

**From Matthew 27:** <sup>27</sup>Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the Praetorium and gathered the whole garrison around Him. <sup>28</sup>And they stripped Him and put a scarlet robe on Him. <sup>29</sup>When they had twisted a crown of thorns, they put *it* on His head, and a reed in His right hand. And they bowed the knee before Him and mocked Him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" <sup>30</sup>Then they spat on Him, and took the reed and struck Him on the head. <sup>31</sup>And when they had mocked Him, they took the robe off Him, put His *own* clothes on Him, and led Him away to be crucified. <sup>32</sup>Now as they came out, they found a man of Cyrene, Simon by name. Him they compelled to bear His cross. <sup>33</sup>And when they had come to a place called Golgotha, that is to say, Place of a Skull, <sup>34</sup>they gave Him sour wine mingled with gall to drink. But when He had tasted *it*, He would not drink.

**Sunday: What is a garrison?** **Pray** with Galway (Ireland) RPC for Frank and Siobhan McMurray's daughter and son as both their parents died within the space of ten weeks. **Pray** with Washington, Iowa, RPC for relationships made through an evangelism table at the local farmers market this past summer. **Pray** for the meeting of the elders at Geelong (Australia) RPC tomorrow.

**Monday: Why did the soldiers place a scarlet robe on Jesus?** **Please pray** that God would help Sparta, Ill, RPC find ways to grow in how they help visitors learn about the church and begin to integrate them into congregational life. **Pray** that the Lord would bless the many years of Milford (Northern Ireland) RPC cultivating friendship with those in their community. **Pray** for Shaftesbury Square (Belfast, Northern Ireland) RPC as it ministers to college and university students.

**Tuesday: Why did the soldiers place a crown of thorns on Jesus?** **Pray** that the elders of Bloomington, Ind., RPC would lead the congregation with wisdom and faith in Christ. **Pray** that the RP congregations in Australia would bring visitors to church.

**Wednesday: Why did the soldiers mock Jesus?** **Rejoice** that Hebron (Clay Center, Kan.) RPC recently elected and installed a second deacon, but **pray** that the Lord would raise up additional elders and deacons and that new visitors would become members. **Pray** for the Reformed Theological Conference (Australia) this week. **Pray** for the Atlanta Commission as it meets tomorrow evening, that all would go well.

**Thursday: Why did the soldiers compel Simon of Cyrene to carry Jesus' cross?** **Pray** for healing and comfort for Russell, Ont., RPC after their dear brother and elder, Greg Alexander, passed away. **Pray** for protection for the members and officers of the RP congregation in Pakistan and India—protection on roads and protection from persecution by governmental authorities. **Pray** for the RP members in Pakistan, that they would remain faithful to Christ, and would with kindness and wisdom and love share the gospel of Christ, even during the Muslim festivals. **Pray** for growth in personal holiness at Newtownards (Northern Ireland) RPC.

**Friday: What is the other name for Golgotha?** **Give thanks** for recent growth at Hetherton (Johannesburg, Mich.) RPC and the hope it gives for the congregation's future. **Pray** for Rev. Stephen McCollum as he preaches at Airdrie (Scotland) RPC.

**Saturday: Why did Jesus refuse to drink the sour wine?** **Pray** for God to raise up officers for Stillwater, Okla., RPC. **Pray** for the service at ARPC tomorrow, that many would come and find refreshment in the gospel and in the worship of God.

# Atlanta Reformed Presbyterian Church

*The Lord's Day  
September 18, 2022*

Meeting every week at  
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Worship at 3:30 PM

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# Proclaiming the Kingship of Jesus Christ

Welcome and Announcements

Scripture Memory and Catechism Questions

The Call to Worship

Isaiah 9:6-7

\*The Invocation

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

Scripture Reading

Revelation 21:1-21

\*Psalm 8A

“O Lord, Our Lord, in All the Earth”

Pastoral Prayer

\*Psalm 22C

“Be Not Far Off, For Grief is Near”

Scripture Text

Joel 3

The Sermon

“Multitudes in the Valley of Decision” (Part 2)

\*Prayer

\*Psalm 48B

“In Our God’s City We Have Seen”

\*Benediction

\*Psalm 72C [stanzas 11-12]

“Now Blessed Be Our God Alone”

\* *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.

Scripture Memory and Catechism Questions & Answers

**“And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment.”—Hebrews 9:27.**

**“For our God is a consuming fire.”—Hebrews 12:29.**

**“The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God.”—Psalm 9:17.**

**Q. 13. Did our first parents continue in the estate wherein they were created? A. Our first parents, being left to the freedom of their own will, fell from the estate wherein they were created, by sinning against God.**

**Q. 14. What is sin? A. Sin is any want of conformity unto, or transgression of, the law of God.**

**Q. 15. What was the sin whereby our first parents fell from the estate wherein they were created? A. The sin whereby our first parents fell from the estate wherein they were created, was their eating the forbidden fruit.**

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

The prophet promises vindication of God’s people amidst the certain judgment of all the nations in the valley of decision.

I. Complaint Against the Nations

A. Who is in view?

B. Attacks on Israel—vv. 2, 3, and 6

C. Attacks on the God of Israel—stealing His gold/silver

II. Judgment of the Nations

A. Recompense—bringing back captives; speedy justice

B. Call to the seat of judgment

1. God will plead with the nations for His people (v. 2)

2. Call to battle [“Do your worst!”] (vv. 9-11)

3. Call to the judgment seat

4. The judgment pronounced

III. Vindication of God’s People

A. Promise to rescue them: He will vindicate His elect

B. Identification (vv. 16, 17) [“But”]

1. Hope of His people

2. Strength of the children of Zion

3. The Lord dwelling in Zion

4. Jerusalem being holy

C. Multifold blessings: plenty, perpetuity, purity

1. Plenty: description of the land and its fruits

2. Perpetuity

3. Purity: cleansing of blood

Application

A. Appreciate that what’s portrayed are spiritual blessings

- B. Look forward to when we will be cleansed completely
- C. Rejoice that all of the enemies of Christ will be destroyed
- D. Remember: Jesus suffered His garment being gambled for