

# *Soli Deo Gloria*

*To God Alone be the Glory*



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# Order of Worship

## Call to Worship & Prayer of Praise

*Psalm 27:1-4*

The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? When evildoers assail me to eat up my flesh, my adversaries and foes, it is they who stumble and fall. Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war arise against me, yet I will be confident. One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to inquire in his temple.

## Hymns of Praise

### **HOLY, HOLY, HOLY** (*Hymn #68*)

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee.  
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee,  
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;  
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,  
Which wert and art and evermore shall be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee,  
Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see,  
Only Thou art holy, there is none beside Thee,  
Perfect in power, in love and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea  
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

### **HOW GREAT THOU ART** (*Hymn #6*)

1. O Lord my God, When I in awesome wonder,  
Consider all the worlds Thy Hands have made;  
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,  
Thy power throughout the universe displayed.

Then sings my soul, My Saviour God, to Thee,  
How great Thou art, How great Thou art. (2x)

2. When through the woods, and forest glades I wander,  
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees.  
When I look down, from lofty mountain grandeur  
And see the brook, and feel the gentle breeze.
3. And when I think, that God, His Son not sparing;  
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in;  
That on a Cross, my burdens gladly bearing,  
He bled and died to take away my sin.
4. When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation,  
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart.  
Then I shall bow, in humble adoration,  
And then proclaim: "My God, how great Thou art!"

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## Scripture Reading

### *Psalm 51:1-12*

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. <sup>2</sup>Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin! <sup>3</sup>For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. <sup>4</sup>Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment. <sup>5</sup>Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me. <sup>6</sup>Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being, and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart. <sup>7</sup>Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. <sup>8</sup>Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have broken rejoice. <sup>9</sup>Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities. <sup>10</sup>Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. <sup>11</sup>Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. <sup>12</sup>Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit.

## Prayer of Confession

## Hymn of Response

### **AMAZING GRACE** (*Hymn #104*)

Amazing grace, How sweet the sound That saved a wretch like me  
I once was lost... But now I'm found ... Was blind, but now I see

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear; And grace my Fears relieved  
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed

Through many dangers, toils and snares I have already come  
'Twas grace hath brought me safe thus far, And grace will lead us home

The Lord has promised good to me, His Word my hope secures  
He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.

When we've been there Ten thousand years, Bright shining as the sun  
We've no less days to sing God's praise Than when we first begun

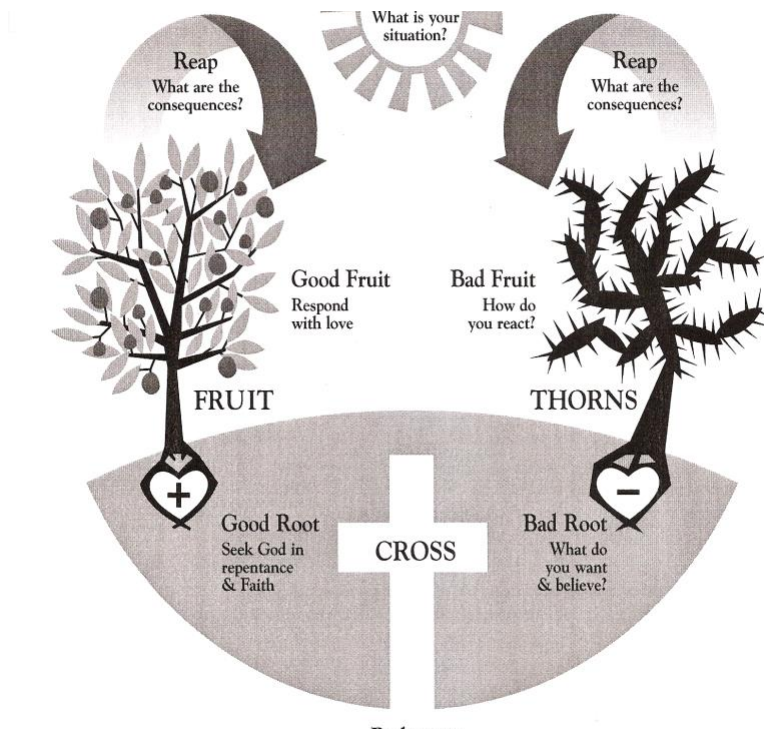
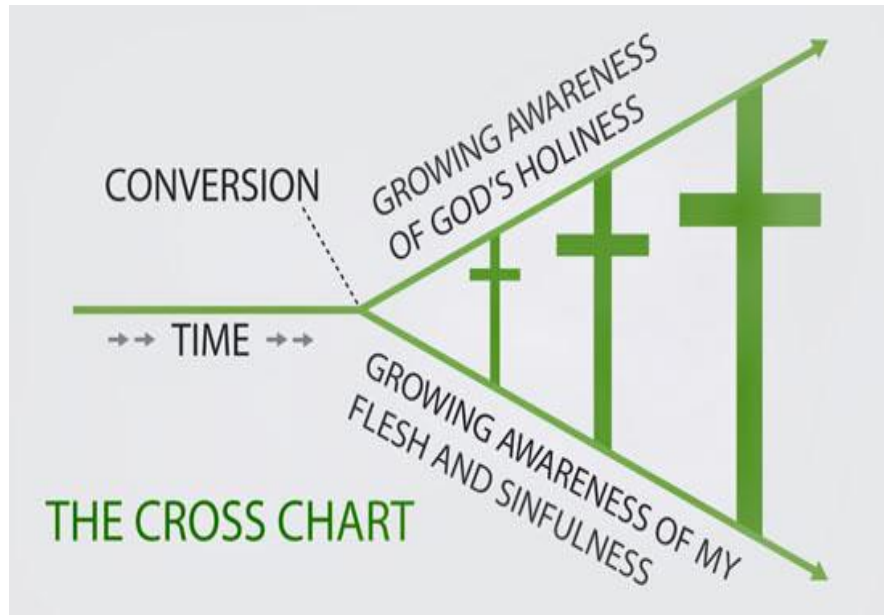
## Scripture Readings

