



# Formation Devotional

January 18, 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 17

Keep me as the apple of your eye; hide me in the shadow of your wings. - Psalm 17:8

### Psalm 18

The LORD lives, and blessed be my rock, and exalted be the God of my salvation. - Psalm 18:46

### Psalm 19

The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork. - Psalm 19:1

### Psalm 20

Now I know that the LORD saves his anointed; he will answer him from his holy heaven with the saving might of his right hand. - Psalm 20:6

### Psalm 21

He asked life of you; you gave it to him, length of days forever and ever. - Psalm 21:4

### Psalm 22

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from saving me, from the words of my groaning? - Psalm 22:1

### Psalm 23

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. - Psalm 23:1

### Psalm 24

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Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD? And who shall stand in his holy place? - Psalm 24:3

**Psalm 25**

O my God, in you I trust; let me not be put to shame; let not my enemies exult over me. - Psalm 25:2

**Psalm 26**

For your steadfast love is before my eyes, and I walk in your faithfulness. - Psalm 26:3

**New Testament Reading**

**Matthew 9**

Go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy, and not sacrifice.' For I came not to call the righteous, but sinners." - Matthew 9:13

**Matthew 10**

Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. - Matthew 10:39

**Matthew 11**

Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. - Matthew 11:29

**Matthew 12**

The good person out of his good treasure brings forth good, and the evil person out of his evil treasure brings forth evil. - Matthew 12:35

**Matthew 13**

For whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother." - Matthew 12:50

**Old Testament Reading**

**Genesis 9**

God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth." - Genesis 9:17

**Genesis 10**

These are the clans of the sons of Noah, according to their genealogies, in their nations, and from these the nations spread abroad on the earth after the flood. - Genesis 10:32

**Genesis 11**

Terah took Abram his son and Lot the son of Haran, his grandson, and Sarai his daughter-in-law, his son Abram's wife, and they went forth together from Ur of the Chaldeans to go into the land of Canaan, but when they came to Haran, they settled there. - Genesis 11:31

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## **Genesis 12**

And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. - Genesis 12:2

## **Genesis 13**

I will make your offspring as the dust of the earth, so that if one can count the dust of the earth, your offspring also can be counted. - Genesis 13:16

## **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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