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THE FEAST OF ARGULA VON GRUMBACH



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[Argula von Grumbach](#) née von Stauff (1490 – c. 1564) was a [Bavarian](#) writer and noblewoman who, starting in the early 1520s, became involved in the [Protestant Reformation](#) debates going on in Germany. She became the first Protestant woman writer, publishing letters and poems promoting and defending [Martin Luther](#) as well as his co-worker [Philip Melancthon](#) and other Protestant groups. She is most known for directly challenging the [University of Ingolstadt](#)'s faculty when she wrote a letter to them speaking out against the arrest of a [Lutheran](#) student. As one of the few women at the time openly speaking out her views, her writings sparked controversy and often became bestsellers, with tens of thousands of copies of her letters and poems circulating within a few years of their publication.

Early life

Argula von Grumbach was born as Argula von Stauff near [Regensburg](#), [Bavaria](#), in 1492. Her family lived in [Ehrenfels](#) castle,

Leader: Welcome to this place of ancient origins:

ALL: A house of prayer for many and home to all who come.

Leader: Welcome to this gathering place:

ALL: Friend and stranger, saint and sinner, all who gather here.

Leader: Come with hope or hesitation; come with joy or yearning; all who hunger, all who thirst for life in all its fullness.

ALL: Generous God, Generous Savior, touch us through your spirit.

Gloria

1982 Hymnal #S236

**Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers;
you are worthy of praise; glory to you.**

**Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name;
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.**

**Glory to you in the splendor of your temple;
on the throne of you majesty, glory to you.**

Glory to you, seated between the cherubim;

we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

**Glory to you, beholding the depths;
in the high vault of heaven,
glory to you.**

Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit;

we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

Leader: We gather in God's name.

ALL: We claim Christ's promised presence.

The Collect:

Presider Let us pray.

All: Almighty God, who gave your servant Argula von Grumbach a spirit of wisdom and power to love your Word and to boldly draw others to its truth: Pour out that same spirit upon us, that we, knowing and loving your Holy Word, may be unashamed of Christ and may not sin against the Holy Spirit that is within us. Amen.

Leader: Let us prepare ourselves for the Word of God as it comes to us in the reading of Holy Scripture.

ALL: Our hearts and minds are open.

(Please be seated for the lessons)

The First Lesson - A Reading from Judges 4:4–9

At that time Deborah, a prophetess, wife of Lappidoth, was judging Israel. She used to sit under the palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim; and the Israelites came up to her for judgment. She sent and summoned Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali, and said to him, “The Lord, the God of Israel, commands you, ‘Go, take position at Mount Tabor, bringing ten thousand from the tribe of Naphtali and the tribe of Zebulun. I will draw out Sisera, the general of Jabin’s army, to meet you by the Wadi Kishon with his chariots and his troops; and I will give him into your hand.’” Barak said to her, “If you will go with me, I will go; but if you will not go with me, I will not go.” And she said, “I will surely go with you; nevertheless, the road on which you are going will not lead to your glory, for the Lord will sell Sisera into the hand of a woman.” Then Deborah got up and went with Barak to Kedesh.

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm - Psalm 118:19-29

19 Open for me the gates of righteousness; *

I will enter them;

I will offer thanks to the Lord.

20 "This is the gate of the Lord; *

he who is righteous may enter."

21 I will give thanks to you, for you answered me *

and have become my salvation.

22 The same stone which the builders rejected *

has become the chief cornerstone.

23 This is the Lord's doing, *

and it is marvelous in our eyes.

24 On this day the Lord has acted; *

we will rejoice and be glad in it.

25 Hosannah, Lord, hosannah! *

Lord, send us now success.

**26 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; *
we bless you from the house of the Lord.**

**27 God is the Lord; he has shined upon us; *
form a procession with branches up to the horns of the altar.**

**28 "You are my God, and I will thank you; *
you are my God, and I will exalt you."**

**29 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; *
his mercy endures for ever.**

Gospel Lesson:

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to
Matthew 7:24-29

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "Everyone who hears these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock. The rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on rock. And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not act on them will be like a foolish man who built his house on sand. The rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell—and great was its fall!"

Now when Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as their scribes.

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to you, Lord Christ**

The Sermon

An Affirmation of our Faith (from the Iona Community)

Deacon/Leader: Let us affirm our faith together, saying:

ALL: We believe in God above us, maker and sustainer of all life, of sun and moon, of water and earth, of male and female.

We believe in God beside us, Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh, born of a woman, servant of the poor, tortured and nailed to a tree. A man of sorrows, he died forsaken, he descended into the earth to the place of death, on the third day he rose from the tomb. He ascended into Heaven to be everywhere present, and his kingdom will come on earth.

