

Reading from Matthew chapter 5—June 21st-27th, 2020

1 And seeing the multitudes, He went up on a mountain, and when He was seated His disciples came to Him. 2 Then He opened His mouth and taught them, saying: 3 “Blessed are the poor in spirit, For theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 4 Blessed are those who mourn, For they shall be comforted. 5 Blessed are the meek, For they shall inherit the earth. 6 Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, For they shall be filled.”

Sunday: What does it mean to be a disciple? Are you a disciple? Pray for members of the RP churches in South Asia (India and Pakistan) who have lost their jobs or had reduced hours/pay as a result of the global COVID-19 crisis.

Monday: Read Psalm 45; what does it mean that grace is poured on Jesus’ lips? Pray that the Lord would give gifted ruling elders and deacons for each of the Japan RP congregations in the near future. **Pray** for Rev. Andy McCracken at Frankston RPC in Australia.

Tuesday: Read Revelation 19:11-16; what comes out of Jesus’ mouth, and why? Pray that the Lord Jesus, with regard to His enemies who hate the church, would either convert them or destroy them. **Pray** for members at First (Cambridge, Mass.) RPC struggling with chronic illness and for their caretakers to both enjoy times of respite and refreshment, especially on the Lord’s Day. **Pray** for Cloughmills (Northern Ireland) RPC, for a spirit of fellowship, and its Community Action Team, ministering among the most vulnerable.

Wednesday: What does it mean to be poor in spirit? Give thanks with the White Lake (N.Y.) RPC for new members and for answered prayer regarding successful surgery for several members. **Pray** for North Edinburgh (Scotland) RPC, and for Rev. Peter Loughridge, whose mother is seriously ill. **Pray** for those at ARPC who are struggling with health issues.

Thursday: Why is it good to mourn? For what should you mourn? Give thanks with Orlando (Fla.) RPC for Jean Forest, Mary McCracken, Ray Turmenne, and Lou Woofer’s healing and for successful surgeries; **pray** for John Bailey, Dave Tacey, and Peggy Terry, still in need of healing and recovery. **Pray** for our brothers and sisters in China, that they would be comforted. **Pray** for Hetherton RPC (Johannesburg, Mich.), pastored by Ray Morton; the congregation is in need of a new elder and more families.

Friday: What does it mean to be meek? Pray that the Lord would raise up elders and deacons to begin serving in the next few years at Christ RPC (East Providence, R.I.). **Pray** for the brethren of Casper (Wyo.) RPC, which was dissolved recently, that they’d be able to find congregations in which to worship.

Saturday: What does it mean to hunger and thirst for righteousness? Do you? Pray for Topeka (Kan.) RPC’s younger members as they come to major

decisions, including, college plans. **Pray** for the service at ARPC tomorrow.

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Proclaiming the Kingship of Jesus Christ

Welcome and Announcements
Scripture Memory and Catechism Questions
The Call to Worship Psalm 65:4
*The Invocation
*Psalm 40A “I Waited Long upon the Lord”

Scripture Reading Hebrews 5
*Psalm 1A “O Greatly Blessed is the Man”
Pastoral Prayer
*Psalm 132A “Lord, Remember Thou for David”

Scripture Text I Thessalonians 3:1-5

The Sermon “A Reconnaissance Mission” (Part 1)

*Prayer
*Psalm 149 “O Praise the Lord! O Sing Aloud a New Song to the Lord!”

*Benediction

*Psalm 133A

“Behold How Good a Thing It Is”

** Congregation will please stand.*

We are so glad that you could join us today! This service is being conducted under the auspices of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America. Please be sure to return next week and bring a friend.

Scripture Memory and Catechism Questions & Answers

“Who hath ears to hear, let him hear.”—*Matthew 13:9*. “Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might.”—*Ephesians 6:10*. “Honor all people. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the king.”—*I Peter 2:17*.

Q. 28. *Wherein consisteth Christ’s exaltation?* A. Christ’s exaltation consisteth in his rising again from the dead on the third day, in ascending up into heaven, in sitting at the right hand of God the Father, and in coming to judge the world at the last day.

Q. 29. *How are we made partakers of the redemption purchased by Christ?* A. We are made partakers of the redemption purchased by Christ, by the effectual application of it to us by his Holy Spirit.

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

I Thessalonians 3:1-5 “A Reconnaissance Mission” (Part 1)
Theme: Paul and his companions tell of sending Timothy to inquire regarding the Thessalonian believers’ condition.

- I. Sending Timothy
 - A. Situation
 1. “wherefore when we could no longer forbear”
 2. “we thought it good to be left at Athens alone”
 - B. Sending
 1. identity of Timothy
 - a. “our brother”
 - b. minister of God
 2. reason

a. to establish you—i.e., in the truths of the gospel

b. and to comfort you concerning your faith

(1) the word is *parakaleo*

(2) why would they need comfort?

(a) they were still babes

(b) they were subject to all kinds of pressure

(c) they would be easily discouraged

(3) how would he comfort them?

(a) by his very coming and presence

(b) by using the Word of God

Application

A. Be aware of the fellowship of the faith

1. it is a fellowship in sufferings

2. there are practical ways of helping

B. Never forget the gospel, which is what Christianity is all about