

**FIRST READING: Isaiah 25:6-9**

On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make  
for all peoples  
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,  
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged  
wines strained clear.

<sup>7</sup>And he will destroy on this mountain  
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,  
the sheet that is spread over all nations;  
<sup>8</sup>he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears  
from all faces,  
and the disgrace of his people he will take  
away from all the earth,  
for the LORD has spoken.

<sup>9</sup>It will be said on that day,  
Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him,  
so that he might save us.  
This is the LORD for whom we have waited;  
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

or Wisdom 3:1-9 [not printed]

**Psalm 24****SECOND READING: Revelation 21:1-6a**

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. <sup>2</sup>And I saw the  
holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down  
out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride  
adorned for her husband. <sup>3</sup>And 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;

<sup>4</sup>he 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.”

<sup>5</sup>And 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 trustwor-  
thy and true.” <sup>6</sup>Then he said to me, “It is done!  
I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning  
and the end.”

**GOSPEL: John 11:32-44**

When 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.” <sup>33</sup>When Jesus saw her  
weeping, and the Jews who came with her also  
weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit  
and deeply moved. <sup>34</sup>He said, “Where have  
you laid him?” They said to him, “Lord, come  
and see.” <sup>35</sup>Jesus began to weep. <sup>36</sup>So the Jews  
said, “See how he loved him!” <sup>37</sup>But some of  
them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes  
of the blind man have kept this man from  
dying?”

<sup>38</sup>Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came  
to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying  
against it. <sup>39</sup>Jesus 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.” <sup>40</sup>Jesus said to  
her, “Did I not tell you that if you believed, you  
would see the glory of God?” <sup>41</sup>So they took  
away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and  
said, “Father, I thank you for having heard me.  
<sup>42</sup>I 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.” <sup>43</sup>When he had said this, he cried with a  
loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” <sup>44</sup>The 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.”

**Next Sunday's Readings:** Daniel 12:1-3; Psalm 16; Hebrews 10:11-14 [15-18] 19-25; Mark 13:1-8.

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