

Sunday, August 6, 2023, 9:00am
10th Sunday after Pentecost
Top Ten Biblical Villains...Athaliah



Who? Athaliah!

Proving that two wrongs don't make a right, Athaliah was the daughter of the evil King Ahab and Queen Jezebel.

Ruthless and wicked, she destroyed the entire royal family of the house of Judah and forced herself onto the throne to rule for six years.

Like mother, like daughter?

Prelude

#868, *Awake, My Soul, and with the Sun*

1 Awake, my soul, and with the sun Thy daily stage of duty run; Shake off dull sloth and joyful rise To pay thy morning sacrifice.

2 In conversation be sincere, Thy conscience as the noonday clear; Think how the_all-seeing God thy ways And all thy secret thoughts surveys.

3 All praise to Thee, who safe hast kept And hast refreshed me while I slept; Grant, Lord, when I from death shall wake, I may of endless light partake.

4 Lord, I my vows to Thee renew; Disperse my sins as morning dew; Guard my first springs of thought and will And with Thyself my spirit fill.

5 Direct, control, suggest this day All I design or do or say That all my pow'rs with all their might In Thy sole glory may unite.

6 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

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P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.....Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C: who made heaven and earth.

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

(Silence for reflection and self-examination)

P: O Almighty God, merciful Father,

C: I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

**C: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

KYRIE LSB 186

**C: Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS LSB 187

P: Glory be to God on high:

**C: and on earth peace, goodwill toward men.
We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee,
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.
O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.
O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.
For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.
Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,
art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And with thy spirit.

P: Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, though we do not deserve Your goodness, still You provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may acknowledge Your gifts, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Children's Time

2 Chronicles 22:10–12 [Sermon Text]

Now when Athaliah the mother of Ahaziah saw that her son was dead, she arose and destroyed all the royal family of the house of Judah. But Jehoshabeath, the daughter of the king, took Joash the son of Ahaziah and stole him away from among the king's sons who were about to be put to death, and she put him and his nurse in a bedroom. Thus Jehoshabeath, the daughter of King Jehoram and wife of Jehoiada the priest, because she was a sister of Ahaziah, hid him from Athaliah, so that she did not put him to death. And he remained with them six years, hidden in the house of God, while Athaliah reigned over the land.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Romans 9:1–13

I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience bears me witness in the Holy Spirit—that I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my brothers, my kinsmen according to the flesh. They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises. To them belong the patriarchs, and from their race, according to the flesh, is the Christ who is God over all, blessed forever. Amen. But it is not as though the word of God has failed. For not all who are descended from Israel belong to Israel, and not all are children of Abraham because they are his offspring, but “Through Isaac shall your offspring be named.” This means that it is not the children of the flesh who are the children of God, but the children of the promise are counted as offspring. For this is what the promise said: “About this time next year I will return and Sarah shall have a son.” And not only so, but also when Rebecca had conceived children by one man, our forefather Isaac, though

they were not yet born and had done nothing either good or bad—in order that God’s purpose of election might continue, not because of works but because of his call—she was told, “The older will serve the younger.” As it is written, “Jacob I loved, but Esau I hated.”

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA LSB 190

C: Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 14th chapter.

C: Glory be to Thee, O Lord

Now when Jesus heard about the death of John, He withdrew from there in a boat to a desolate place by Himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed Him on foot from the towns. When He went ashore He saw a great crowd, and He had compassion on them and healed their sick. Now when it was evening, the disciples came to Him and said, “This is a desolate place, and the day is now over; send the crowds away to go into the villages and buy food for themselves.” But Jesus said, “They need not go away; you give them something to eat.” They said to Him, “We have only five loaves here and two fish.” And He said, “Bring them here to Me.” Then He ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass, and taking the five loaves and the two fish, He looked up to heaven and said a blessing. Then He broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

P: We profess our faith,

C: Nicene Creed

#480, He’s Risen, He’s Risen

**1 He’s risen, He’s risen, Christ Jesus, the Lord; He opened death’s prison,
the incarnate, true Word. Break forth, hosts of heaven, in jubilant song
And earth, sea, and mountain their praises prolong.**

2 The foe was triumphant when on Calvary The Lord of creation was nailed to the tree.

In Satan's domain did the hosts shout and jeer, For Jesus was slain, whom the evil ones fear.

3 But short was their triumph; the Savior arose, And death, hell, and Satan He vanquished, His foes. The conquering Lord lifts His banner on high; He lives, yes, He lives, and will nevermore die.

4 O, where is your sting, death? We fear you no more; Christ rose, and now open is fair Eden's door. For all our transgressions His blood does atone; Redeemed and forgiven, we now are His own.

5 Then sing your hosannas and raise your glad voice; Proclaim the blest tidings that all may rejoice. Laud, honor, and praise to the Lamb that was slain: With Father and Spirit He ever shall reign.

