



# northside church

## OF RICHMOND

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### **Meditations**

"Jesus didn't really die - someone gave him a long drug that made him look like dead, and he revived in the tomb. Answer: Roman soldiers knew how to kill people, and no disciple would have been fooled by a half-drugged, beat-up Jesus into thinking he'd defeated death and inaugurated the kingdom.

What we have at the moment isn't as the old liturgies used to say, 'the sure and certain hope of the resurrection of the dead,' but a vague and fuzzy optimism that somehow things may work out in the end."

- N.T. Wright, *Surprised by Hope*

*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

## **Who Will Roll Away the Stone?**

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Mark 16:1-8  
Luke 24:1-9

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

**Psalm 118:1, 14, 21-24, 28-29**

*Please stand if able.*

## **Song of Gathering**

Early in the morning, the sun already risen,  
Three women came bearing spices,  
the Lord's body to anoint.  
Standing outside the tomb,  
they asked each other saying,

"Who will roll away the stone?"  
"Who will roll away the stone?"  
"Who will roll away the stone?"  
"Who will roll away the stone?"

Looking up they realized,  
the stone had been removed,  
To their amazement,

a young man sat before them,  
"Do not be afraid, for Jesus the Nazarene  
Who has been crucified,  
here you will not find, for

"He has risen from the grave!"  
"He has risen from the grave!"  
"He has risen from the grave!"  
"He has risen from the grave!"

You'll find him on the road,  
You'll find him at your table. (x4)  
"He has risen from the dead!"

## **Welcome and Call to Worship**

Leader: *Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;  
for his steadfast love endures forever!*

**People:** *The Lord is my strength and my song;  
he has become my salvation.*

Leader: *I thank you that you have answered me  
and have become my salvation.*

**People:** *The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the cornerstone.*

Leader: *This is the Lord's doing;  
it is marvelous in our eyes.*

**People:** *This is the day that the Lord has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad in it.*

Leader: *You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;  
you are my God; I will extol you.*

**People:** *Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;  
for his steadfast love endures forever!*

## Song of Praise

Christ, the Lord, is risen today, Alleluia!  
Sons of men and angels say, Alleluia!  
Raise your voice and triumphs high, Alleluia!  
Sing, ye heavens, and earth, reply, Alleluia!

Vain the stone, the watch, the seal, Alleluia!  
Christ has burst the gates of hell, Alleluia!  
Death in vain forbids His rise, Alleluia!  
Christ has opened paradise, Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!  
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!  
Once He died, our souls to save, Alleluia!  
Where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!

Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!  
Following our exalted head, Alleluia!  
Made like Him, like Him we rise, Alleluia!  
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

Hail, the Lord of earth and heaven, Alleluia!  
Praise to Thee by both be given, Alleluia!  
Thee we greet triumphant now, Alleluia!  
Hail, the Resurrection, Thou! Alleluia!  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

## ***Christ The Lord Is Risen Today***

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John Rippon  
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## Scripture Reading

*Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain. 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. For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised. And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied.*

*But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.*

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

***1 Corinthians 15:12-20***

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

*Please read together.*

**1 Peter 1:3**

***In Christ Alone***

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Keith Getty & Stuart Townend  
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# We confess our sin and receive grace

## Confession of Sin

Lord Jesus Christ, by Your steadfast love and atoning sacrifice,  
You took our place and proved Yourself to be the Friend of sinners.  
You were punished that we might be pardoned, and broken that we would be made whole.  
In Your resurrection You demonstrated Your power over death,  
and showed us our future - triumphant, redeemed, and blessed eternally.

While we await this, we have been faithless and anxious in heart.  
In our restlessness we have sought peace for our souls where there is none to be found.  
Apart from You, we find ourselves alone, tired, and worn. Forgive us, Savior!  
Restore to us the true rest You offer us by Your death and resurrection. Amen.

## Silent Confession

## Assurance of Pardon

*Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us  
to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.*

## Song of Renewal

In Christ alone my hope is found,  
He is my light, my strength, my song.  
This Cornerstone, this solid ground,  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
What heights of love, what depths of peace,  
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease.  
My Comforter, my All in All,  
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh,  
Fullness of God in helpless babe.  
This gift of love and righteousness,  
Scorned by the ones He came to save.  
'Til on that cross as Jesus died,  
The wrath of God was satisfied.  
For every sin on Him was laid,  
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay,  
Light of the world by darkness slain.  
Then bursting forth in glorious day,  
Up from the grave He rose again.  
And as He stands in victory,  
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me,  
For I am His and He is mine,  
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,  
This is the power of Christ in me.  
From life's first cry to final breath,  
Jesus commands my destiny.  
No power of hell, no scheme of man,  
Can ever pluck me from His hand.  
'Til He returns or calls me home,  
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

# We respond to the grace received

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

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

## Passing of the Peace

## Community Life

### Prayers of the People

The world: Christ School - Bundibugyo, Uganda

The Northside: Timothy Project - outreach to John Marshall High School

Our church: Vision Meeting - Friday night, April 5th

## Offering

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

## Song of Preparation

Now the green blade rises  
from the buried grain,  
Wheat that in the dark earth  
many days has lain.  
Love lives again,  
that with the dead has been,  
Love is come again like  
wheat that springeth green.

Up He sprang at Easter,  
like the risen grain,  
He that for three days in the grave had lain.  
Up from the dead my risen Lord is seen,  
Love is come again like  
wheat that springeth green.

*chorus*

In the grave they laid Him,  
Love Whom we had slain,  
Thinking that He'd never wake to life again.  
Laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen,  
Love is come again like  
wheat that springeth green

When our hearts are weary,  
grieving or in pain,  
By Your touch You call us back to life again.  
Fields of our hearts  
that dead and bare have been,  
Love is come again like  
wheat that springeth green.

*chorus (x2)*

Alleluia! Allelu!  
When we die we will rise with You.  
Alleluia! Allelu!  
When we die we will rise with You.

### ***Now the Green Blade Rises***

*Words: John M.C. Crum,  
Music: Alex Mejias  
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*John 12:24-26*

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

**Matthew 28:1-10**

**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

*1 Now after the Sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. 2 And behold, there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. 3 His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. 4 And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men. 5 But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. 6 He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. 7 Then go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and behold, he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him. See, I have told you." 8 So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. 9 And behold, Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came up and took hold of his feet and worshiped him. 10 Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see me."*

**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

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*

*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.*

### **God Who Saves**

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

### ***How Great Thou Art***

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# God sends us out refreshed

## **Song of Rejoicing**

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder,  
Consider all the works Thy hands have made,  
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,  
Thy power throughout the universe displayed.

Then sings my soul,  
my Savior, God, to Thee,  
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!  
Then sings my soul,  
my Savior, God, to Thee,  
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!

And when I think that God, his Son, not sparing,  
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in –  
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,  
He bled and died, to take away my sin.

*chorus*

When Christ shall come with shouts of acclamation,  
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart.  
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,  
And there proclaim,  
“My God, how great Thou art!”

*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**

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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