



Sunday, August 20, 2023, 9:00am
12th Sunday after Pentecost
Top Ten Biblical Villains...Pharaoh of Egypt

The Pharaoh who Moses confronted, probably Rameses II, had one of the hardest, most stubborn hearts in the Bible.

He repeatedly challenged God's authority and refused to release the Israelites from slavery.

Prelude

#807, *When Morning Gilds the Skies*

1 When morning gilds the skies, My heart, awaking, cries, "May Jesus Christ be praised!"
When evening shadows fall, This rings my curfew call: "May Jesus Christ be praised!"

2 When mirth for music longs, This is my song of songs: "May Jesus Christ be praised!"
God's holy house of prayer Hath none that can compare With "Jesus Christ be praised!"

3 No lovelier antiphon In all high heav'n is known Than "Jesus Christ be praised!"
There to the_ eternal Word The_ eternal psalm is heard: "May Jesus Christ be praised!"

4 Ye nations of mankind, In this your concord find: "May Jesus Christ be praised!"
Let all the earth around Ring joyous with the sound: "May Jesus Christ be praised!"

5 Sing, suns and stars of space, Sing, ye that see His face, Sing, "Jesus Christ be praised!"
God's whole creation o'er, Both now and evermore Shall Jesus Christ be praised!

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

C: Amen.

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

(Silence for reflection and self-examination)

P: Let us confess our sins to God our Father.

C: Most merciful God, I confess that I am by nature sinful and unclean. I have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what I have done and by what I have left undone. I have not loved You with my whole heart; I have not loved my neighbors as myself. I justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on me.

Forgive me, renew me, and lead me, so that I may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. 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.

C: Amen.

KYRIE LSB 152

P In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and
for the unity of all

let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray
to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C Amen.

THIS IS THE FEAST LSB 155

Congregation This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be
people of God.**

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are His.

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:

Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia.

**This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Together, we pray,

C: Almighty and everlasting Father, You give Your children many blessings even though we are undeserving. In every trial and temptation grant us steadfast confidence in Your loving-kindness and mercy; 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

Isaiah 56:1, 6–8

Thus says the Lord: “Keep justice, and do righteousness, for soon my salvation will come, and my deliverance be revealed....” “And the foreigners who join themselves to the Lord, to minister to him, to love the name of the Lord, and to be his servants, everyone who keeps the Sabbath and does not profane it, and holds fast my covenant—these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples.” The Lord God, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, declares, “I will gather yet others to him besides those already gathered.”

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Romans 11:1–2a, 13–15, 28–32

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! For I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected His people whom He foreknew.... Now I am speaking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch then as I am an apostle to the Gentiles, I magnify my ministry in order somehow to make my fellow Jews jealous, and thus save some of them. For if their rejection means the reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance mean but life from the dead? As regards the Gospel, they are enemies of God for your sake. But as regards election, they are beloved for the sake of their forefathers. For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were at one time

disobedient to God but now have received mercy because of their disobedience, so they too have now been disobedient in order that by the mercy shown to you they also may now receive mercy. For God has consigned all to disobedience, that He may have mercy on all.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA AND VERSE LSB 156

C Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia.

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 15th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus went away from there and withdrew to the district of Tyre and Sidon. And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and was crying, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely oppressed by a demon." But he did not answer her a word. And His disciples came and begged Him, saying, "Send her away, for she is crying out after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before Him, saying, "Lord, help me." And He answered, "It is not right to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered her, "O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire." And her daughter was healed instantly.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ

#487, Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain

1 Come, you faithful, raise the strain
Of triumphant gladness! God has brought His Israel
Into joy from sadness, Loosed from Pharaoh's bitter yoke
Jacob's sons and daughters, Led them with unmoistened foot
Through the Red Sea waters.

2 'Tis the spring of souls today: Christ has burst His prison
And from three days' sleep in death
As a sun has risen; All the winter of our sins,
Long and dark, is flying From His light,
to whom is giv'n Laud and praise undying.

3 Now the queen of seasons, bright With the day of splendor, With the royal feast of feasts
Comes its joy to render; Comes to gladden faithful hearts Which with true affection
Welcome in unwearied strain Jesus' resurrection!

