AFTER PENTECOST

PROPER 6 – THE SUNDAY FROM JUNE 12 TO JUNE 18
(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, from whom all good proceeds: Grant us the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may always think those things that are good, and by your merciful guidance may accomplish the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

First Reading

Ezekiel 31:1-6(7-9)10-14

In the eleventh year, in the third month, on the first day of the month,
the word of the LORD came to me: **2** "Son of man, say to Pharaoh king
of Egypt and to his multitude:

"Whom are you like in your greatness? **3** Behold, Assyria was a cedar
in Lebanon, with beautiful branches and forest shade, and of towering
height, its top among the clouds. **4** The waters nourished it; the deep made
it grow tall, making its rivers flow around the place of its planting, send-
ing forth its streams to all the trees of the field. **5** So it towered high above
all the trees of the field; its boughs grew large and its branches long from
abundant water in its shoots. **6** All the birds of the heavens made their
nests in its boughs; under its branches all the beasts of the field gave birth
to their young,

and under its shadow lived all great nations. (**7** It was beautiful in its
greatness, in the length of its branches; for its roots went down to abun-
dant waters. **8** The cedars in the garden of God could not rival it, nor the
fir trees equal its boughs; neither were the plane trees like its branches; no
tree in the garden of God was its equal in beauty. **9** I made it beautiful in
the mass of its branches, and all the trees of Eden envied it, that were in
the garden of God.)

10 "Therefore thus says the LORD God: Because it towered high and set its top among the clouds, and its heart was proud of its height, 11 I will give it into the hand of a mighty one of the nations. He shall surely deal with it as its wickedness deserves. I have cast it out. 12 Foreigners, the most ruthless of nations, have cut it down and left it. On the mountains and in all the valleys its branches have fallen, and its boughs have been broken in all the ravines of the land, and all the peoples of the earth have gone away from its shadow and left it. 13 On its fallen trunk dwell all the birds of the heavens, and on its branches are all the beasts of the field. 14 All this is in order that no trees by the waters may grow to towering height or set their tops among the clouds, and that no trees that drink water may reach up to them in height. For they are all given over to death, to the world below, among the children of man, with those who go down to the pit.

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 92

1 It is a good thing to give thanks unto the LORD, *
and to sing praises unto your Name, O Most High,

2 To tell of your loving-kindness early in the morning, *
and of your faithfulness in the night season,

3 Upon an instrument of ten strings and upon the lute, *
with the sound of melody upon the harp.

4 For you, LORD, have made me glad by your deeds, *
and I will shout for joy because of your handiwork.

5 O LORD, how glorious are your works; *
your thoughts are very deep.

6 The dull of heart does not consider this, *
and a fool does not understand it:

7 Though the ungodly are as green as the grass, and though all the workers of wickedness flourish, *

they shall be destroyed for ever; but you, LORD, are the Most High for evermore.

8 For lo, your enemies, O LORD, lo, your enemies shall perish, *
and all the workers of wickedness shall be destroyed.

9 But my horn shall be exalted like the horns of wild bulls; *
for I am anointed with fresh oil.

10 My eye also shall see its desire upon my enemies, *
and my ear shall hear with joy the end of the wicked who rise up against me.

11 The righteous shall flourish like a palm tree, *
and shall spread abroad like a cedar in Lebanon.

12 Those who are planted in the house of the LORD *
shall flourish in the courts of our God.

13 They also shall bring forth fruit in their old age, *
and shall be green and full of sap,

14 That they may show how upright the LORD is, *
my rock, in whom there is no unrighteousness.

New Testament Reading

2 Corinthians 5:1-10

For we know that if the tent that is our earthly home is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. 2 For in this tent we groan, longing to put on our heavenly dwelling, 3 if indeed by putting it on we may not be found naked. 4 For while we are still in this tent, we groan, being burdened—not that we would be unclothed, but that we would be further clothed, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. 5 He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who has given us the Spirit as a guarantee.

6 So we are always of good courage. We know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, 7 for we walk by faith, not by sight. 8 Yes, we are of good courage, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. 9 So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. 10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil.

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 4:26-34

And he said, "The kingdom of God is as if a man should scatter seed on the ground. **27** He sleeps and rises night and day, and the seed sprouts and grows; he knows not how. **28** The earth produces by itself, first the blade, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. **29** But when the grain is ripe, at once he puts in the sickle, because the harvest has come."

30 And he said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable shall we use for it? **31** It is like a grain of mustard seed, which, when sown on the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth, **32** yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes larger than all the garden plants and puts out large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade."

33 With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it. **34** He did not speak to them without a parable, but privately to his own disciples he explained everything.

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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