SEPTEMBER 29,
SAINT MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS:
SUNDAY SAID MASS

For use with the First Lesson

Adapted from *The Vocabulary of the Church* (1960):

Beer-sheba	beer-SHEE-buh
Har'an	HAIR-uhn

The First Lesson. The Reader begins

A Reading from Genesis

Jacob left Beer-sheba, and went toward Har'an. And he came to a certain place, and stayed there that night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place to sleep. And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven; and behold, the angels of God were ascending and descending on it! And behold, the LORD stood above it and said, "I am the LORD, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your descendants; and your descendants shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the

west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and by you and your descendants shall all the families of the earth bless themselves. 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 that of which I have spoken to you." Then Jacob awoke from his sleep and said, "Surely the LORD is in this place; and I did not know it." 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."

The Reader concludes The Word of the Lord.

Psalm 103:19–22

The Reader says

Please join me in reading Psalm 103, verses 19 through 22, found in the red Prayer Book on page 734.

(The Reader repeats the above information as needed.)

19 The LORD has set his throne in heaven, *
and his kingship has dominion over all.

20 Bless the LORD, you angels of his,
you mighty ones who do his bidding, *
and hearken to the voice of his word.

21 Bless the LORD, all you his hosts, *
you ministers of his who do his will.

22 Bless the LORD, all you works of his,
in all places of his dominion; *
bless the LORD, O my soul.

The Second Lesson. The Reader begins

A Reading from the Revelation to John

Now war arose in heaven, Michael and his angels fighting against the dragon; and the dragon and his angels fought, but they were 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 brethren 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. Rejoice then, O heaven and you that

dwell therein! 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!"
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 Praise the Lord from the heavens; *
praise him all you angels.
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 John.
People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus saw Nathan'a-el coming to him, and said of him, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile!" Nathan'a-el 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." Nathan'a-el 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 shall 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 upon the Son of man."

The Minister says The Gospel of the Lord.