

A reading from the book of Revelation chapter 21 verses 1 through 7.

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away."

And he who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true." And he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment. The one who conquers will have this heritage, and I will be his God and he will be my son."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please join me in praying Psalm 112

Leader: Praise the Lord!

**Blessed is the man who fears the Lord,
who greatly delights in his commandments!**

People: His offspring will be mighty in the land;
the generation of the upright will be blessed.

**Leader: Wealth and riches are in his house,
and his righteousness endures forever.**

People: Light dawns in the darkness for the upright;
he is gracious, merciful, and righteous.

**Leader: It is well with the man who deals generously
and lends;
who conducts his affairs with justice.**

People: For the righteous will never be moved;
he will be remembered forever.

**Leader: He is not afraid of bad news;
his heart is firm, trusting in the Lord.**

People: His heart is steady; he will not be afraid,
until he looks in triumph on his adversaries.

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**Leader: He has distributed freely; he has given
to the poor;
his righteousness endures forever;
his horn is exalted in honor.**

People: The wicked man sees it and is angry;
he gnashes his teeth and melts away;
the desire of the wicked will perish!

**All: Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy
Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be
forever. Amen.**

Leader: Please stand for the reading of the Gospel.

(allow them time to stand)

**The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to John.**

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

“Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. And you know the way to where I am going.” Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Leader: You may be seated.

Prayer of Confession

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. *Amen.*