

# MEMORIAL DAY REMEMBRANCE DAY

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ANGELIC CHURCH  
IN NORTH AMERICA

HOLY DAY

## OPENING ACCLAMATION

*Celebrant* Blessed be God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

*People* **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

## COLLECT OF THE DAY

O King and Judge of the nations: We remember before you with grateful hearts the men and women of our armed forces, who in the day of decision ventured much for the liberties we now enjoy; grant that we may not rest until all the people of this land share the benefits of true freedom and gladly accept its disciplines; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, now and for ever. *Amen.*

## FIRST READING

Wisdom 3:1-9

But the souls of the righteous are in the hand of God, and no torment will ever touch them. <sup>2</sup> In the eyes of the foolish they seemed to have died, and their departure was thought to be an evil thing, <sup>3</sup> and their going from us to be their destruction; but they are at peace. <sup>4</sup> For though in the sight of men they were punished, their hope is full of immortality. <sup>5</sup> Having been disciplined a little, they will receive great good, because God tested them and found them worthy of himself; <sup>6</sup> like gold in the furnace he tried them, and like a sacrificial whole burnt offering he accepted them. <sup>7</sup> In the time of their visitation they will shine forth and will run like sparks through the stubble. <sup>8</sup> They will govern nations and rule over peoples, and the Lord will reign over them forever. <sup>9</sup> Those who trust in him will understand truth, and the faithful will abide with him in love, because grace and mercy are upon

his holy ones, and he watches over his chosen.

*Reader:* Here ends the Reading.

## PSALTER VERSES

*(In said services, the psalm verses may be placed between the Epistle and the Gospel, with the congregation standing in preparation for the Gospel. At services where there is a hymn or canticle before the Gospel, the psalm might be said between the Old Testament and Epistle, the people seated.)*

### Psalm 121

- <sup>1</sup> I will lift up my eyes unto the hills; \*  
from whence comes my help?
- <sup>2</sup> My help comes from the LORD, \*  
who has made heaven and earth.
- <sup>3</sup> He will not let your foot be moved, \*  
and he who keeps you will not sleep.
- <sup>4</sup> Behold, he who keeps Israel \*  
shall neither slumber nor sleep.
- <sup>5</sup> The LORD himself is your keeper; \*  
the LORD is your defense upon your right hand,
- <sup>6</sup> So that the sun shall not burn you by day, \*  
neither the moon by night.
- <sup>7</sup> The LORD shall preserve you from all evil; \*  
indeed, it is he who shall keep your soul.
- <sup>8</sup> The LORD shall preserve your going out and your coming in, \*  
from this time forth for evermore.

## NEW TESTAMENT READING

### Revelation 7:9-17

After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white

robes, with palm branches in their hands, <sup>10</sup> and crying out with a loud voice, “Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!” <sup>11</sup> And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, <sup>12</sup> saying, “Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

<sup>13</sup> Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?” <sup>14</sup> I said to him, “Sir, you know.” And he said to me, “These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

<sup>15</sup> “Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence. <sup>16</sup> They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat. <sup>17</sup> For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

*Reader:* The word of the Lord.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

## THE HOLY GOSPEL

*Deacon:* The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ, according to St. John.

*People:* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

John 11:21-27

Martha said to Jesus, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. <sup>22</sup> But even now I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give you.” <sup>23</sup> Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.” <sup>24</sup> Martha said to him, “I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.” <sup>25</sup> Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he

die, yet shall he live,<sup>26</sup> and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?”<sup>27</sup> She said to him, “Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world.”

OR

John 15:12-17

“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.<sup>13</sup> Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends.<sup>14</sup> You are my friends if you do what I command you.<sup>15</sup> No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you.<sup>16</sup> You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you.<sup>17</sup> These things I command you, so that you will love one another.

*Deacon:* The Gospel of the Lord.

***People:* Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## OFFERTORY AND POST-COMMUNION SENTENCES

*(Drawn from verses of Holy Scripture, these sentences are chosen by the celebrant or preacher to reinforce the lessons or teaching of the day.)*

## PROPER PREFACE

*Burial or Commemoration of the Faithful Departed*

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who rose victorious from the dead and comforts us with the blessed hope of everlasting life. For to your faithful people, O Lord, life is changed, not ended; and when our mortal body lies in death, there is prepared for us a dwelling place eternal in the heavens.

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