each month Northside collects an offering for the mercy fund using 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.

## Scripture Reading

*For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies.*

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

**Romans 8:18-23**

## Song of Preparation

I will sing and the heavens will listen,  
I will call on the Name of all names,  
For my King will answer us one Day,  
and consume His enemies.

For my God, He fights for me.  
He is strong when I am weak.  
I don't have to move a muscle,  
I won't worry about a thing,  
For my God, He fights for me.  
For my God, He fights for me.

I relied on the power of my Savior,  
and He rode on the wings of the wind,  
And He gave me His shield of salvation,  
and in Him, I gain my strength.

*chorus (x2)*

When I think of the goodness of Jesus,  
and all that He's done for me  
My soul cries out "Hallelujah,  
thank God for saving me!"

*chorus*

## *Fights For Me*

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

# God feeds us with His Word

**Genesis 3:8-19**

## Sermon Text

*8 And they heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. 9 But the Lord God called to the man and said to him, "Where are you?" 10 And he said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself." 11 He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" 12 The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate." 13 Then the Lord God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."*

*14 The Lord God said to the serpent,*

*"Because you have done this, cursed are you above all livestock and above all beasts of the field; on your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life.*

*15 I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel."*

*16 To the woman he said,*

*"I will surely multiply your pain in childbearing; in pain you shall bring forth children.*

*Your desire shall be contrary to your husband, but he shall rule over you."*

*17 And to Adam he said,*

*"Because you have listened to the voice of your wife and have eaten of the tree of which I commanded you, 'You shall not eat of it,' cursed is the ground because of you; in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life;*

*18 thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you; and you shall eat the plants of the field.*

*19 By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for you are dust, and to dust you shall return."*

**Isaiah 40:8**

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

**People: Praise be to God!**

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

## 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.*

Leader: Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

**People: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

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

## 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

I have a Maker,  
He formed my heart.  
Before even time began,  
My life was in His hands.

He knows my name,  
He knows my every thought.  
He sees each tear that falls,  
and He hears me when I call.

I have a Maker,  
He formed my heart.  
Before even time began,  
My life was in His hands.

I have a Father,  
He calls me His own.  
He'll never leave me,  
No matter where I go.

*chorus*

### ***He Knows My Name***

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

### **You Are Good**

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Music

Psalm 100:5, 106:1

# God sends us out refreshed

## Song of Rejoicing

Lord You are good  
and Your mercy endureth forever!

*chorus*

Lord You are good

and Your mercy endureth forever!

Yes, You are! Yes, You are!

People from every nation and tongue,  
from generation to generation...

So good, so good.

*repeat*

We worship You!

Hallelujah, Hallelujah!

We worship You for who You are!

We worship You!

Hallelujah, Hallelujah!

We worship You for who You are -

You are good!

You are good all the time,  
all the time You are good!

*repeat*

*verse*

People from every nation and tongue,  
from generation to generation...

*verse*

*chorus*

## 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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