



Sunday, August 20, 2023, 11:15am
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.

Opening Praise Song

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

C: Amen.

P: Thus says the Lord: "Keep justice, and do righteousness,

C: for soon My salvation will come, and My deliverance be revealed."

P: The deliverance of the Lord comes to us today as we gather, joined as one with all people who trust in the name of Jesus. Let us search our hearts and minds, bowing before our gracious Father and confessing our sins to Him.

(We take a moment of silence for prayer)

P: Lord, You invite all people into Your holy house of prayer.

C: I confess that I have not kept justice, choosing to go my own way instead of following Your direction. I admit that I have not lived righteously, breaking Your commands by what I think, say, and do.

P: Lord, You invite all people to know Your mercy.

C: At the cross of our Savior, Jesus, You defeated our enemies of sin and death. Help me to live in this victory, trusting in Your promises, and gathering with all Your people to praise Your name forever. Amen.

P: Salvation is yours! The Good News of Jesus has been given! Forgiveness is yours. As a called and ordained servant of the Word, and by the authority of Jesus, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Together, we pray,

C: We give thanks and praise to You, O God, for making Your house a place of prayer for all people. You have blessed us with Your grace and salvation! Through the Gospel, make us voices of invitation to all people that with us they may serve You with joy and gladness all our days. We pray this 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

Isaiah 56:1, 6–8

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Romans 11:1–2a, 13–15, 28–32

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

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

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

(Matthew 15:21-28)

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

P: Please rise as we profess our faith,

C: Nicene Creed

Sermon Praise Song

The Sermon

Pharaoh of Egypt

The Gathering of our Gifts and Tithes

The Prayers of His Children:

P: Lord, in Your mercy, **C: Hear our 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: Together, we pray,

C: Lords Prayer

The Distribution of Holy Communion

God's Benediction

Sending Praise Song

Ministry Announcements