### JOHN 15:1-11

“I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. <sup>2</sup> Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. <sup>3</sup> Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. <sup>4</sup> Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. <sup>5</sup> I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. <sup>6</sup> If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. <sup>7</sup> If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. <sup>8</sup> By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples. <sup>9</sup> As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. <sup>10</sup> If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. <sup>11</sup> These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.

### GALATIANS 2:15-21

<sup>15</sup> We ourselves are Jews by birth and not Gentile sinners; <sup>16</sup> yet we know that a person is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ, so we also have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ and not by works of the law, because by works of the law no one will be justified. <sup>17</sup> But if, in our endeavor to be justified in Christ, we too were found to be sinners, is Christ then a servant of sin? Certainly not! <sup>18</sup> For if I rebuild what I tore down, I prove myself to be a transgressor. <sup>19</sup> For through the law I died to the law, so that I might live to God. <sup>20</sup> I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. <sup>21</sup> I do not nullify the grace of God, for if righteousness were through the law, then Christ died for no purpose.



## **APTAT: For the Everyday Challenges** **From John Piper, “Sanctification in the Everyday”**

### **A – Admit**

I admit that apart from Christ I can do nothing of eternal value (John 15:5). I acknowledge with Paul in Romans 7:18, “For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh.” I acknowledge that the old “I” which loved to deny this fact was crucified with Christ.

### **P – Pray**

I pray. I pray with Paul in 1 Thessalonians 3:12 that Christ would make me abound in love. I pray that grace might reign in my life through righteousness (Romans 5:21). I pray that God would produce in me the obedience he demands (Hebrews 13:21; 2 Thessalonians 1:11)

### **T – Trust**

This is the key because Galatians 3:5 says, “Does he who supplies the Spirit to you and works miracles among you do so by works of the law, or by hearing with faith?” In other words, the ongoing work of the Spirit to enable us to love as we ought happens only as we trust the promises of God (Galatians 6:6). So by faith I hold on a promise like Isaiah 41:10, “Fear not, for I am with you, be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.” I trust that as I act, it will not be I but the power of Christ in me and me only clinging to him in faith.

### **A – Act**

I act in obedience to God’s word. But, O, what a world of difference now between such an act and what Paul calls works of the law. The acknowledgment that I am helpless, the prayer for divine enablement, the trust that Christ himself is my help and strength – these transform the act so that it is a fruit of the Spirit, not a work of the flesh.

### **T – Thank**

Finally, when the deed is done and the day is over, I thank God for whatever good may have come of my life (Colossians 1:3-5). I thank him for conquering, at least in some measure, my selfishness and pride. I give him the glory (1 Peter 4:11)

### **APTAT**

A – Acknowledge your inability to do good on your own.

P – Pray for divine enablement.

T – Trust the promises of God for help and strength and guidance.

A – Act in obedience to God’s Word.

T – Thank God for whatever good comes.

## A Quiver Full of Promises

1. “Fear not, for I am with you. Be not dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you. I will help you. I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.” (Isaiah 41:10)
2. “He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things?” (Romans 8:32)
3. Jesus said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me...And behold I am with you always, to the end of the age.” (Matthew 28:18, 20)
4. “Call on me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you and you shall glorify me.” (Psalm 50:15)
5. “And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus.” (Philippians 4:19)
6. And God is able to make every grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work.” (2 Corinthians 9:8)
7. Trust in the Lord and do good; dwell in the land and befriend faithfulness. Delight yourself in the Lord and he will give you the desires of your heart.” (Psalm 37:3,4)
8. “Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.” (Joshua 1:9)
9. And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. (Philippians 1:6)
10. Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion, which cannot be moved, but abides forever. As the mountains surround Jerusalem, so the Lord surrounds his people, from this time forth and forevermore. (Psalm 125:1,2)
11. “Why are you downcast, O my soul, and why are you in turmoil within me? Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my salvation and my God.” (Psalm 42:10)
12. Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers; but his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night. He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does he prospers. (Psalm 1:1-4)

## Hymn of Response

### **BREATHE ON ME, BREATH OF GOD** (*Hymn #334*)

Breathe on me, Breath of God, Fill me with life anew,  
That I may love what Thou dost love, And do what Thou wouldst do.

Breathe on me, Breath of God, Until my heart is pure,  
Until with Thee I will Thy will, To do and to endure.

Breathe on me, Breath of God, Till I am wholly Thine,  
Till all this earthly part of me Glows with Thy fire divine.

Breathe on me, Breath of God, So shall I never die,  
But live with Thee the perfect life of Thine eternity.

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## Prayers of the Church

### Doxology & Prayer of Dedication

## Closing Hymn

### **GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS** (*Hymn #96*)

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God, my Father;  
There is no shadow of turning with Thee.  
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not;  
As Thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be.

*Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see:  
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;  
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

Summer and winter, and spring-time and harvest,  
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above  
Join with all nature in manifold witness  
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth.  
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;  
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
Blessings all mine with ten thousand beside!

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## Benediction