

## Genesis 28:10-22

<sup>10</sup> Now Jacob went out from Beersheba and went toward Haran. <sup>11</sup> So he came to a certain place and stayed there all night, because the sun had set. And he took one of the stones of that place and put it at his head, and he lay down in that place to sleep. <sup>12</sup> Then he dreamed, and behold, a ladder was set up on the earth, and its top reached to heaven; and there the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. <sup>13</sup> And behold, the LORD stood above it and said: "I am the LORD God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and your descendants. <sup>14</sup> Also your descendants shall be as the dust of the earth; you shall spread abroad to the west and the east, to the north and the south; and in you and in your seed all the families of the earth shall be blessed. <sup>15</sup> Behold, I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have spoken to you." <sup>16</sup> Then Jacob awoke from his sleep and said, "Surely the LORD is in this place, and I did not know it." <sup>17</sup> And he was afraid and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven!" <sup>18</sup> Then Jacob rose early in the morning, and took the stone that he had put at his head, set it up as a pillar, and poured oil on top of it. <sup>19</sup> And he called the name of that place Bethel; but the name of that city had been Luz previously. <sup>20</sup> Then Jacob made a vow, saying, "If God will be with me, and keep me in this way that I am going, and give me bread to eat and clothing to put on, <sup>21</sup> so that I come back to my father's house in peace, then the LORD shall be my God. <sup>22</sup> And this stone which I have set as a pillar shall be God's house, and of all that You give me I will surely give a tenth to You."

## Revelation 12:7-12

<sup>7</sup> And war broke out in heaven: Michael and his angels fought with the dragon; and the dragon and his angels fought, <sup>8</sup> but they did not prevail, nor was a place found for them in heaven any longer. <sup>9</sup> So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him. <sup>10</sup> Then I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, "Now salvation, and strength, and the kingdom

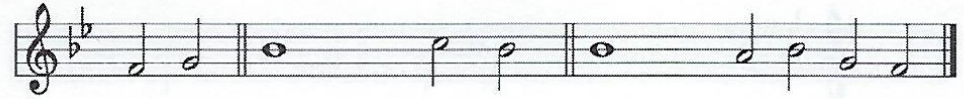
of our God, and the power of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren, who accused them before our God day and night, has been cast down. <sup>11</sup> And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death. <sup>12</sup> Therefore rejoice, O heavens, and you who dwell in them! Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and the sea! For the devil has come down to you, having great wrath, because he knows that he has a short time."

## St. Matthew 18:1-11

<sup>1</sup> At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Who then is greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" <sup>2</sup> Then Jesus called a little child to Him, set him in the midst of them, <sup>3</sup> and said, "Assuredly, I say to you, unless you are converted and become as little children, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven. <sup>4</sup> Therefore whoever humbles himself as this little child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. <sup>5</sup> Whoever receives one little child like this in My name receives Me. <sup>6</sup> But whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in Me to sin, it would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck, and he were drowned in the depth of the sea. <sup>7</sup> Woe to the world because of offenses! For offenses must come, but woe to that man by whom the offense comes! <sup>8</sup> If your hand or foot causes you to sin, cut it off and cast it from you. It is better for you to enter into life lame or maimed, rather than having two hands or two feet, to be cast into the everlasting fire. <sup>9</sup> And if your eye causes you to sin, pluck it out and cast it from you. It is better for you to enter into life with one eye, rather than having two eyes, to be cast into hell fire. <sup>10</sup> Take heed that you do not despise one of these little ones, for I say to you that in heaven their angels always see the face of My Father who is in heaven. <sup>11</sup> For the Son of Man has come to save that which was lost."

SEPTEMBER 29—ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS (WHITE)

PSALM 8/24



### Introit.

*Ant.* BLESS THE || LORD, ye His angels, that excel in | strength | - :  
that do His commandments, hearkening unto the | voice | of | His | word.  
|| Bless ye the LORD, all ye | His | hosts:  
ye ministers of His that | do | His | plea- | sure.  
*Psalm.* || Bless the LORD, O | my | soul:  
and all that is within me bless | His | ho- | ly | Name.  
GLO-RY || be to the Father and to the | Son | - :  
and to | the | Ho- | ly | Ghost.  
AS IT || was in the beginning, is now, and ever | shall | be:  
world with- | out | end. | A- | men. (*Ant. Repeated.*)

### Collect.

O everlasting God, Who hast ordained and constituted the services of angels and men in a wonderful order: Mercifully grant, that as Thy holy angels always do Thee service in Heaven, so by Thy appointment they may succor and defend us on earth; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever One God, world without end. *Amen.*

**Epistle. Revelation 12:7-12**      **Gospel. Matthew 18:1-11**

### Gradual.

|| Bless the Lord, ye His angels, that excel | in | strength:  
that do His commandments, hearkening unto the | voice | of | His | word.  
|| God hath given His angels charge over | thee | - :  
to keep thee | in | all | thy | ways.  
|| Hallelujah. Hallelujah. Bless the Lord, O | my | soul:  
and all that is within me, bless His Holy Name. | Hal- | le- | lu- | jah.

Festival of St. Michael and All Angels

101. Lord God, We All to Thee Give Praise

From the Latin of Philip Melanchthon  
Paul Eber, 1566

Orlando Gibbons, 1623

1. Lord God, we all to Thee give praise,  
2. They glow with light and heav'n - ly grace,  
3. They nev - er rest nor sleep, as we;  
4. The foul old Drag - on and dread Foe

Thank - off'r - ings meet to Thee we raise,  
And con - stant - ly be - hold Thy face;  
Their whole de - light is but to be  
With en - vy, hate, and wrath doth glow;

That Thou didst an - gel hosts cre - ate,  
O - be - dience to Thy voice they yield,  
For - ev - er near Thee, gra - cious Lord,  
It al - ways is his aim and pride

A - round Thy glor - ious throne to wait.  
And are with god - ly wis - dom filled.  
Thy lit - tle flock to watch and guard.  
Thy Chris - tian peo - ple to div - ide. A - men.

5. As he has blighted earth of old,  
He keeps e'en now his deathly hold,  
Chafes madly to annihilate  
All virtue, honor, Church, and State.

6. Therefore, no halt nor rest he knows;  
A roaring lion round he goes,  
Or lies in wait with baneful snare  
To drive the Christians to despair.

7. But watchful is the angel-band,  
That follows Christ on ev'ry hand,  
And guards Thy holy Christendom  
From harm that might from Satan come.

8. From Daniel's case this may be seen,  
When he sat in the lions' den,  
And likewise angels rescued Lot,  
That the ungodly harmed him not.

9. When the three Hebrews were at last  
Into the fiery furnace cast,  
No pow'r had fiercest flames to harm  
Against the rescuing angel's arm.

10. And thus our God, still at this day,  
From harm and many an evil way  
Keeps near us His dear angel-guard,  
Placed over us as watch and ward.

11. For this, now and eternally,  
Our praise shall rise, O God, to Thee,  
Whom all the angel-hosts adore  
With joy now and forevermore.

12. We also pray Thee to defend  
By them unto the latter end,  
Thy fold, that little flock, O Lord,  
That holds in honor Thy blessed Word.