4 For today among His own Christ appeared, bestowing His deep peace, which evermore
Passes human knowing. Neither could the gates of death Nor the tomb's dark portal
Nor the watchers nor the seal Hold Him as a mortal.

5 Alleluia! Now we cry To our King immortal, Who, triumphant, burst the bars
Of the tomb's dark portal. Come, you faithful, raise the strain Of triumphant
gladness! God has brought His Israel Into joy from sadness!

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The Sermon *Pharaoh of Egypt*

P: Please rise as we profess our faith,

C: NICENE CREED

The Gathering of our Gifts and Tithes

OFFERTORY LSB 159

C: What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?

I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the name of the Lord.

I will take the cup of salvation and will call on the name of the Lord.

**I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His people,
in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.**

The Prayers of His Children

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

PREFACE LSB 160

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.

P: It is truly good, 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, who, having created all things, took on human flesh and was born
of the virgin Mary. For our sake He died on the cross and rose from the dead to put

an end to death, thus fulfilling Your will and gaining for You a holy people.
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 161

**C: Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might:
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.
Hosanna. Hosanna.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

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.

P: Jesus, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray,

C: LORD'S PRAYER

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

C: Amen.

AGNUS DEI LSB 163

**C: Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.**

The Distribution of Holy Communion

#855, *For All the Faithful Women*

1 For all the faithful women Who served in days of old, To You shall thanks be given;
To all, their story told. They served with strength and gladness
In tasks Your wisdom gave. To You their lives bore witness,
Proclaimed Your pow'r to save.

2 We praise Your name for Miriam Who sang triumphantly While Pharaoh's vaunted army
Lay drowned beneath the sea. As Israel marched to freedom,
Her chains of bondage gone, So may we reach the kingdom
Your mighty arm has won. Exodus 15:19–21

4 All praise to God the Father! All praise to Christ the Son! All praise the Holy Spirit,
Who binds the Church in one! With saints who went before us,
With saints who witness still, We sing glad Alleluias And strive to do Your will.

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#617, *O Lord, We Praise Thee*

- 1 O Lord, we praise Thee, bless Thee, and adore Thee, In thanksgiving bow before Thee.
Thou with Thy body and Thy blood didst nourish Our weak souls that they may flourish:
O Lord, have mercy! May Thy body, Lord, born of Mary, That our sins and sorrows
did carry, And Thy blood for us plead In all trial, fear, and need: O Lord, have mercy!
- 2 Thy holy body into death was given, Life to win for us in heaven. No greater love than this
to Thee could bind us; May this feast thereof remind us! O Lord, have mercy!
Lord, Thy kindness did so constrain Thee That Thy blood should bless and sustain me.
All our debt Thou hast paid; Peace with God once more is made:
O Lord, have mercy!
- 3 May God bestow on us His grace and favor That we follow Christ our Savior
And live together here in love and union Nor despise this blest Communion!
O Lord, have mercy! Let not Thy good Spirit forsake us; Grant that heav'nly-minded
He make us; Give Thy Church, Lord, to see Days of peace and unity:
O Lord, have mercy!

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#809, *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

- 1 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. Refrain
- ref 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!
- 2 Summer and winter and springtime and harvest, Sun, moon, and stars in their courses
above Join with all nature in manifold witness To Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.
Refrain
- 3 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! Refrain

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THANK THE LORD LSB 164

**C: Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'ryone what He has done.
Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name.
He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy
with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.**

God's Benediction

#791, *All People That on Earth Do Dwell*

- 1 All people that on earth do dwell, Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice.
Him serve with mirth, His praise forthtell; Come ye before Him and rejoice.
- 2 Know that the Lord is God indeed; Without our aid He did us make.
We are His folk, He doth us feed, And for His sheep He doth us take.
- 3 O enter then His gates with praise; Approach with joy His courts unto.
Praise, laud, and bless His name always, For it is seemly so to do.
- 4 For why? The Lord our God is good: His mercy is forever sure.
His truth at all times firmly stood And shall from age to age endure.
- 5 To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, The God whom heav'n and earth adore,
From us and from the angel host Be praise and glory evermore.

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Ministry Announcements

Postlude