

Readings — November 1, 2015

FIRST READING — Revelation 21:1-6a

¹Then 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. ²And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

"See, the home of God is among mortals.

He will dwell with them;

they will be his peoples,

and God himself will be with them;

⁴he will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Death will be no more;

mourning and crying and pain will be no more,

for the first things have passed away."

⁵And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." ⁶Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end.

Psalm 92

¹It is good to give thanks to the LORD,
to sing praises to your name, O Most High;

**²to declare your steadfast love in the morning,
and your faithfulness by night,**

³to the music of the lute and the harp,
to the melody of the lyre.

**⁴For you, O LORD, have made me glad by your work;
at the works of your hands I sing for joy.**

⁵How great are your works, O LORD!
Your thoughts are very deep!

**⁶The dullard cannot know,
the stupid cannot understand this:**

⁷though the wicked sprout like grass
and all evildoers flourish,
they are doomed to destruction forever,

⁸but you, O LORD, are on high forever.

⁹For your enemies, O LORD,
for your enemies shall perish;
all evildoers shall be scattered.

**¹⁰But you have exalted my horn like that of the wild ox;
you have poured over me fresh oil.**

¹¹My eyes have seen the downfall of my enemies;
my ears have heard the doom of my evil assailants.

**¹²The righteous flourish like the palm tree,
and grow like a cedar in Lebanon.**

¹³They are planted in the house of the LORD;
they flourish in the courts of our God.

**¹⁴In old age they still produce fruit;
they are always green and full of sap,**

¹⁵showing that the LORD is upright;
he is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in him.

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Gospel: John 11:21-27, 32-46, 53

²¹Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. ²²But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." ²³Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." ²⁴Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." ²⁵Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, ²⁶and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" ²⁷She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world."

³²When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." ³³When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. ³⁴He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." ³⁵Jesus began to weep. ³⁶So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" ³⁷But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

³⁸Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. ³⁹Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." ⁴⁰Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" ⁴¹So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. ⁴²I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." ⁴³When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" ⁴⁴The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go." ⁴⁵Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him. ⁴⁶But some of them went to the Pharisees and told them what he had done.

⁵³So from that day on they planned to put him to death.