

The Power to Stand When the Lion Roars

Welcome to worship. We are delighted that you are here.

At some point, you will have to stand firm for Christ against some type of opposition, threat, ridicule or temptation. According to our passage, danger lurks in the lure of a seductive world and in the intimidation of a bullying world. How is it that we are enabled to stand?

From these last words of Paul, we learn that when our spirit is lonely, we need friends. When our body is cold, we need clothing. When our mind is bored, we need books. To admit this is not unspiritual; it is human. These are our natural needs. As Bishop Moule wisely says, man is 'never for one moment denaturalized by grace.'

- John Stott

PRAYER OF PREPARATION * 11:00 AM Service * Gathered Worship

Almighty God,
whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ
is the light of the world:
Grant that your people,
illuminated by your Word and Sacraments,
may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory,
that he may be known, worshiped, and obeyed
to the ends of the earth;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns,
one God, now and forever. Amen.

PRELUDEThe Church's One Foundation

CALL TO WORSHIPPsalm 50:14-15

Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving,
and perform your vows to the Most High,

**And call upon me in the day of trouble;
I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me."**

PRAYER OF ADORATION

HYMN OF ADORATION**To God be the Glory**

To God be the glory, great things he has done!
so loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
who yielded his life an atonement for sin,
and opened the life-gate that we may go in.

Refrain:

*Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
let the earth hear his voice!*

*Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
let the people rejoice!*

*O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,
and give him the glory, great things he has done!*

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood!
to ev'ry believer the promise of God;
the vilest offender who truly believes,
that moment from Jesus forgiveness receives. (*Refrain*)

Great things he has taught us, great things he has done,
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
and purer and higher and greater will be
our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. (*Refrain*)

HYMN OF PRAISE **Fight the Good Fight**

Fight the good fight with all thy might;
Christ is thy strength, and Christ thy right:
lay hold on life, and it shall be
thy joy and crown eternally.

Run the straight race through God's good grace,
lift up thine eyes, and seek his face;
life with its way before us lies,
Christ is the path and Christ the prize.

Cast care aside; upon thy Guide
lean, and his mercy will provide;
lean, and the trusting soul shall prove,
Christ is its life and Christ its love.

Faint not, nor fear, his arms are near;
he changeth not, and thou art dear;
only believe, and thou shalt see
that Christ is all in all to thee.

MORNING PRAYER OF CONFESSION & INTERCESSION.

Heavenly Lord,
Your name is a strong tower.
The righteous run to it and are safe,
for You are the only refuge in troubled times.
Yet, we confess that our fears are legion.
We are afraid to love, afraid to commit ourselves,
afraid of what others think, afraid of rejection,
afraid of being hurt, afraid of failure,
and afraid of what the future might bring.
Show us that Jesus Christ is Your protection of us,
Your presence with us, and Your power in us.
Forgive us for the glory of our Savior's name,
Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS. 2 Timothy 1:9-10, 7

This grace was given us in Christ Jesus
before the beginning of time, but it has now been revealed
through the appearing of our Savior, Christ Jesus,
who has destroyed death and has brought life
and immortality to light through the gospel.
For God has not given us a spirit of timidity,
but of power and love and discipline.

HYMN OF ASSURANCE. Faith of Our Fathers

Faith of our fathers! living still
in spite of dungeon, fire and sword;
O how our hearts beat high with joy
whene'er we hear God's glorious Word:

Refrain:

Faith of our fathers, holy faith!
We will be true to thee till death.

Our fathers, chained in prisons dark,
were still in heart and conscience free;
and blest would be their children's fate
if they, like them, should die for thee: [Refrain]

Faith of our fathers! God's great pow'r
shall draw all nations unto thee;
and through the truth that comes from God
his people shall indeed be free: [Refrain]

Faith of our fathers! we will love
both friend and foe in all our strife,
and preach thee, too, as love knows how
by witness true and virtuous life: [Refrain]

ANTHEM Shalom

Violinist, Cademon Garcia

In the Bible, shalom means
universal flourishing, wholeness and delight
– a rich state of affairs in which
natural needs are satisfied
and natural gifts fruitfully employed,
a state of affairs that inspires joyful wonder
as its Creator and Savior opens doors and welcomes
the creatures in whom he delights.

GREETINGS/MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES.

SCRIPTURE MEMORY CHALLENGE. Philippians 4:6-7

Be anxious for nothing,
but in everything
by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving
let your requests be made known to God.
And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension,
will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

EPISTLE LESSON. 2 Timothy 4:9-22

THE SERMON The Power to Stand When the Lion Roars
#10 in our series on 2 Timothy: Finish Well

1. Acknowledge your vulnerability.
2. Draw strength from your spiritual friends.
3. Trust the Lord and rest in His promises.

COMMUNION.

- The Lord’s Supper is the family meal of believers by which we recall Jesus’ cross, relive his anguish, and renew our vows to live as His followers.
- We invite all followers of Jesus Christ to participate who are baptized members of a gospel-proclaiming church, who are endeavoring to live at peace with God and others, and who seek grace and strength to live more faithfully for Jesus.
- If you are not a Christian, or if you are not prepared to share in this meal, we encourage you to spend this time in prayer as you consider your relationship with Jesus Christ and His gospel.

HYMN FOR COMMUNION.The Power of the Cross

Oh to see the dawn of the darkest day
Christ on the road to Calvary
Tried by sinful men torn and beaten then
Nailed to a cross of wood

Chorus: This the pow'r of the cross
Christ became sin for us
Took the blame bore the wrath
We stand forgiven at the cross

Oh to see the pain written on Your face
Bearing the awesome weight of sin
Ev'ry bitter thought ev'ry evil deed
Crowning Your bloodstained brow. Chorus

Now the daylight flees now the ground beneath
Quakes as its Maker bows His head
Curtain torn in two dead are raised to life
Finished the victory cry. Chorus

Oh to see my name written in the wounds
For through Your suffering I am free
Death is crushed to death life is mine to live
Won through Your selfless love

Final Chorus: This the pow'r of the cross
Son of God slain for us
What a love what a cost
We stand forgiven at the cross

BENEDICTION.2 Timothy 4:18,22

May the Lord rescue you from every evil deed
and bring you safely into his heavenly kingdom.
May the Lord be with your spirit, and grace be with you! Amen.