

Prelude

* Please Stand

Ephesians 6:18-24

Welcome

*Call to Worship

Psalm 8:1-2, 9

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens. Out of the mouth of babies and infants, you have established strength because of your foes, to still the enemy and the avenger.

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

*Prayer of Adoration and the Lord's Prayer

Our Father who is in heaven, hallowed be Your name. Your Kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not, into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

*Song of Praise

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious, Thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
Nor wanting, nor wasting, Thou rulest in might;
Thy justice like mountains high soaring above,
Thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all, life Thou givest, to both great and small;
In all life Thou livest, the true life of all;
We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
And wither and perish, but naught changeth Thee.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light;
Thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight;
All praise we would render: O help us to see,
'Tis only the splendor of light hideth Thee!

...Praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints, and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains, that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak.

So that you also may know how I am and what I am doing, Tychicus the beloved brother and faithful minister in the Lord will tell you everything. I have sent him to you for this very purpose, that you may know how we are, and that he may encourage your hearts. Peace be to the brothers, and love with faith, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Grace be with all who love our Lord Jesus Christ with love incorruptible.

Sermon Notes

Series: Ephesians: Grace in Christ

Title: Standing Firm: The Encouragement We Have

Passage: Ephesians 6:18-24

***Prayer of Confession**

***Words of Assurance**

Psalm 32:1-7

*Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.
Blessed is the man against whom the Lord counts no iniquity, and in whose
spirit there is no deceit. For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away
through my groaning all day long. For day and night your hand was heavy
upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer. I acknowledged
my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my
transgressions to the Lord," and you forgave the iniquity of my sin. Therefore
let everyone who is godly offer prayer to you at a time when you may be
found; surely in the rush of great waters, they shall not reach him. You are
a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me
with shouts of deliverance.*

***Song of Praise**

His Mercy is More

What love could remember no wrongs we have done?
Omniscient, all knowing, He counts not their sum.
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore;
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more.

What patience would wait as we constantly roam?
What Father, so tender, is calling us home?
He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor;
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more.

*Chorus: Praise the Lord; His mercy is more;
Stronger than darkness, new every morn'.
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more.*

What riches of kindness he lavished on us;
His blood was the payment, His life was the cost.
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford.
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more. (*chorus 2x*)

What We Believe

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic† and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

† Meaning the "universal" church made up of all true believers in Jesus Christ.

Hearing God's Word

Mark 14:32-42

Prayers of the People

(Children Pre-K though first grade may exit for Ambassador Kids)

*Song of Praise

Highly Exalted

You were despised, You were rejected, Lord, those who passed by;
Even averted their gaze from the sight, such was the suffering you bore for us.

Led like a lamb, lamb to the slaughter, You spoke not a word;
But chose to be silent though, You did no wrong, nor was deceitfulness found in You.

Yet by your wounds our salvation has come,
Yet by your suffering our freedom is won.

For God has highly exalted Your name, He has enthroned You on high,
Jesus the name above all names. *(repeat) (repeat all)*

You were despised, You were rejected, Lord, those who passed by;
Even averted their gaze from the sight, such was the suffering you bore for us.

Message from God's Word

Ephesians 6:18-24

Standing Firm: The Encouragement We Have

*Song of Praise

To Christ the Lord Let Every Tongue

To Christ the Lord let every tongue, its noblest tribute bring.
When He's the subject of the song, who can refuse to sing?
Survey the beauties of His face, and on His glories dwell.
Think of the wonder of His grace, and all His triumphs tell.

He saw me plunged in deep distress, He fled to my relief.
For me He bore the shameful cross, and carried all my grief.
His hand a thousand blessings pours, upon my guilty head.
His presence gilds my darkest hours, and guards my sleeping bed.

To Him I owe my life and breath, and all the joys I have.
He makes me triumph over death, and saves me from the grave.
To Heav'n the place of His abode, He brings my weary feet.
Shows me the glories of my God, and makes my joy complete.

Since from His bounty I receive, such proofs of love divine.
Had I a thousand hearts to give, Lord they should all be Thine.
A thousand men could not compose, a worthy song to bring.
Yet Your love is a melody, our hearts can't help but sing.

*Benediction

Ephesians 6:23-24

Peace be to the brothers, and love with faith, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Grace be with all who love our Lord Jesus Christ with love incorruptible.