

Sunday, August 6, 2023, 11:15am
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?

Opening Praise Song

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

C: Amen.

P: Let us pray.

C: Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden, cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit that we may perfectly love You and worthily magnify Your Holy name;

P: through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C:Amen.

P: We confess,

C: I admit, Lord, that I often do not freely respond to Your grace. Forgive me for confusing Your free grace with the ways of this world. In Your mercy, renew my faith and instill gratitude in me that I may rely on Your daily and eternal blessings. I admit that I have not always shared compassionate. I rejoice in having faith but do not always share my joy with the people around me. Forgive me and open my eyes to see the opportunities to tell of my faith. I admit that I have not always considered the needs of others before my own, nor how You might use me and my gifts for their welfare.

P: In the mercy of Almighty God, Jesus kept God's eternal covenant. He paid the price with His suffering and death for you so that grace might be freely offered to you. As a called and ordained servant of Jesus and by His authority I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit. Rest assured, your sins are forgiven.

C: Amen. Thanks be to God.

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Together, we pray,

C: 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, Amen.

Children's Time

2 Chronicles 22:10-12 [Sermon Text]

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Romans 9:1–13

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

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

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

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P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

Sermon Praise Song

The Sermon *Athaliah*

The Gathering of our Gifts and Tithes

The Prayers of His Children:

P: We pray for those who have not truly heard the grace offered to all through the everlasting covenant, let us pray to the Lord,

C: Lord, hear our prayer.

P: We pray for the Spirit's work through Word and Sacrament to instill and strengthen the faith of all who call out to God in hope and trust, let us pray the Lord.

P: We pray for our brothers and sisters around the world, for all God's promises, which endure forever, and for all who face today with little or no food, with poor shelter and tattered clothes, without caring support or necessities, dealing with ongoing oppression and persecution, struggling through long-term ills and sudden man-made or natural disasters. We keep in our prayers...that our gracious God would visit, relieve, strengthen, and surround them with caring people and the precious Gospel, let us pray to the Lord.

P: We bring all these things to You in the name of Jesus, who taught us to pray,

C: LORDS PRAYER.

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

The Words of our Lord

P: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

The Distribution of Holy Communion

God's Benediction

Sending Praise Song

Ministry Announcements