

29 September
SS. GABRIEL, MICHAEL AND RAPHAEL, Archangels

Feast

Secondary Patron of the Brothers of St. Gabriel
As in the Roman Missal, except for the Gospel Reading

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Ps. 102:20

Bless the Lord, all you his angels; mighty in power, you obey his word and heed the sound of his voice.

OPENING PRAYER

God our Father,
in a wonderful way you guide the work of angels and men.
May those who serve you constantly in heaven
keep our lives safe from all harm on earth.
Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

FIRST READING

Dan. 7:9-10,13-14

A Reading from the prophet Daniel

A thousand thousand waited on him

While I was watching, thrones were set in place and one most venerable took his seat. His robe was white as snow, the hair of his head as pure as wool. His throne was a blaze of flames, its wheels were a burning fire. A stream of fire poured out, issuing from his presence. A thousand thousand waited on him, ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him. The court was in session and the books lay open. I was gazing into the visions of the night, when I saw, coming on the clouds of heaven, as it were a son of man. He came to the One most venerable and was led into his presence. On him was conferred rule, honour and kingship, and all peoples, nations and languages became his servants. His rule is an everlasting rule which will never pass away, and his kingship will never come to an end.

The Word of the Lord.

ALTERNATIVE FIRST READING

Apoc. 12:7-12

A Reading from the Book of the Apocalypse

Michael with his angels attacked the dragon

Now war broke out in heaven, when Michael with his angels attacked the dragon. The dragon fought back with his angels, but they were defeated and driven out of heaven. The great dragon, the primeval serpent, known as the devil or Satan, who had led all the world astray, was hurled down to the earth and his angels were hurled down with him. Then I heard a voice shout from heaven, 'Salvation and power and empire for ever have been won by our God, and all authority for his Christ, now that the accuser, who accused our brothers day and night before our God, has been brought down. They have triumphed over him by the blood of the

Lamb and by the word to which they bore witness, because even in the face of death they did not cling to life. So let the heavens rejoice and all who live there.'

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps. 137 (138)

Response: *In the presence of the angels I will bless you, O Lord.*

1. I thank you, Lord, with all my heart,
you have heard the words of my mouth.
In the presence of the angels I will bless you.
I will adore you before your holy temple. /**R.**
2. I thank you for your faithfulness and love
which excel all we ever knew of you.
On the day I called, you answered;
you increased the strength of my soul. /**R.**
3. All the earth's kings shall thank you
when they hear the words of your mouth.
They shall sing of the Lord's ways:
'How great is the glory of the Lord!' /**R.**

Alleluia

Alleluia, alleluia. Give thanks to the Lord, all his hosts, his servants who do his will. Alleluia.

GOSPEL

Lk. 1:26-38

A Reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

The angel Gabriel was sent by God to Mary

The angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the House of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. He went in and said to her, 'Rejoice, you who enjoy God's favour! The Lord is with you.' She was deeply disturbed by these words and asked herself what this greeting could mean, but the angel said to her, 'Mary, do not be afraid; you have won God's favour. Look! You are to conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you must name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his ancestor David; he will rule over the House of Jacob for ever and his reign will have no end.' Mary said to the angel, 'But how can this come about, since I have no knowledge of man?' The angel answered, 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will cover you with its shadow. And so the child will be holy and will be called Son of God. And I tell you this too: your cousin Elizabeth also, in her old age, has conceived a son, and she whom people called barren is now in her sixth month, for nothing is impossible to God.' Mary said, 'You see before you the Lord's servant, let it happen to me as you have said.' And the angel left her.

The Gospel of the Lord.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Lord, by the ministry of your angels
let our sacrifice of praise come before you.
May it be pleasing to you and helpful to our own salvation.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

PREFACE

Father, all powerful and ever living God,
we do well always and everywhere to give you thanks.
In praising your faithful angels and archangels,
we also praise your glory,
for in honouring them, we honour you, their creator.
Their splendour shows us your greatness,
which surpasses in goodness the whole of creation.
Through Christ our Lord
the great army of angels rejoices in your glory.
In adoration and joy
we make their hymn of praise our own:

Holy, holy, holy...

ANTIPHON AT COMMUNION

Ps. 137:1

In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord,
hear the prayers of those you renew with the bread of life.
Made strong by the courage it gives,
and under the watchful care of the angels,
may we advance along the way of salvation.
We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord.