

**A reading from the Book of Revelation**

**I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth.**

**The former heaven and the former earth had passed away,  
and the sea was no more.**

**I also saw the holy city, a new Jerusalem,  
coming down out of heaven from God,  
prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.**

**I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,**

**"Behold, God's dwelling is with the human race.**

**He will dwell with them and they will be his people  
and God himself will always be with them as their God.**

**He will wipe every tear from their eyes,  
and there shall be no more death or mourning,  
wailing or pain,  
for the old order has passed away."**

**The One who sat on the throne said,**

**"Behold, I make all things new."**

**I am the Alpha and the Omega,  
the beginning and the end.**

**To the thirsty I will give a gift  
from the spring of life-giving water.**

**The victor will inherit these gifts,  
and I shall be his God,  
and he will be my son."**

**The word of the Lord.**