

# *Soli Deo Gloria*

*To God Alone be the Glory*



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# Order of Worship

## Call to Worship & Prayer of Praise

*Psalm 54*

O God, save me by your name,  
and vindicate me by your might.

O God, hear my prayer;  
give ear to the words of my mouth.

**For strangers have risen against me;  
ruthless men seek my life;  
they do not set God before themselves.**

Behold, God is my helper;  
the Lord is the upholder of my life.

**He will return the evil to my enemies;  
in your faithfulness put an end to them.**

With a freewill offering I will sacrifice to you;  
I will give thanks to your name, O LORD, for it is good.

**For he has delivered me from every trouble,  
and my eye has looked in triumph on my enemies.**

## Hymns of Praise

**COME, THOU ALMIGHTY KING** (*Hymn #336*)

Come, thou Almighty King, Help us Thy name to sing,  
Help us to praise. Father, all glorious, o'er all victorious,  
Come and reign over us, Ancient of Days.

Come, thou Incarnate Word, Gird on Thy mighty sword,  
Our prayer attend. Come and thy people bless, And give Thy Word success  
Spirit of holiness On us descend.

Come, Holy Comforter, Thy sacred witness bear  
In this glad hour. Thou who almighty art, Now rule in every heart  
And ne'er from us depart, Spirit of power.

To the great One in Three, Eternal praises be!  
Hence evermore. Thy Sovereign Majesty, May we in glory see  
And through eternity Love and adore.

## **THE CHURCH'S ONE FOUNDATION** (*Hymn #346*)

The Church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord;  
She is His new creation by water and the Word:  
From heav'n He came and sought her to be His holy Bride;  
With His own blood He bought her, and for her life He died.

Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth  
Her charter of salvation: one Lord, one faith, one birth;  
One holy Name she blesses, partakes one holy food,  
And to one hope she presses, with every grace endued.

Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war,  
She waits the consummation of peace for evermore;  
Till with the vision glorious, her longing eyes are blest,  
And the great Church victorious shall be the Church at rest.

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### **Scripture Reading**

*John 15:18-27*

<sup>18</sup> “If the world hates you, know that it has hated me before it hated you. <sup>19</sup> If you were of the world, the world would love you as its own; but because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you. <sup>20</sup> Remember the word that I said to you: ‘A servant is not greater than his master.’ If they persecuted me, they will also persecute you. If they kept my word, they will also keep yours. <sup>21</sup> But all these things they will do to you on account of my name, because they do not know him who sent me. <sup>22</sup> If I had not come and spoken to them, they would not have been guilty of sin,<sup>[a]</sup> but now they have no excuse for their sin. <sup>23</sup> Whoever hates me hates my Father also. <sup>24</sup> If I had not done among them the works that no one else did, they would not be guilty of sin, but now they have seen and hated both me and my Father. <sup>25</sup> But the word that is written in their Law must be fulfilled: ‘They hated me without a cause.’

<sup>26</sup> “But when the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, he will bear witness about me. <sup>27</sup> And you also will bear witness, because you have been with me from the beginning.

### **Prayer of Confession**

### **Hymn of Response**

**BE STILL MY SOUL** (*Hymn #514*)

Be still, my soul: the Lord is on thy side;  
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;  
Leave to thy God to order and provide;  
In ev'ry change He faithful will remain.  
Be still, my soul: thy best, thy heav'nly Friend  
Thro' thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

Be still, my soul: thy God doth undertake  
To guide the future as He has the past.  
Thy hope, thy confidence let nothing shake;  
All now mysterious shall be bright at last.  
Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know  
His voice, who ruled them while He dwelt below.

Be still, my soul: the hour is hast'ning on  
When we shall be forever with the Lord,  
When disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,  
Sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.  
Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past,  
All safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

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## Scripture Reading

### PHILIPPIANS 1:12-26

<sup>12</sup> I want you to know, brothers,<sup>[a]</sup> that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel, <sup>13</sup> so that it has become known throughout the whole imperial guard<sup>[b]</sup> and to all the rest that my imprisonment is for Christ. <sup>14</sup> And most of the brothers, having become confident in the Lord by my imprisonment, are much more bold to speak the word<sup>[c]</sup> without fear.

<sup>15</sup> Some indeed preach Christ from envy and rivalry, but others from good will. <sup>16</sup> The latter do it out of love, knowing that I am put here for the defense of the gospel. <sup>17</sup> The former proclaim Christ out of selfish ambition, not sincerely but thinking to afflict me in my imprisonment. <sup>18</sup> What then? Only that in every way, whether in pretense or in truth, Christ is proclaimed, and in that I rejoice.

