

Reading

Apocalypse 21:1-7
There will be no more death.

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth;
the first heaven and the first earth had disappeared now,
and there was no longer any sea.

I saw the holy city, and the new Jerusalem,
coming down from God out of heaven,
as beautiful as a bride all dressed for her husband.

Then I heard a loud voice call from the throne,
'You see this city? Here God lives among men.

He will make his home among them;
they shall be his people, and he will be their God;
his name is God-with-them.

He will wipe away all tears from their eyes;
there will be no more death, and no more mourning or sadness.
The world of the past has gone.'

Then the One sitting on the throne spoke:

'Now I am making the whole of creation new,' he said.

'I will give water from the well of life free to anybody who is thirsty;
it is the rightful inheritance of the one who proves victorious;
and I will be his God and he a son to me.'

The word of the Lord.