



Formation Devotional

January 7, 2020 Evening

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

Come into this time just as you are, like a child who runs to his father's arms. Use this email as you are able, in whole or in part.

Call to Prayer

Return O my soul to your rest; for the Lord has dealt bountifully with you. (Psalm 116:7)

Opening Prayer

Direct us, O Lord, in all our doings with your most gracious favor, and advance us with your continual help; that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in you, we may glorify your holy Name, and finally, by your mercy, obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (BCP 832)

Prayer of Examine

Turn your attention to Christ who is present with you now. With him, review the ordinary events and emotions of your day with gratitude.

1. Where did you move with or feel close to Jesus today?
2. Where did you resist or feel far from Jesus today?
3. Where is Jesus leading you tomorrow? Ask for joy as you follow him

Praying the Psalms

Prayerfully read the psalm back to God through faith in Jesus Christ.

Psalm 10

Why Do You Hide Yourself?

1 Why, O LORD, do you stand far away?

Why do you hide yourself in times of trouble?

2 In arrogance the wicked hotly pursue the poor;

let them be caught in the schemes that they have devised.

3 For the wicked boasts of the desires of his soul,
and the one greedy for gain curses and renounces the LORD.

4 In the pride of his face the wicked does not seek him;
all his thoughts are, "There is no God."

5 His ways prosper at all times;
your judgments are on high, out of his sight;
as for all his foes, he puffs at them.

6 He says in his heart, "I shall not be moved;
throughout all generations I shall not meet adversity."

7 His mouth is filled with cursing and deceit and oppression;
under his tongue are mischief and iniquity.

8 He sits in ambush in the villages;
in hiding places he murders the innocent.

His eyes stealthily watch for the helpless;

9 he lurks in ambush like a lion in his thicket;
he lurks that he may seize the poor;
he seizes the poor when he draws him into his net.

10 The helpless are crushed, sink down,
and fall by his might.

11 He says in his heart, "God has forgotten,
he has hidden his face, he will never see it."

12 Arise, O LORD; O God, lift up your hand;
forget not the afflicted.

13 Why does the wicked renounce God
and say in his heart, "You will not call to account"?

14 But you do see, for you note mischief and vexation,

that you may take it into your hands;

to you the helpless commits himself;

you have been the helper of the fatherless.

15 Break the arm of the wicked and evildoer;

call his wickedness to account till you find none.

16 The LORD is king forever and ever;

the nations perish from his land.

17 O LORD, you hear the desire of the afflicted;

you will strengthen their heart; you will incline your ear

18 to do justice to the fatherless and the oppressed,

so that man who is of the earth may strike terror no more.

Old Testament Reading

Genesis gives the account of creation, and the reason why it is so amazing and so corrupt at the same time. The original intent of God for mankind is revealed: God creates the earth for mankind, and mankind for God. Though things go wrong in the beginning, God promises the nomad Abraham that there would be a people who would know Him and walk in His ways in the midst of a broken and rebellious world. The rest of Genesis unfolds in the way God forms this people in the ancient world.

As you read and reflect on this passage, prayerfully consider how God might be revealing himself to you this evening.

Genesis 5

Adam's Descendants to Noah

1 This is the book of the generations of Adam. When God created man, he made him in the likeness of God. **2** Male and female he created them, and he blessed them and named them Man when they were created. **3** When Adam had lived 130 years, he fathered a son in his own likeness, after his image, and named him Seth. **4** The days of Adam after he fathered Seth were 800 years; and he had other sons and daughters. **5** Thus all the days that Adam lived were 930 years, and he died.

6 When Seth had lived 105 years, he fathered Enosh. **7** Seth lived after he fathered Enosh 807 years and had other sons and daughters. **8** Thus all the days of Seth were 912 years, and he died.

9 When Enosh had lived 90 years, he fathered Kenan. **10** Enosh lived after he fathered Kenan 815 years and had other sons and daughters. **11** Thus all the days of Enosh were 905 years, and he died.

12 When Kenan had lived 70 years, he fathered Mahalalel. **13** Kenan lived after he fathered Mahalalel 840 years and had other sons and daughters. **14** Thus all the days of Kenan were 910 years, and he died.

15 When Mahalalel had lived 65 years, he fathered Jared. **16** Mahalalel lived after he fathered Jared 830 years and had other sons and daughters. **17** Thus all the days of Mahalalel were 895 years, and he died.

18 When Jared had lived 162 years, he fathered Enoch. **19** Jared lived after he fathered Enoch 800 years and had other sons and daughters. **20** Thus all the days of Jared were 962 years, and he died.

21 When Enoch had lived 65 years, he fathered Methuselah. **22** Enoch walked with God after he fathered Methuselah 300 years and had other sons and daughters. **23** Thus all the days of Enoch were 365 years. **24** Enoch walked with God, and he was not, for God took him.

25 When Methuselah had lived 187 years, he fathered Lamech. **26** Methuselah lived after he fathered Lamech 782 years and had other sons and daughters. **27** Thus all the days of Methuselah were 969 years, and he died.

28 When Lamech had lived 182 years, he fathered a son **29** and called his name Noah, saying, "Out of the ground that the LORD has cursed, this one shall bring us relief from our work and from the painful toil of our hands." **30** Lamech lived after he fathered Noah 595 years and had other sons and daughters. **31** Thus all the days of Lamech were 777 years, and he died.

32 After Noah was 500 years old, Noah fathered Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

Prayers of Thanksgiving

Gospel Identity

- Thank God for being a God we can depend on; praise him for all the ways he has shown you his love and faithfulness today.
- Thank God that because he loved you first, you can love and serve the people in your life. Thank Him for these people.
- Thank God for his promise to make all things new.

Look down, O Lord, from your heavenly throne, and illuminate this night with your celestial brightness; that by night as by day your people may glorify your holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (BCP 133)

Benediction

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace. (Numbers 6:24-26)

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