

Michael and All Angels - Sunday, September 29, 2013
NRSV Lessons and ELW Psalm

Daniel 10:10-14; 12:1-3 (NRSV)

^{10.10}But then a hand touched me and roused me to my hands and knees. ¹¹He said to me, "Daniel, greatly beloved, pay attention to the words that I am going to speak to you. Stand on your feet, for I have now been sent to you." So while he was speaking this word to me, I stood up trembling. ¹²He said to me, "Do not fear, Daniel, for from the first day that you set your mind to gain understanding and to humble yourself before your God, your words have been heard, and I have come because of your words. ¹³But the prince of the kingdom of Persia opposed me twenty-one days. So Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, and I left him there with the prince of the kingdom of Persia, ¹⁴and have come to help you understand what is to happen to your people at the end of days. For there is a further vision for those days."

^{12.1}At that time Michael, the great prince, the protector of your people, shall arise. There shall be a time of anguish, such as has never occurred since nations first came into existence. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone who is found written in the book. ²Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. ³Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever.

Psalm 103:1-5, 20-22 (ELW)

¹Bless the LORD, ¹ O my soul,
and all that is within me, bless God's ¹ holy name.
²**Bless the LORD, ¹ O my soul,
and forget not ¹ all God's benefits?**
³who forgives ¹ all your sins
and heals all ¹ your diseases;
⁴**who redeems your life ¹ from the grave
and crowns you with steadfast ¹ love and mercy;**
⁵who satisfies your desires ¹ with good things
so that your youth is renewed ¹ like an eagle's.
²⁰**Bless the LORD, you angels, you mighty ones who ¹ do God's bidding,
who obey the voice ¹ of God's word. R**
²¹Bless the LORD, all you ¹ hosts of God,
you servants who ¹ do God's will.
²²**Bless the LORD, all you works of God, in all places ¹ where God rules;
bless the LORD, ¹ O my soul. R**

Revelation 12:7-12 (NRSV)

⁷And war broke out in heaven; Michael and his angels fought against the dragon. The dragon and his angels fought back, ⁸but they were defeated, and there was no longer any place for them in heaven. ⁹The 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.

¹⁰Then I heard a loud voice in heaven, proclaiming,

"Now have come the salvation and the power
and the kingdom of our God
and the authority of his Messiah,
for the accuser of our comrades has been thrown down,
who accuses them day and night before our God.
¹¹But they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb
and by the word of their testimony,
for they did not cling to life even in the face of death.
¹²Rejoice then, you heavens
and those who dwell in them!
But woe to the earth and the sea,
for the devil has come down to you
with great wrath,
because he knows that his time is short!"

Luke 10:17-20

¹⁷The seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!" ¹⁸He said to them, "I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. ¹⁹See, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing will hurt you. ²⁰Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven."

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