

Sunday, August 27, 2023, 9:00am 13th Sunday after Pentecost Divine Service, Setting V Top Ten Biblical Villains...Herodias Another mother-daughter tale with a tragic end.

Herodias was the woman responsible for the death of John the Baptist, ruthlessly sacrificing her daughter's modesty to plot the murder of the person she most hated.

## **Opening Praise Song**

P: In the name of the Father and of the 

■ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: That we may rest on Jesus and His unchanging grace, let us with repentant hearts confess our sins in the presence of God and of each another.

(We observe a moment of silence for personal prayers of confession.)

P: How firm a foundation, O saints of the Lord, is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!

C: Heavenly Father, Your Word tells me that I have sinned and fallen short of Your glory. By what I have done and by what I have failed to do, I have lived a shaky life that falters when I do not stand firm in You.

P: Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in Thee!

C: Lord Jesus, have mercy upon me. You are the rock of ages in whom I find protection and deliverance.

P: On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand!

C: Holy Spirit, enable me to trust the promises of Your Word, confident in the forgiveness of sins found in Jesus, my solid rock, Amen.

P: Upon this your confession, I am blessed to proclaim the certainty of God's saving grace to all of you! In the stead and by the command of our Lord Jesus, our mighty rock and fortress, 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: Let us pray.

C: Almighty God, grant us to know Your Son, Jesus Christ, to be the rock upon whom our lives are built. Help us rest securely in Your promises and find strength in Your mighty deliverance; 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 51:1-6

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Romans 11:33-12:8

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

P: The Holy Gospel and Sermon Text according to St. Mark the 6th chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

(Mark 6:14-28)

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

Sermon Praise Song

The Sermon Herodias

The Gathering of our Gifts and Tithes

## The Prayers of His Children

P: Let us pray....We rest securely in Your promises, gracious God, and come into Your holy presence with thanksgiving and gratitude in our hearts. Every day we see all that Your mighty hand has provided to give us everything that we are and everything we possess. Because we are completely dependent upon Your hand to guide us and provide for us, Lord, our rock of refuge,

C: hear our prayer

P: In Holy Baptism, You have anchored us in Your Word and joined us with Jesus. Your Spirit will never forsake Your own, for we rest securely in the blood and righteousness our Savior has given to us and to all who believe in Him. Enable Your Church to proclaim the Good News of Jesus until the day He comes again in all power and glory. Until that day when every knee shall bow before You, lead our hearts to believe and our mouths to confess Your saving name. Lord, our rock of refuge,

P: Without Your aid, O Lord, we fail. When we falter and fall, uplift us by Your grace. Be near to the heart-broken and weary. Steady the knees that give way, reminding those with fearful hearts that You alone are the God who saves. Stretch out Your arm to be a shield and fortress for all who are in harm's way. Inspire us by the sacrifice of those who lay down their lives for our benefit. Give courage to those who walk through times of temptation and testing, helping them to know You are the God who provides hope for all who seek You. Lord, our rock of refuge,

P: Many among us are suffering and in great need, O Lord. We name before You those we know and love whose concerns are known to You, the One who knows all things. Answer their prayers and, according to Your good and gracious will, enable them to gratefully receive all You give. We pray for.....Lord, our rock of refuge,

P: O Lord into Your merciful care we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, ever trusting in Your grace and mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who taught us all to pray,

C: LORD'S PRAYER

**God's Benediction** 

Sending Praise Song

**Ministry Announcements**