We believe in God within us, the Holy Spirit of Pentecostal fire, life-giving breath of the world, spirit of healing and forgiveness, source of resurrection and of eternal life. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Leader: O Jesus, you sat at table with the betrayed, marginalized, and rejected of Palestine. We pray for those today who do not feel welcomed in their daily lives. Help us to be hospitable to all we meet in our daily lives. Christ, in your mercy,

ALL: HEAR OUR PRAYER.

Leader: O Jesus, you identified with the naked. with those who had no place to lay their heads, and with the hungry and thirsty. We pray for the homeless, those without clothing and food, those in need of basic comforts in our community. Help us to be faithful in caring for these people around us. Christ, in your mercy,

ALL: HEAR OUR PRAYER.

Leader: O Jesus, you belonged to a refugee family. We pray for all the displaced people in our world, and for the nations to unite in caring for those seeking asylum and new lives of hope and safety. Help us to see you in each person seeking refuge and extend our welcome to them. Christ, in your mercy,

ALL: HEAR OUR PRAYER.

Leader: O Jesus, you cared for your companions and for the little ones who surrounded you. We pray for our family, friends, and neighbors, and for those for whom you have given us a special care:

* For the first peoples of this land, especially the Apache people, that we may honor each other and work together for our common good.

* In the diocesan cycle of prayer for *Church of the Epiphany, in Tempe*

* In the Anglican cycle of prayer for *The Diocese of Marathwada – The (united) Church of North India*

Christ, in your mercy,

ALL: HEAR OUR PRAYER.

Leader: O Jesus, you prayed that we might be one as you and the Father are one. We pray that during this week ahead we may feel at home with one another and with you in our midst. Christ, in your mercy,

ALL: HEAR OUR PRAYER.

The Confession:

Deacon: Let us humbly confess our sins to God.

**All: Most merciful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
we confess that we have sinned
in thought, word and deed.
We have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
In your mercy forgive what we have been,
help us to amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be;
that we may do justly, love mercy,
and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.**

Presider: May the God of love and power forgive you and free you from your sins, heal and strengthen you by his Spirit, and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

The Peace:

Presider: We who are many, and come from many places, are one in Christ.
May the peace of Christ always be with you.

All: And also with you.

(The people exchange signs of peace with each other)

The Offertory

Presider: We celebrate the life that Jesus has shared among his community through the centuries, and shares with us now. Made one in Christ and one with each other, may we offer our gifts and with them ourselves, a single, holy, and living sacrifice.

Doxology

(Hymn #380 v. 3)

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise him all creature here below
Praise Him above ye heavenly host
Praise, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost Amen**

The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving

Presider *The Lord be with you.*

People **And also with you.**

Presider *Lift up your hearts.*

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider *Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Presider

We offer you praise, dear God, and hearts lifted high, for in the communion of your love, Christ comes close to us and we come close to Christ.

Therefore with the whole realm of nature around us, with earth, sea and sky, we sing to you. With the angels of light who envelop us, with Stephen and the host of heaven, with all the saints before and beside us, we sing to you. And with our loved ones, separate from us now, who yet in this mystery are close to us, we join in the song of your unending greatness:

Sanctus

1982 Hymnal #S129

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might
heaven and earth are full of your glory**

Hosanna in the highest

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest

Then the Presider continues

Blessed is our friend and teacher Jesus, who walks with us the road of our world's suffering, and who is known to us in the breaking of bread.

On the night of his arrest Jesus took bread and having blessed it he broke the bread and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat. This is my body, given to you."

In the same way he took wine and having given thanks for it, he poured it out and gave the cup to his disciples, saying, "This cup is the new relationship with God, sealed with my blood. Take this and drink it. I shall drink wine with you next in the coming Kingdom of God."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Hear us, O Christ, and breathe your Spirit upon us (+) and upon this bread and wine (+). May they become for us your body and blood, vibrant with your life, healing, renewing and making us whole. And as the bread and wine which we now eat and drink are changed into us, may we be changed again into you, bone of your bone, flesh of your flesh, loving and caring in the world.

Loving God, through your goodness we have this bread and wine to offer, which your earth has given and human hands have made. May we know your presence in the sharing of this bread and this cup. AMEN.

