

## Reading

Daniel 12:1-3

*Those who lie sleeping in the dust will awake.*

A reading from the prophet Daniel

I, Daniel, was doing penance  
when I received this message from the Lord:

‘At that time Michael will stand up,  
the great prince who mounts guard over your people.  
There is going to be a time of great distress,  
unparalleled since nations first came into existence.  
When that time comes, your own people will be spared,  
all those whose names are found written in the Book.  
Of those who lie sleeping in the dust of the earth many will awake,  
some to everlasting life, some to shame and everlasting disgrace.  
The learned will shine as brightly as the vault of heaven,  
and those who have instructed many in virtue,  
as bright as stars for all eternity.’

The word of the Lord.