

Readings from Mark chapter 15—February 16th-22nd, 2020

Sunday: 1 Immediately, in the morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council; and they bound Jesus, led Him away, and delivered Him to Pilate. **2** Then Pilate asked Him, “Are You the King of the Jews?” He answered and said to him, “It is as you say.” **Praise God** for the ordination and installation of Elders Greg Wold and Chris Goerner and Deacon Angelo Gaetano at Christ Church (Utica, N.Y.).

Monday: 3 And the chief priests accused Him of many things, but He answered nothing. **4** Then Pilate asked Him again, saying, “Do You answer nothing? See how many things they testify against You!” **5** But Jesus still answered nothing, so that Pilate marveled. **Praise God** for the suffering of Jesus, including, His eloquent silence in the face of hostile authorities. **Praise God** for the unanimous election of Gabriel Wingfield as pastor of Oswego (N.Y.) RPC after Kit Swartz retires; and **pray** for a smooth transition for all.

Tuesday: 6 Now at the feast he was accustomed to releasing one prisoner to them, whomever they requested. **7** And there was one named Barabbas, who was chained with his fellow rebels; they had committed murder in the rebellion. **Pray** that the many visitors to Trinity RPC (Wichita, Kan.) would return and find a home there. **Pray** that all the details for ARPC’s purchase of the church building would work out without any difficulty.

Wednesday: 8 Then the multitude, crying aloud, began to ask him to do just as he had always done for them. **9** But Pilate answered them, saying, “Do you want me to release to you the King of the Jews?” **10** For he knew that the chief priests had handed Him over because of envy. **Pray** for the development and fruitfulness of discipleship teams at North Hills RPC (Pittsburgh, Pa.). **Pray** for the meeting of the Atlanta Commission tomorrow evening, that the elders would have wisdom and stamina and insight in their shepherding of this flock.

Thursday: 11 But the chief priests stirred up the crowd, so that he should rather release Barabbas to them. **Pray** for the Lord to open doors for gospel ministry within and beyond Russell (Ont.) RPC’s community.

Friday: 12 Pilate answered and said to them again, “What then do you want me to do with Him whom you call the King of the Jews?” **13** So they cried out again, “Crucify Him!” **Pray** for the weekly ESL classes that Bloomington (Ind.) RPC hosts; **ask God** to bless the witness to those internationals whom He brings to the class. **Pray** for the Bailiesmills RPC in Northern Ireland.

Saturday: 14 Then Pilate said to them, “Why, what evil has He done?” But they cried out all the more, “Crucify Him!” **15** So Pilate, wanting to gratify the crowd, released Barabbas to them; and he delivered Jesus, after he had scourged Him, to be crucified. **Praise God** for the arrival and installation of Terre Haute (Ind.) RPC’s new pastor, Steve Rhoda, and **pray** that he would have the unction of the Holy Spirit. **Pray** for the services tomorrow at ARPC.

Atlanta Reformed Presbyterian Church

The Lord’s Day
February 16, 2020

Meeting every week at
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Atlanta, Georgia
Worship at 5:30 PM
Sunday School at 4:30 PM

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Welcome and Announcements

Scripture Memory and Catechism Questions

The Call to Worship Song of Solomon 4:16

*The Invocation

*Psalm 122B "I Was Glad to Hear Them Saying"

Scripture Reading Psalm 24

*Psalm 42A "As in Its Thirst the Panting Hart"

Pastoral Prayer

Vows of Church Membership *Andrew William Jubera*

The Administration of the Sacrament of Baptism *Andrew William Jubera*

*Psalm 100A "All People That on Earth Do Dwell"

Scripture Text I Corinthians 11:17-34

The Sermon "The Lord's Supper"

*Prayer

*Psalm 118C [stanzas 10-13] "I Shall Not Die, But Live and Tell"

The Administration of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

*Psalm 118C [stanzas 14-17] "This is the Day the Lord Has Made"

*Benediction

*Psalm 133A "Behold How Good a Thing It Is"

** Congregation will please stand.*

We are so glad that you could join us today! Please be sure to return next week and bring a friend.

"And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them and said, 'Take, eat; this is My body.'—Mark 14:22.

Q. 96. What is the Lord's supper? A. The Lord's supper is a sacrament, wherein, by giving and receiving bread and wine according to Christ's appointment, his death is showed forth; and the worthy receivers are, not after a corporal and carnal manner, but by faith, made partakers of his body and blood, with all his benefits, to their spiritual nourishment and growth in grace.

For your convenience, a tithe box is located at the back.

We welcome to our pulpit today the Rev. Steven Work. A graduate of Sterling (Kan.) College and Westminster Theological Seminary in Philadelphia, Pastor Work has pastored churches in North Dakota, South Dakota, Iowa, California, and Kansas. Though retired from the pastorate, he remains active in ministry, serving as an elder at the Southwest Ohio Reformed Presbyterian Church, Mason, Ohio, and Moderator of the Atlanta Commission.

The Lord's Supper

Sermon based on I Corinthians 11:17-34

A. The Crisis in Communion (vv. 17-22)

B. The Creation of Communion (vv. 23-26)

C. The Challenge of Communion (vv. 27-32)

D. The Commitment to Communion (vv. 33-34)

Participation in the Lord's Supper

The Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America (RPCNA) takes the sacrament of the Lord's Supper very seriously. In it, Jesus Himself meets with His people, in a time of sweet fellowship with our Savior.

But it is precisely because of this holy nature of communion, that it must not be taken lightly. Historically, Presbyterians have confessed that the elders of the church have a responsibility to ensure that only those who can make a valid profession of faith and have been admitted to membership in an evangelical church, be allowed to partake of the bread and the wine.

Accordingly, we ask that only those who have had opportunity to meet with the elders of this congregation partake of this holy meal. While the individual has primary responsibility before the Lord for partaking in a worthy manner, the elders of the church also have a responsibility in this matter.

Those who have received a valid Trinitarian baptism and are members of a Bible-believing church, and would like to participate in the Lord's Supper, are invited to contact us prior to the date of observance, so that arrangements can be made for them to commune with us at the Lord's table.

If you are not eligible to partake of this sacrament on this particular Lord's Day, we still invite you to come and worship with us, and to commune in your heart by meditating on the great sacrifice which Jesus paid at the cross for sin. **We also encourage you to ask how you can join with us the next time we observe this sacrament.**

Covenant of Communicant Membership

1. Do you believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be the Word of God, the only infallible rule for faith and life?
2. Do you believe in the one living and true God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, as revealed in the Scriptures?
3. Do you repent of your sin; confess your guilt and helplessness as a sinner against God; profess Jesus Christ, Son of God, as your Saviour and Lord; and dedicate yourself to His service: Do you promise that you will endeavor to forsake all sin, and to conform your life to His teaching and example?
4. Do you promise to submit in the Lord to the teaching and government of this church as being based upon the Scriptures and described in substance in the Constitution of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America? Do you recognize your responsibility to work with others in the church and do you promise to support and encourage them in their service to the Lord? In case you should need correction in doctrine or life, do you promise to respect the authority and discipline of the church?
5. To the end that you may grow in the Christian life, do you promise that you will diligently read the Bible, engage in private prayer, keep the Lord's Day, regularly attend the worship services, observe the appointed sacraments, and give to the Lord's work as He shall prosper you?
6. Do you purpose to seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness in all the relationships of life, faithfully to perform your whole duty as a true servant of Jesus Christ, and seek to win others to Him?
7. Do you make this profession of faith and purpose in the presence of God, in humble reliance upon His grace, as you desire to give your account with joy at the Last Great Day?