

SUNDAY READINGS & PRAYERS

ST MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS

COLLECT

Everlasting God, you have ordained and constituted the ministries of angels and mortals in a wonderful order: grant that as your holy angels always serve you in heaven, so, at your command, they may help and defend us on earth; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Rev 12.7–12

A reading from the Revelation of John.

Now war arose in heaven, Michael and his angels fighting against the dragon. And the dragon and his angels fought back, but he was defeated, and there was no longer any place for them in heaven. And the great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world – he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him. And I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, “Now the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ have come, for the accuser of our brothers has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our God. And they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they loved not their lives even unto death. Therefore, rejoice, O heavens and you who dwell in them! But woe to you, O earth and sea, for the devil has come down to you in great wrath, because he knows that his time is short!”

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

from Ps 103



℣. Bless the Lord, you angels of his. (*All repeat*)



The Lord has established his throne in heaven,
and his kingdom has dominion over all.
Bless the Lord you mighty angels of his,
who do his word and hearken to his voice. ℣.

Bless the Lord all you his hosts,
you ministers of his who do his will.
Bless the Lord all his works, in all places of his dominion;
bless the Lord O my soul. ℣.

SECOND READING

Heb 1.5–14

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

To which of the angels did God ever say, “You are my Son, today I have begotten you”? Or again, “I will be to him a father, and he shall be to me a son”? And again, when he brings the firstborn into the world, he says, “Let all God’s angels worship him.” Of the angels he says, “He makes his angels winds, and his ministers a flame of fire.” But of the Son he says, “Your throne, O God, is for ever and ever, the sceptre of uprightness is the sceptre of your kingdom. You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness; therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness beyond your companions.” And, “You, Lord, laid the foundation of the earth in the beginning, and the heavens are the work of your hands; they will perish, but you remain; they will all wear out like a garment, like a robe you will roll them up, like a garment they will be changed. But you are the same, and your years will have no end.” And to which of the angels has he ever said, “Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet”? Are they not all ministering spirits sent out to serve for the sake of those who are to inherit salvation?

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Ps 103,21

Alleluia.

Bless the Lord, all you his hosts:
you ministers of his who do his will.

Alleluia.

GOSPEL READING

Jn 1.47-51

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Hear the Gospel ✠ of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus saw Nathanael coming towards him and said of him, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom there is no deceit!" Nathanael said to him, "How do you know me?" Jesus answered him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you." Nathanael answered him, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered him, "Because I said to you, 'I saw you under the fig tree', do you believe? You will see greater things than these." And he said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

POST-COMMUNION

Lord of heaven, in this eucharist you have brought us near to an innumerable company of angels and to the spirits of the saints made perfect: as in this food of our earthly pilgrimage we have shared their fellowship, so may we come to share their joy in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

SOLEMN BLESSING

God bring you to the home that Christ prepares for all who love him. **Amen.**

God give you the will to live each day in life eternal. **Amen.**

God make you citizens of heaven with the whole company of the redeemed. **Amen.**

And the blessing ...

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Lord, we offer you the sacrifice of praise: as your angels bring this offering before the sight of your divine majesty, we pray you to receive it, and grant that it may avail for our salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**