**Readings from the New Testament**

 **Romans 5:5-11**

**A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans**

 **We were reconciled to God through the death of his Son**

**Brothers and sisters:**

**Hope does not disappoint,**

 **because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts**

 **through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.**

**For Christ, while we were still helpless,**

 **died at the appointed time for the ungodly.**

**Indeed, only with difficulty does one die for a just person,**

 **though perhaps for a good person**

 **one might even find courage to die.**

**But God proves his love for us**

 **in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us.**

**How much more then, since we are now justified by his Blood,**

 **will we be saved through him from the wrath.**

**Indeed, if while we were enemies,**

 **we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son,**

 **how much more, once reconciled,**

 **will we be saved by his life.**

**Not only that;**

 **but we also boast of God through our Lord Jesus Christ,**

 **through whom we have now received reconciliation.**

**The Word of the Lord**

 **Romans 5:17-21**

**A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans**

 **Through the obedience of the one the many will be made righteous.**

**Brothers and sisters:**

**If, by the transgression of the one,**

 **death came to reign through that one,**

 **how much more will those who receive the abundance of grace**

 **and of the gift of justification**

 **come to reign in life through the one Jesus Christ.**

**In conclusion, just as through one transgression**

 **condemnation came upon all,**

 **so, through one righteous act,**

 **acquittal and life came to all.**

**For just as through the disobedience of the one man**

 **the many were made sinners,**

 **so through the obedience of the one**

 **the many will be made righteous.**

**The law entered in so that transgression might increase**

 **but, where sin increased, grace overflowed all the more, so that,**

 **as sin reigned in death,**

 **grace also might reign through justification for eternal life**

 **through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**The Word of the Lord**

 **Long Form**

 **Romans 6:3-9**

**A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans**

 **We too might live in the newness of life.**

**Brothers and sisters:**

**Are you unaware that we who were baptized into Christ Jesus**

 **were baptized into his death?**

**We were indeed buried with him through baptism into death,**

 **so that, just as Christ was raised from dead**

 **by the glory of the Father,**

 **we too might live in newness of life.**

**For if we have grown into union with him through a death like his,**

 **we shall also be united with him in the resurrection.**

**We know that our old self was crucified with him,**

 **so that our sinful body might be done away with,**

 **that we might no longer be in slavery to sin.**

**For a dead person has been absolved from sin.**

**If, then, we have died with Christ,**

 **we believe that we shall also live with him.**

**We know that Christ, raised from the dead, dies no more;**

 **death no longer has power over him.**

**The Word of the Lord**

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**The Word of the Lord**

 **Romans 8:14-23**

**A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans**

 **Creation awaits with eager expectation the revelation of the children of God.**

**Brothers and sisters:**

**Those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God.**

**For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear,**

 **but you received a spirit of adoption,**

 **through which we cry, *Abba,* “Father!”**

**The Spirit itself bears witness with our spirit**

 **that we are children of God,**

 **and if children, then heirs,**

 **heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ,**

 **if only we suffer with him**

 **so that we may also be glorified with him.**

**I consider that the sufferings of this present time are as nothing**

 **compared with the glory to be revealed for us.**

**For creation awaits with eager expectation**

 **the revelation of the children of God;**

 **for creation was made subject to futility,**

 **not of its own accord but because of the one who subjected it,**

 **in hope that creation itself**

 **would be set free from slavery to corruption**

 **and share in the glorious freedom of the children of God.**

**We know that all creation is groaning in labor pains even until now;**

 **and not only that, but we ourselves,**

 **who have the first fruits of the Spirit,**

 **we also groan within ourselves**

 **as we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies.**

**The Word of the Lord**

 **Romans 8:31b-35, 37-39**

**A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans**

 **If God is for us, who can be against us?**

**Brothers and Sisters:**

**If God is for us, who can be against us?**

**He did not spare his own Son**

 **but handed him over for us all,**

 **will he not also give us everything else along with him?**

**Who will bring a charge against God’s chosen ones?**

**It is God who acquits us.**

**Who will condemn?