

# Our Lady of Loretto and St Michael

## SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

(YR C)

### The Gloria

**Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth peace to people of good will.**

**We praise you,  
we bless you,  
we adore you,  
we glorify you,  
we give you thanks for your great glory,  
Lord God Heavenly King,  
O God, almighty Father.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, Only begotten Son,  
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
you take away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us;  
you take away the sins of the world,  
receive our prayer;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,  
have mercy on us.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the most high,  
Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
In the glory of God the Father. Amen**

**FIRST READING** A reading from the Acts of the Apostles  
(15:1-2, 22-29)

Some men came down from Judaea and taught the brothers, 'Unless you have yourselves circumcised in the tradition of Moses you cannot be saved.' This led to disagreement, and after Paul and Barnabas had had a long argument with these men it was arranged that Paul and Barnabas and others of the church should go up to Jerusalem and discuss the problem with the apostles and elders.

Then the apostles and elders decided to choose delegates to send to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas; the whole church concurred with this. They chose Judas known as Barsabbas and Silas, both leading men in the brotherhood, and gave them this letter to take with them:

'The apostles and elders, your brothers, send greetings to the brothers of pagan birth in Antioch, Syria and Cilicia. We hear that some of our members have disturbed you with their demands and have unsettled your minds. They acted without any authority from us, and so we have decided unanimously to elect delegates and to send them to you with Barnabas and Paul, men we highly respect who have dedicated their lives to the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Accordingly we are sending you Judas and Silas, who will confirm by word of mouth what we have written in this letter. It has been decided by the Holy Spirit and by ourselves not to saddle you with any burden beyond these essentials: you are to abstain from food sacrificed to idols, from blood, from the meat of strangled animals and from fornication. Avoid these, and you will do what is right. Farewell.' **The word of the Lord.**

**R. Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
let all the peoples praise you.**

O God, be gracious and bless us  
and let your face shed its light upon us.  
So will your ways be known upon earth  
and all nations learn your saving help. **R.**

Let the nations be glad and exult  
for you rule the world with justice.  
With fairness you rule the peoples,  
you guide the nations on earth. **R.**

Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
let all the peoples praise you.  
May God still give us his blessing  
till the ends of the earth revere him. **R.**

**SECOND READING** A reading from the book of the  
Apocalypse (21:10-14, 22-23)

In the spirit, the angel took me to the top of an enormous high mountain and showed me Jerusalem, the holy city, coming down from God out of heaven. It had all the radiant glory of God and glittered like some precious jewel of crystal-clear diamond. The walls of it were of a great height, and had twelve gates; at each of the twelve gates there was an angel, and over the gates were written the names of the twelve tribes of Israel; on the east there were three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. The city walls stood on twelve foundation stones, each one of which bore the name of one of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

I saw that there was no temple in the city since the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb were themselves the temple, and the city did not need the sun or the moon for light, since it was lit by the radiant glory of God and the Lamb was a lighted torch for it. **The word of the Lord.**

**Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus said: 'If anyone loves me  
he will keep my word, and my Father will love  
him, and we shall come to him.' Alleluia!**

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**GOSPEL** A reading from the holy Gospel according to John (14:23-29)

Jesus said to his disciples:

'If anyone loves me he will keep my word,  
and my Father will love him,  
and we shall come to him  
and make our home with him.  
Those who do not love me do not keep my words.  
And my word is not my own:  
it is the word of the one who sent me.  
I have said these things to you  
while still with you;  
but the Advocate, the Holy Spirit,  
whom the Father will send in my name,  
will teach you everything  
and remind you of all I have said to you.  
Peace I bequeath to you,  
my own peace I give you,  
a peace the world cannot give, this is my gift to you.  
Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid.  
You heard me say:  
I am going away and shall return.  
If you loved me you would have been glad to know that I  
am going to the Father,  
for the Father is greater than I.  
I have told you this now before it happens,  
so that when it does happen you may believe.'

**The Gospel of the Lord.**

### The Apostles Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth,**

**and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord**

(All Bow until Mary)

**who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried;  
he descended into hell;**

**on the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,**

**and is seated at the right hand of God the Father  
almighty;  
from there he will come to judge the living and the  
dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and life everlasting. Amen.**

### A Prayer of Thanksgiving after Holy Communion

Loving and compassionate God,  
God of infinite goodness and mercy,  
Your blessed name be glorified.  
Yours is the glory,  
You are the ruler of all the land and everything on it;  
You are the ruler of the world and all its inhabitants.

God of all of us, teach us to live the way you have  
always wanted.  
You are our God and saviour,  
And our trust is always in you.  
We thank you for the blessings that you give us every  
day.

We thank you for providing food to those in need.  
We thank you for blessing us with the desire for your  
justice for those who are poor.  
We thank you for blessing us with the voice to speak  
for the voiceless.  
We thank you for allowing us to be your hands and  
feet in the world,  
For the blessing of being part of the great family that  
is your Church.

Hear our prayer and help us remember always your  
call to justice and compassion.  
Our God, you will conquer all injustice; with your help  
we will be victorious. Amen

### A First Communion Prayer

My Jesus,  
I believe that You are present in the  
Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things,  
and I desire to receive You into my soul.  
I believe it because you have said it  
and I'm ready to give my life to  
maintain this truth.  
Amen