"There was silence in heaven, - When Michael the Archangel joined great battle with the Dragon. - There was heard the voice of an enormous multitude proclaiming: Salvation, Honour and Power be to Almighty God. - Alleluia."

(Revelation. 8, 1: 12, 7 & 10:19, 1.)

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