Yes, and I will rejoice, <sup>19</sup> for I know that through your prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ this will turn out for my deliverance, <sup>20</sup> as it is my eager expectation and hope that I will not be at all ashamed, but that with full courage now as always Christ will be honored in my body, whether by life or by death. <sup>21</sup> For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. <sup>22</sup> If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell. <sup>23</sup> I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better. <sup>24</sup> But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account. <sup>25</sup> Convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with you all, for your progress and joy in the faith, <sup>26</sup> so that in me you may have ample cause to glory in Christ Jesus, because of my coming to you again.

### HEBREWS 13:18-19

<sup>18</sup> Pray for us, for we are sure that we have a clear conscience, desiring to act honorably in all things. <sup>19</sup> I urge you the more earnestly to do this in order that I may be restored to you the sooner.

## Sermon

# “Christian Persecution & Prayer”

### I. THE REALITY OF CHRISTIAN PERSECUTION

#### A. What is Christian Persecution? (Heb. 13:18-19)

- When we S \_\_\_\_\_ for C \_\_\_\_\_ ...
- ... with a C \_\_\_\_\_ C \_\_\_\_\_

#### B. Why is there Persecution? (John 15:18-27)

- Because the W \_\_\_\_\_ hates G \_\_\_\_\_ ...
- ...and His S \_\_\_\_\_ whom He has S \_\_\_\_\_
- ...and His C \_\_\_\_\_ whom He has C \_\_\_\_\_

### II. THE PURPOSE OF CHRISTIAN PERSECUTION

#### A. For the Glory of Christ (Philippians 1:12-26)

- Persecution P \_\_\_\_\_ Christ's W \_\_\_\_\_
- Persecution P \_\_\_\_\_ Christ's W \_\_\_\_\_

#### B. For the Good of the Christian (2 Corinthians 1:3-11)

- Growing us in C \_\_\_\_\_ (Love)
- Growing us in C \_\_\_\_\_ (Faith)

### III. PRAYERS FOR THE PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS

#### A. How We Pray for Persecuted Christians

- For their C \_\_\_\_\_ in the Spirit (Phil. 1:19)
- For their R \_\_\_\_\_ to the Church (Heb. 13:19)

#### B. Why We Must Pray for Persecuted Christians

- Prayer B \_\_\_\_\_ our H \_\_\_\_\_ Together
- Prayer F \_\_\_\_\_ our E \_\_\_\_\_ on Christ

## Hymn of Response

### **CHRIST THE SURE AND STEADY ANCHOR** (*Matt Boswell & Matt Papa*)

Christ the sure and steady anchor In the fury of the storm.  
When the winds of doubt blow through me, When my sails have all been torn  
In the suffering, in the sorrow, When my sinking hopes are few  
I will hold fast to the anchor. It will never be removed.

Christ the sure and steady anchor While the tempest rages on.  
When temptation claims the battle And it seems the night has won  
Deeper still then goes the anchor Though I justly stand accused  
I will hold fast to the anchor. It shall never be removed

Christ the sure and steady anchor Through the floods of unbelief  
Hopeless somehow, o my soul Now, lift your eyes to Calvary  
This my ballast of assurance, See His love forever proved  
I will hold fast to the anchor. It will never be removed.

Christ the sure and steady anchor As we face the wave of death  
When these trials give way to glory As we draw our final breath  
We will cross that great horizon Clouds behind and life secure  
And the calm will be the better For the storms that we endure

Christ the shore of our salvation Ever faithful ever true  
We will hold fast to the anchor. It shall never be removed.

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## Prayers for the Persecuted Church

## Doxology & Prayer of Dedication

## Closing Hymn

### **LEANING ON THE EVERLASTING ARMS** (*Hymn #453*)

What a fellowship, what a joy divine, Leaning on the everlasting arms;  
What a blessedness, what a peace is mine, Leaning on the everlasting arms.

*Leaning, leaning, Safe and secure from all alarms;  
Leaning, leaning, Leaning on the everlasting arms*

Oh, how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way, Leaning on the everlasting arms;  
Oh, how bright the path grows from day to day, Leaning on the everlasting arms.

What have I to dread, what have I to fear, Leaning on the everlasting arms?  
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near, Leaning on the everlasting arms.

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## Benediction