**

**It is Christ Jesus who died, rather, was raised,**

 **who also is at the right hand of God,**

 **who indeed intercedes for us.**

**What will separate us from the love of Christ?**

**Will anguish, or distress or persecution, or famine,**

 **or nakedness, or peril, or the sword?**

**No, in all these things, we conquer overwhelmingly**

 **through him who loved us.**

**For I am convinced that neither death, nor life,**

 **nor angels, nor principalities,**

 **nor present things, nor future things,**

 **nor powers, nor height, nor depth,**

 **nor any other creature will be able to separate us**

 **from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

**The Word of the Lord.**

 **Romans 14:7-9, 10c-12**

**A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans**

 **Whether we live or die, we are the Lord’s.**

**Brothers and sisters:**

**No one lives for oneself,**

 **and no one dies for oneself.**

**For if we live, we live for the Lord,**

 **and if we die, we die for the Lord;**

 **so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord’s.**

**For this is why Christ died and came to life,**

 **that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.**

**Why then do you judge your brother?**

**Or you, why do you look down on your brother?**

**For we shall all stand before the judgment seat of God;**

**for it is written:**

 ***As I live, says the Lord,***

 ***every knee shall bend before me,***

 ***and every tongue shall give praise to God.***

**So then each of us shall give an accounting of himself to God.**

**The Word of the Lord.**

 **Long Form**

 **1 Corinthians 15:20-28**

**A reading from the first Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians**

 **So too in Christ shall all be brought to life.**

**Brothers and sisters:**

**Christ has been raised from the dead,**

 **the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.**

**For since death came through a man,**

 **the resurrection of the dead came also through man.**

**For just as in Adam all die,**

 **so too in Christ shall all be brought to life,**

 **but each one in proper order:**

 **Christ the firstfruits;**

 **then, at his coming, those who belong to Christ;**

 **then comes the end,**

 **when he hands over the Kingdom to his God and Father.**

**For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet.**

**The last enemy to be destroyed is death,**

 **for “he subjected everything under his feet.”**

**But when it says that everything has been subjected,**

 **it is clear that it excludes the one who subjected everything to him.**

**When everything is subjected to him,**

 **then the Son himself will also be subjected**

 **to the one who subjected everything to him,**

 **so that God may be all in all.**

**The Word of the Lord.**

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**The Word of the Lord.**

 **1 Corinthians 15:51-57**

**A reading from the first Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians**

 **Death is swallowed up in victory.**

**Brothers and Sisters:**

**Behold, I tell you a mystery.**

**We shall not all fall asleep, but we will all be changed,**

 **in an instant, in the blink of an eye, at the last trumpet.**

**For the trumpet will sound,**

 **the dead will be raised incorruptible,**

 **and we shall be changed.**

**For that which is corruptible must clothe itself with incorruptibility,**

 **and that which is mortal must clothe itself with immortality.**

**And when this which is corruptible clothes itself with incorruptibility**

 **and this which is mortal clothes itself with immortality,**

 **then the word that is written shall come about:**

 ***Death is swallowed up in victory.***

 ***Where, O death, is your victory?***

 ***Where, O death, is your sting?***

**The sting of death is sin,**

 **and the power of sin is the law.**

**But thanks be to God who gives us the victory**

 **through our Lord Jesus Christ.**

**The Word of the Lord.**

 **2 Corinthians 4:14-5:1**

**A reading from the second Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians**

 **What is seen is transitory, but what is unseen is eternal.**

**Brothers and Sisters:**

**Knowing that the One who raised the Lord Jesus**

 **will raise us also with Jesus**

 **and place us with you in his presence.**

**Everything indeed is for you,**

 **so that the grace bestowed in abundance on more and more people**

 **may cause the thanksgiving to overflow for the glory of God.**

**Therefore, we are not discouraged;**

 **rather, although our outer self is wasting away,**

 **our inner self is being renewed day by day.**

**For this momentary light affliction**

 **is producing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison,**

 **as we look not to what is seen but to what is unseen;**

 **for what is seen is transitory, but what is unseen is eternal.**

**For we know that if our earthly dwelling, a tent,**

 **should be destroyed,**

 **we have a building from God,**

 **a dwelling not made with hands, eternal in heaven.**

**The Word of the Lord.**

 **2 Corinthians 5:1, 6-10**

**A reading from the second Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians**

 **We have a building from God, a dwelling…eternal in heaven.