Presider: *As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,*

**All: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name,
 thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
 on earth as it is in heaven.
 Give us this day our daily bread.
 And forgive us our trespasses,
 as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
 for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

Fraction Anthem

1982 Hymnal #S155

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia
Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us
Therefore let us keep the feast
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia**

Invitation to Communion:

Presider: The Lord's Supper is now made ready. So come to this table, you who have much faith and you who would like to have more; you who have been here often and you who have not been for a long time or you who are here for the first time; you who have tried to follow Jesus, and you who feel you have failed; Come. It is Christ who invites us to meet him here.

(All are invited and welcome to come forward and receive communion in this church.)

Birthdays, Anniversaries, Healing, Travellers, Gratitudes

Post Communion Prayer

Presider: Let us pray:

**People: Lord of all mercy,
we your faithful people by our communion with you
have celebrated that one true sacrifice
which takes away our sins and brings pardon and peace:
keep us firm in the foundation of your Word and Truth
and guide us in your will and your ways;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.**

Benediction:

Presider: May the everlasting God shield you, east and west and wherever you go. And the blessing of God of all life be upon you, the blessing of Christ of all love be upon you, the blessing of the Spirit of all grace be upon you, The blessing of the Holy Trinity be upon you. Now and forever more. AMEN.

Dismissal

Deacon: People of St. Stephen's, what does God call us to do?

People: We are called to love and serve.

Deacon: Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in God's Spirit. Alleluia!
Alleluia!

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia, (Alleluia!)

Join us for refreshments and a time of fellowship in the Parish Hall.

which was their [baronial](#) seat. The von Stauff family were [Freiherren](#), who were lords with independent jurisdiction only accountable to the Emperor, and they were among the pre-eminent leaders of [Bavarian](#) nobility.

Argula's upbringing was in a political and deeply religious household. Education and attendance at university was highly valued. Argula is thought to have learned to read fluently at a very young age. When she was ten, her father gave her an expensive and beautifully crafted [Koberger Bible](#) in German, despite [Franciscan](#) preachers discouraging it, saying [Scripture](#) would “only confuse her.” She became an avid student of the Bible, memorizing much of its contents.

At the age of sixteen, Argula joined the court in [Munich](#), where she became a [lady-in-waiting](#) to [duchess Kunigunde](#), daughter of the [Emperor Frederick III](#). The duchess was said to have a strong personality herself, passionate about politics and religion. The court as a whole was interested in spiritual affairs, so it is there that Argula's studies of the Bible could have become a serious endeavor.

Argula's adolescent life was marked by tragedy. Both her parents became ill from [plague](#) and died in 1509. Her father's brother, Hieronymus, became her guardian. He was a leading figure at court but ended up disgraced in a political scandal that led to his execution in 1516. Her outrage at his death most likely prompted her persistent loathing for violence and coercion throughout her life.

Married life

In the same year of her uncle's execution, Argula married Friedrich von Grumbach. The von Grumbach family was not as prestigious as the von Stauffs, but they were still known in German history and Friedrich himself had been appointed to an honorary administrator post in [Dietfurt](#). He also had several other landholdings throughout Bavaria. Little is known about Friedrich because he remained so much in the shadow of his wife. He is also thought to have had poor health, as he died in 1530.

With him Argula had four children, George, Hans Georg, Gottfried and Apollonia. The only child to survive his parents was Gottfried. It seemed that Argula was the one who made all the arrangements for her children's Protestant educations. Records indicated that Argula took care of many of the financial and business matters of her family even before her husband's death. Little is known, also, about the relationship between Argula and her husband, although there have been hints through her writings. She refuted others' suggestions that she was neglecting her duties as a wife in the poem she wrote in 1524, although she also said ‘May God teach me to understand/ How I should act towards my man’, indicating that it could have been a difficult marriage. Friedrich himself was not a [Reformer](#), remaining in the Old Church. He was put under immense pressure to ‘bring her into line’ during the height of her challenging and letter writing. At one point he was even told he was allowed to disable her so as to prevent her from writing or even strangle her without legal repercussions.

Argula married again in 1533 to Count Burian von Schlick, but he died within two years.

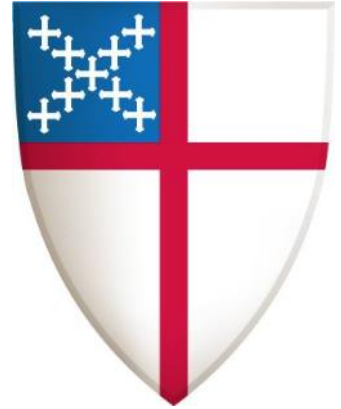
Engagement in the Reformation

[Martin Luther](#) published his first treatises in 1520 and [Philipp Melancthon](#) laid out Luther's teachings in a book. By 1522, Luther had finished his translation of the [Continued online](#)

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