



northside church

OF RICHMOND

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Meditations

"If I find in myself a desire which no experience in this world can satisfy, the most probable explanation is that I was made for another world."

- C.S. Lewis, *Mere Christianity*

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.

Zechariah 9:9-10,16-17

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: *Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!
Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!*

People: ***Behold, your King is coming to you;
righteous and having salvation is He,
humble and mounted on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.***

Leader: *His rule shall be from sea to sea,
and from the River to the ends of the earth.*

People: ***On that day the LORD their God will save them,
as the flock of His people;
for like the jewels of a crown they shall shine on His land.***

Leader: *For how great is His goodness, and how great His beauty!*

Songs of Praise

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

But for you who fear My Name,
The Son of righteousness will rise
With healing in His wings.

And you shall go forth again,
And skip about like calves
Coming from their stalls at last.

You shall be My very own,
On the day that I
Cause you to be My special home.

I shall spare you as a man
Has compassion on his son
Who does the best he can.

Scripture Reading

35 But someone will ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?" 36 You foolish person! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. 37 And what you sow is not the body that is to be, but a bare kernel, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. 38 But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body. 39 For not all flesh is the same, but there is one kind for humans, another for animals, another for birds, and another for fish. 40 There are heavenly bodies and earthly bodies, but the glory of the heavenly is of one kind, and the glory of the earthly is of another. 41 There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars; for star differs from star in glory. 42 So is it with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable; what is raised is imperishable. 43 It is sown in dishonor; it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness; it is raised in power. 44 It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual body.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

The Doxology

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But For You Who Fear My Name

*Words: Leonard E. Smith Jr., adapted from Malachi 4:2; 3:17
Music: Leonard E. Smith Jr.
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I Corinthians 15:35-44

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

Please read together.

We confess our sin and receive grace

Confession of Sin

O Lord, my every sense and affection, is a snare to me.
I can scarce open my eyes but I envy those above me, or despise those below.
I covet the honor and riches of the mighty, and am proud and unmerciful to the rags of others.
If I behold beauty it is a bait to lust, or see poverty, it stirs up loathing and disdain;
My heart is full of slander and vanity!
Am I successful? What a fuel for pride!
Am I in need? What an occasion for fear!
Am I gifted? See how I run after applause.
Am I weak? See how I despise what I do not have.
Am I in authority? I am prone to serve my own interests.
Am I lacking? I begrudge the blessing of God in the lives of others.
You know that all these are pitfalls for my soul, and that my greatest snare is myself.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

"But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy."

Song of Renewal

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)

Titus 3:4-5

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.

We respond to the grace received

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

Community Life

Passing of the Peace

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

Prayers of the People

The world: South Sudan, nation building

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

Our church: Development of Northside Service Teams

Offering

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

Song of Preparation

Jesus, everlasting King,
accept the tribute which we bring,
Accept the well-deserved renown
And wear our praises as Your crown.

chorus

May every time of worship see
Your grace revealed more rich and free,
Till we are raised to sing Your name
At the great supper of the Lamb.

chorus

O that the months would roll away,
And bring the coronation day.
The King of Grace shall fill the throne,
With all His Father's glories on.

chorus

O send Your Spirit to impart,
Rest and repentance to our hearts,
Like the dear hour when from above,
We first received Your pledge of love.

chorus

The gladness of redemption's day,
Our hearts would wish it long to stay,
Nor let our faith forsake its hold,
Nor comforts sink, or love grow cold.

Jesus Everlasting King

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(alt. by Matthew Smith)
Music: Matthew Smith
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*Our mind, body, and spirit
are nourished with food
that does not perish.*

Revelation 21:1-4

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. Sermon
discussion is the primary
material of study in our
Northside Groups.*

God feeds us with His Word

Sermon Text

1 Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. 2 And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. 3 And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. 4 He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away."

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

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

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

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

chorus

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.

He Knows My Name

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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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*“Paschal Lamb” = The
lamb sacrificed at the first
Passover.*

*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

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!”

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

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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