

**FIRST READING**

Daniel 12:1–3

**A reading from the book of the prophet Daniel**

**P**rince Michael is the protector of your people,  
and he will appear when a time of terrible trouble comes.  
That will be the worst time in all history.  
Nothing like it has ever happened before.

But your people who have their names written in the book  
will be protected.

Many of those who lie dead in the ground  
will rise from death.

Some of them will be given eternal life,  
but others will receive nothing but eternal shame  
and disgrace.

Everyone who has been wise will shine as bright as the sky above,  
and everyone who has led others to please God  
will shine like the stars.

**The word of the Lord.**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

*Psalm 16:5 and  
8, 9–10, 11*

**All:** *Keep me safe, O God;  
you are my hope.*

*You, LORD, are all I want!  
You are my choice,  
and you keep me safe.  
I will always look to you,  
as you stand beside me  
and protect me from fear.*

**All:** *Keep me safe, O God;  
you are my hope.*

*With all my heart,  
I will celebrate,  
and I can safely rest.  
I am your chosen one.  
You won't leave me in the grave  
or let my body decay.*

**All:** *Keep me safe, O God;  
you are my hope.*

*You have shown me  
the path to life,  
and you make me glad  
by being near to me.  
Sitting at your right side,  
I will always be joyful.*

**All:** *Keep me safe, O God;  
you are my hope.*

**GOSPEL**  
Mark 13:24–32

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark**

Jesus said to his disciples:

“In those days, right after that time of suffering,

‘The sun will become dark,  
and the moon will no longer shine.  
The stars will fall,  
and the powers in the sky will be shaken.’

“Then the Son of Man will be seen coming in the clouds  
with great power and glory.  
He will send his angels to gather his chosen ones  
from all over the earth.

“Learn a lesson from a fig tree.  
When its branches sprout and start putting out leaves,  
you know summer is near.  
So when you see all these things happening,  
you will know that the time has almost come.  
You can be sure that some of the people living today  
will still be alive when all this happens.  
The sky and the earth will not last forever,  
but my words will.

“No one knows the day or the time.  
The angels in heaven don’t know,  
and the Son himself doesn’t know.  
Only the Father knows.”

**The Gospel of the Lord.**