AFTER PENTECOST

PROPER 3 – THE SUNDAY FROM MAY 22 TO MAY 28

(Trinitytide)

Anglican Church in North America

YEAR B

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Blessed be God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

Collect of the Day

O Lord, we entreat you mercifully to hear us, and grant that we, to whom you have given the desire to pray, may by your mighty aid be defended and comforted in all our adversities; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

First Reading

Hosea 2:14-23

"Therefore, behold, I will allure her, and bring her into the wilderness, and speak tenderly to her. **15** And there I will give her her vineyards and make the Valley of Achor a door of hope. And there she shall answer as in the days of her youth, as at the time when she came out of the land of Egypt.

16 "And in that day, declares the LORD, you will call me 'My Husband,' and no longer will you call me 'My Baal.' **17** For I will remove the names of the Baals from her mouth, and they shall be remembered by name no more. **18** And I will make for them a covenant on that day with the beasts of the field, the birds of the heavens, and the creeping things of the ground. And I will abolish the bow, the sword, and war from the land, and I will make you lie down in safety. **19** And I will betroth you to me forever. I will betroth you to me in righteousness and in justice, in steadfast love and in mercy. **20** I will betroth you to me in faithfulness. And you shall know the LORD.

21 "And in that day I will answer, declares the LORD, I will answer the heavens, and they shall answer the earth, **22** and the earth shall answer the grain, the wine, and the oil, and they shall answer Jezreel, **23** and I will sow her for myself in the land. And I will have mercy on No Mercy, and I will say to Not My People, 'You are my people'; and he shall say, 'You are my God.'"

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalter Verses

(In said services, the psalm verses may be placed between the Epistle and the Gospel, with the congregation standing in preparation for the Gospel. At services where there is a hymn or canticle before the Gospel, the psalm might be said between the Old Testament and Epistle, the people seated.)

Psalm 103 or 103:1-14

1 Praise the LORD, O my soul, *
and all that is within me, praise his holy Name.

2 Praise the LORD, O my soul, *
and forget not all his benefits:

3 Who forgives all your sin *
and heals all your infirmities,

4 Who saves your life from the pit *
and crowns you with mercy and loving-kindness,

5 Who satisfies you with good things, *
renewing your youth like an eagle's.

6 The LORD executes righteousness and judgment *
for all those who are oppressed with wrong.

7 He showed his ways to Moses, *
his works to the children of Israel.

8 The LORD is full of compassion and mercy, *
long-suffering and of great goodness.

9 He will not always chide us, *
neither will he keep his anger for ever.

10 He has not dealt with us according to our sins, *
nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.

11 For as the heavens are high above the earth, *
so great is his mercy also toward those who fear him.

12 As far as the east is from the west, *
so far has he set our sins from us.

13 As a father pities his own children, *
so is the LORD merciful to those who fear him.

14 For he knows whereof we are made; *
he remembers that we are but dust.

(**15** The days of man are as grass; *
he flourishes as a flower of the field.

16 For as soon as the wind goes over it, it is gone, *
and its place shall know it no more.

17 But the merciful goodness of the LORD endures for ever and ever upon those who fear him, *
and his righteousness upon children's children,

18 Even upon those who keep his covenant *
and think upon his commandments to do them.

19 The LORD has prepared his throne in heaven, *
and his kingdom rules over all.

20 O praise the LORD, you angels of his, you that excel in strength, *
you that fulfill his commandment, and hearken unto the voice of his words.

21 O praise the LORD, all you his hosts, *
you servants of his that do his pleasure.

22 O speak good of the LORD, all you works of his, in all places of his dominion; *
praise the LORD, O my soul.)

New Testament Reading

2 Corinthians 3:4-18

Such is the confidence that we have through Christ toward God. 5 Not that we are sufficient in ourselves to claim anything as coming from us, but our sufficiency is from God, 6 who has made us sufficient to be ministers of a new covenant, not of the letter but of the Spirit. For the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.

7 Now if the ministry of death, carved in letters on stone, came with such glory that the Israelites could not gaze at Moses' face because of its glory, which was being brought to an end, 8 will not the ministry of the Spirit have even more glory? 9 For if there was glory in the ministry of condemnation, the ministry of righteousness must far exceed it in glory. 10 Indeed, in this case, what once had glory has come to have no glory at all, because of the glory that surpasses it. 11 For if what was being brought to an end came with glory, much more will what is permanent have glory.

12 Since we have such a hope, we are very bold, 13 not like Moses, who would put a veil over his face so that the Israelites might not gaze at the outcome of what was being brought to an end. 14 But their minds were hardened. For to this day, when they read the old covenant, that same veil remains unlifted, because only through Christ is it taken away. 15 Yes, to this day whenever Moses

is read a veil lies over their hearts. 16 But when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. 17 Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. 18 And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.

Reader: The word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Holy Gospel

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ, according to St. Mark.
People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Mark 2:18-22

Now John's disciples and the Pharisees were fasting. And people came and said to him, "Why do John's disciples and the disciples of the Pharisees fast, but your disciples do not fast?" 19 And Jesus said to them, "Can the wedding guests fast while the bridegroom is with them? As long as they have the bridegroom with them, they cannot fast. 20 The days will come when the bridegroom is taken away from them, and then they will fast in that day. 21 No one sews a piece of unshrunk cloth on an old garment. If he does, the patch tears away from it, the new from the old, and a worse tear is made. 22 And no one puts new wine into old wineskins. If he does, the wine will burst the skins—and the wine is destroyed, and so are the skins. But new wine is for fresh wineskins."

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.
People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Offertory and Post-Communion Sentences

(Drawn from verses of Holy Scripture, these sentences are chosen by the celebrant or preacher to reinforce the lessons or teaching of the day.)

Proper Preface

The Lord's Day

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

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