



# Formation Devotional

February 1, 2020 Week Review

Forming Worship, Life, and Ministry Together at Christ Covenant Church

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*Below is a summary of the scripture readings from this week. Take a moment to reflect upon what you read, or catch up on any chapters you may have missed. Give thanks because the Lord of the Sabbath invites you to enter into his rest.*

## Collect

Almighty God, who after the creation of the world rested from all his works and sanctified a day of rest for all his creatures: Grant that we, putting away all earthly anxieties, may be duly prepared for the service of your sanctuary, and that our rest here upon earth may be a preparation for the eternal rest promised to your people in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (BCP 99)

## Praying the Psalms

### Psalm 37

Trust in the LORD, and do good; dwell in the land and befriend faithfulness. - Psalm 37:3

### Psalm 38

But for you, O LORD, do I wait; it is you, O Lord my God, who will answer. - Psalm 38:15

### Psalm 39

"O LORD, make me know my end and what is the measure of my days; let me know how fleeting I am! - Psalm 39:4

### Psalm 40

As for you, O LORD, you will not restrain your mercy from me; your steadfast love and your faithfulness will ever preserve me! - Psalm 40:11

### Psalm 41

Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting! Amen and Amen. - Psalm 41:13

### Psalm 42

Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you in turmoil within me? Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my salvation - Psalm 42:5

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**Psalm 43**

Send out your light and your truth; let them lead me; let them bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling! - Psalm 43:3

**Psalm 44**

Rise up; come to our help! Redeem us for the sake of your steadfast love! - Psalm 44:26

**Psalm 45**

My heart overflows with a pleasing theme; I address my verses to the king; my tongue is like the pen of a ready scribe. - Psalm 45:1

**Psalm 46**

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. - Psalm 46:1

**New Testament Reading****Matthew 19**

but Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven." - Matthew 19:14

**Matthew 20**

18 "See, we are going up to Jerusalem. And the Son of Man will be delivered over to the chief priests and scribes, and they will condemn him to death 19 and deliver him over to the Gentiles to be mocked and flogged and crucified, and he will be raised on the third day." - Matthew 20:18-19

**Matthew 21**

Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people producing its fruits. - Matthew 21:43

**Matthew 22**

For many are called, but few are chosen." - Matthew 22:14

**Matthew 23**

"O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often would I have gathered your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! - Matthew 23:37

**Old Testament Reading****Genesis 19**

So it was that, when God destroyed the cities of the valley, God remembered Abraham and sent Lot out of the midst of the overthrow when he overthrew the cities in which Lot had lived. - Genesis 19:29

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**Genesis 20**

Then Abraham prayed to God, and God healed Abimelech, and also healed his wife and female slaves so that they bore children. - Genesis 20:17

**Genesis 21**

The LORD visited Sarah as he had said, and the LORD did to Sarah as he had promised. - Genesis 21:1

**Genesis 22**

Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; I and the boy will go over there and worship and come again to you." - Genesis 22:5

**Genesis 23**

After this, Abraham buried Sarah his wife in the cave of the field of Machpelah east of Mamre (that is, Hebron) in the land of Canaan. - Genesis 23:19

**Prayer of Intercession**

Pray for our worship at Christ Covenant and the other churches in our community —for:

- A movement of the gospel that enables all kinds of people in all kinds of circumstances to draw near God's throne of grace to worship in spirit and truth.
- A movement of the gospel that renews the hearts of believers through repentance and faith.
- A movement of the gospel that unites and encourages believers for works of love by faith.
- A movement of the gospel that observes the sacraments by faith.
- A movement of the gospel that prays God's word.
- A movement of the gospel that sings so that Christ dwells in the hearts of believers by faith.
- A movement of the gospel that brings all kinds of people in all kinds of circumstances into Christ as their rest.

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