

FIRST READING

Instruction: This is the first reading. Approach altar after the Opening Prayer when all people sit down.

A Reading from the Book of the prophet Daniel

At that time, Michael, the great prince
the protector of your people shall arise.

There shall be a time of anguish,
such as has never occurred since nations first came into existence.

But at that time your people shall be delivered,
everyone who is found written in the book.

Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake,
some to everlasting life,
and some to shame and everlasting contempt.

Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness in the sky,
and those who lead many to righteousness,
like the stars forever and ever.

The Word of the Lord

(Daniel 12:1-3)