

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah

On this mountain the LORD of hosts
will provide for all peoples

On this mountain he will destroy
the veil that veils all peoples,

The web that is woven over all nations.

He will destroy death forever.

The Lord GOD will wipe away
the tears from all faces;

The reproach of his people he will remove
from the whole earth; for the LORD has spoken.

On that day it will be said:

Indeed, this is our God; we looked to him, and he saved us!

This is the LORD to whom we looked;

let us rejoice and be glad that he has saved us!”

The Word of the Lord.

[OT], Is 25: 6a, 7-9

A reading from the book of Lamentations

The LORD's acts of mercy are not exhausted,
his compassion is not spent;

They are renewed each morning—
great is your faithfulness!

The LORD is my portion, I tell myself,
therefore I will hope in him.

The LORD is good to those who trust in him,
to the one that seeks him;

It is good to hope in silence
for the LORD's deliverance.

The Word of the Lord.

[OT], Lam 3: 22-26

A reading from the book of revelations

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

The Word of the Lord.

[NT], Rev 21: 1a, 3-5

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Ephesians

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavens, as he chose us in him, before the foundation of the world, to be holy and without blemish before him. In love he destined us for adoption to himself through Jesus Christ, in accord with the favor of his will

The Word of the Lord.

[NT], Eph 1: 3-5

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Thessalonians

We do not want you to be unaware, brothers, about those who have fallen asleep, so that you may not grieve like the rest, who have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose, so too will God, through Jesus, bring with him those who have fallen asleep. Therefore, console one another with these words.

The Word of the Lord.

[NT], 1 Thes 4: 13-14, 18

A reading from the book of Revelations

After this I had a vision of a great multitude, which no one could count, from every nation, race, people, and tongue. They stood before the throne and before the Lamb, wearing white robes and holding palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice:

“Salvation comes from our God, who is seated on the throne,
and from the Lamb.”

“For this reason, they stand before God’s throne
and worship him day and night in his temple.

The one who sits on the throne will shelter them.

They will not hunger or thirst anymore,

nor will the sun or any heat strike them.

For the Lamb who is in the center of the throne will shepherd
them

and lead them to springs of life-giving water,

and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

The Word of the Lord.

[NT], Rev 7: 9-10, 15-17