# Year B, Epiphany 8, Sunday: Mass

*The First Lesson. The Reader begins*

**A Reading from the Book of Hosea**

The Lord said, “Behold, I will allure Israel, and bring her into the wilderness, and speak tenderly to her. 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. And in that day, says the Lord, you will call me, ‘My husband,’ and no longer will you call me, ‘My Ba'al.’ For I will remove the names of the Ba'als from her mouth, and they shall be mentioned by name no more. And I will make for you a covenant on that day with the beasts of the field, the birds of the air, 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. And I will betroth you to me for ever; I will betroth you to me in righteousness and in justice, in steadfast love, and in mercy. I will betroth you to me in faithfulness; and you shall know the Lord. And in that day, says the Lord, I will answer the heavens and they shall answer the earth; and the earth shall answer the grain, the wine, and the oil, and they shall answer Jezreel; and I will sow him for myself in the land. And I will have pity on Not pitied, and I will say to Not my people, ‘You are my people’; and he shall say ‘Thou art my God.’”

*The Reader concludes* The Word of the Lord.

**Psalm 103:1–6**

*The Reader says*

Please join me in reading Psalm 103, verses 1 through 6, found in the red Prayer Book on page 733.

*(The Reader repeats the above information as needed.)*

1 Bless the Lord, O my soul, \*

 and all that is within me, bless his holy Name.

2 Bless the Lord, O my soul, \*

 and forget not all his benefits.

3 He forgives all your sins \*

 and heals all your infirmities;

4 He redeems your life from the grave \*

 and crowns you with mercy and loving-kindness;

5 He satisfies you with good things, \*

 and your youth is renewed like an eagle’s.

6 The Lord executes righteousness \*

 and judgment for all who are oppressed.

*The Second Lesson. The Reader begins*

# A Reading from the

#  First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians

Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being changed into his likeness from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit. Therefore, having this ministry by the mercy of God, we do not lose heart. We have renounced disgraceful, underhanded ways; we refuse to practice cunning or to tamper with God’s word, but by the open statement of the truth we would commend ourselves to every man’s conscience in the sight of God.

*The Reader concludes* The Word of the Lord.

*The Reader says*

Please stand for the Gospel.

**The Gospel Acclamation**

*The Reader leads the appointed acclamation.*

*Reader*  Alleluia.

*People* Alleluia.

*Reader* Give me understanding, O Lord, \*

 and I shall keep your law with all my

heart.

*People*  Alleluia.

*The Reader returns to his or her seat.*

# The Holy Gospel

*The Minister says* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Minister* ✠ The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

*People*  Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Now John’s disciples and the Pharisees were fasting; and people came and said to Jesus, “Why do John’s disciples and the disciples of the Pharisees fast, but your disciples do not fast?” 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. The days will come, when the bridegroom is taken away from them, and then they will fast in that day. 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. And no one puts new wine into old wineskins; if he does, the wine will burst the skins, and the wine is lost, and so are the skins; but new wine is for fresh skins.”

*The Minister says*  The Gospel of the Lord.