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The Sermon *Athaliah*

The Gathering of our Gifts and Tithes

OFFERTORY LSB 192

C: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

The Prayers of His Children

P: Lord, in Your mercy. C: Hear our prayer.

Service of the Sacrament LSB 194

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And with thy spirit.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up unto the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

C: It is meet and right so to do.

P: It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, Holy Lord, Almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing,

SANCTUS LSB 195

**C: Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.**

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

P: Together, we pray,

C: LORD'S PRAYER

The Words of our Lord

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

AGNUS DEI LSB 198

C: O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.

The Distribution of Holy Communion

#744, *Amazing Grace*

**1 Amazing grace—how sweet the sound— That saved a wretch like me! I
once was lost but now am found, Was blind but now I see!**

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

**3 Through many dangers, toils, and snares I have already come; His grace
has brought me safe thus far, His grace will lead me home.**

**4 Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail And mortal life shall cease, Amazing
grace shall then prevail In heaven's joy and peace.**

**5 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'd first begun.**

Text (sts. 1–4): John Newton, 1725–1807, alt.; (st. 5): A Collection of Sacred Ballads, 1790, Richmond
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#803, Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

- 1 Joyful, joyful we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love! Hearts unfold like
flow'rs before Thee, Praising Thee, their sun above. Melt the clouds of sin and
sadness, Drive the gloom of doubt away. Giver of immortal gladness, Fill us
with the light of day.**
- 2 All Thy works with joy surround Thee, Earth and heav'n reflect Thy rays, Stars
and angels sing around Thee, Center of unbroken praise. Field and forest, vale
and mountain, Flow'ry meadow, flashing sea, Chanting bird, and flowing
fountain Call us to rejoice in Thee.**
- 3 Thou art giving and forgiving, Ever blessing, ever blest, Wellspring of the joy of
living, Ocean-depth of happy rest! Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Fountainhead
of love divine: Joyful, we Thy heav'n inherit! Joyful, we by grace are Thine!**

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Sing to the Lord!

*Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth! Serve the Lord with gladness! Come
into His presence with singing! Know that the Lord, He is God! It is He who made
us, and we are His; we are His people, and the sheep of His pasture. Enter His
gates with thanksgiving, and His courts with praise! Give thanks to Him; bless his
name! For the Lord is good; His steadfast love endures forever, and His
faithfulness to all generations. Psalm 100*

**1. Alleluia! Jesus is risen! Sing to the Lord a new song! Trumpets and brass,
organ and keyboard, Sing to the Lord a new song! Praise, worship, glory and honor
be Yours, Give God the glory! Alleluia!**

**2. Walking His path, Jesus our Shepherd, Sing to the Lord a new song!
Breaking the bread, pouring His life blood, Sing to the Lord a new song!
Jesus our blessing, our Savior, and Friend, Give God the glory! Alleluia!**

**3. Heavens and earth, all of creation, Sing to the Lord a new song! All living
things, join the elation, Sing to the Lord a new song! He has done marvelous things.
Give God the glory! Alleluia!**

**4. Valley and hill, river and ocean, Sing to the Lord a new song! Pond, lake, and
sea, Lake City skiers, Sing to the Lord a new song! He has done marvelous things.
Give God the glory! Alleluia!**

5. Nations and tribes, Redeemer Lutheran, Sing to the Lord a new song! Cities and towns, brothers and sisters, Sing to the Lord a new song! He has done marvelous things. Give God the glory! Alleluia!

6. Young ones and old, happy or mourning, Sing to the Lord a new song! Fathers and moms, papa and nana, Sing to the Lord a new song! He has done marvelous things. Give God the glory! Alleluia!

NUNC DIMITTIS LSB 199

C: Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people, a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

P: Together, we pray,

C: We give thanks to You, Almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever, Amen.

God's Benediction

#660, Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus

- 1 Stand up, stand up for Jesus, Ye soldiers of the cross. Lift high His royal banner;
It must not suffer loss. From vict'ry unto vict'ry His army He shall lead
Till ev'ry foe is vanquished, And Christ is Lord indeed.**
- 2 Stand up, stand up for Jesus; The trumpet call obey; Stand forth in mighty conflict
In this His glorious day. Let all His faithful serve Him Against unnumbered
foes; Let courage rise with danger And strength to strength oppose.**
- 3 Stand up, stand up for Jesus; Stand in His strength alone. The arm of flesh will fail
you, Ye dare not trust your own. Put on the Gospel armor; Each piece put on
with prayer. Where duty calls or danger, Be never wanting there.**
- 4 Stand up, stand up for Jesus; The strife will not be long; This day the din of battle,
The next the victor's song. The soldiers, overcoming, Their crown of life shall
see And with the King of Glory Shall reign eternally.**

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Ministry Announcements

Postlude