**

**Brothers and sisters:**

**We know that if our earthly dwelling, a tent,**

 **should be destroyed,**

 **we have a building from God,**

 **a dwelling not made with hands,**

 **eternal in heaven.**

**We are always courageous,**

 **although we know that while we are at home in the body**

 **we are away from the Lord,**

 **for we walk by faith, not by sight.**

**Yet we are courageous,**

 **and we would rather leave the body and go home to the Lord.**

**Therefore, we aspire to please him,**

 **whether we are at home or away.**

**For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ,**

 **so that each may receive recompense,**

 **according to what he did in the body, whether good or evil.**

**The Word of the Lord.**

 **Philippians 3: 20-21**

**A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Philippians**

 **He will change our lowly bodies to conform to his glory.**

**Brother and sisters:**

**Our citizenship is in heaven,**

 **and from it we also await a savior, the Lord Jesus Christ.**

**He will change our lowly body**

 **to conform with his glorified Body**

 **by the power that enables him also**

 **to bring all things into subjection to himself.**

**The Word of the Lord.**

 **1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18**

**A reading from the first Letter of Saint Paul to the Thessalonians**

 **Thus we shall always be with the Lord.**

**We do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters,**

 **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.**

**Indeed, we tell you this, on the word of the Lord,**

 **that we who are alive,**

 **who are left until the coming of the Lord,**

 **will surely not precede those who have fallen asleep.**

**For the Lord himself, with a word of command,**

 **with the voice of an archangel and with the trumpet of God,**

 **will come down from heaven,**

 **and the dead in Christ will rise first.**

**Then we who are alive, who are left,**

 **will be caught up together with them in the clouds**

 **to meet the Lord in the air.**

**Thus we shall always be with the Lord.**

**Therefore, console one another with these words.**

**The Word of the Lord.**

 **2 Timothy 2: 8-13**

**A reading from the second Letter of Saint Paul to the Timothy**

 **If we have died with him we shall also live with him.**

**Beloved:**

**Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David:**

 **such is my Gospel, for which I am suffering,**

 **even to the point of chains, like a criminal.**

**But the word of God is not chained.**

**Therefore, I bear with everything for the sake of those who are chosen,**

 **so that they too may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus,**

 **together with eternal glory.**

**This saying is trustworthy:**

 **If we have died with him**

 **we shall also live with him;**

 **if we persevere**

 **we shall also reign with him.**

 **But if we deny him**

 **he will deny us.**

 **If we are unfaithful**

 **he remains faithful,**

 **for he cannot deny himself.**

**The Word of the Lord.**

 **1 John 3:1-2**

**A reading from the first Letter of Saint John**

 **Beloved, we are God’s children now.**

**Beloved:**

**See what love the Father has bestowed on us**

 **that we may be called the children of God.**

**Yet so we are.**

**The reason the world does not know us**

 **is that it did not know him.**

**Beloved, we are God’s children now;**

 **what we shall be has not yet been revealed.**

**We do know that when it is revealed we shall be like him,**

 **for we shall see him as he is.**

**The Word of the Lord.**

 **1 John 3: 14-16**

**A reading from the first Letter of Saint John**

 **We know that we have passed from death to life because we love our brothers.**

**Beloved:**

**We know that we have passed from death to life**

 **because we love our brothers.**

**Whoever does not love remains in death.**

**Everyone who hates his brother is a murderer,**

 **and you know that no murderer has eternal life remaining in him.**

**The way we came to know love**

 **was that he laid down his life for us;**

 **so we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers.**

**The Word of the Lord.**

**New Testament Readings during the Easter**

 **Long Form**

 **Acts 10:34-43**

**A reading from the Acts of the Apostles**

 **He is the one appointed by God as judge of the living and the dead.**

**Peter proceeded to speak, saying:**

**“In truth, I see that God shows no partiality.**

**Rather, in every nation whoever fears him**

 **and acts uprightly is acceptable to him.**

**You know the word that he sent to the children of Israel**

 **as he proclaimed peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all,**

 **what has happened all over Judea,**

 **beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached,**

 **how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power.**

**He went about doing good**

 **and healing all those oppressed by the Devil,**

 **for God was with him.**

**We are witnesses of all that he did**

 **both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem.**

**They put him to death by hanging him on a tree.**

**This man God raised on the third day and granted that he be visible,**

 **not to all the people, but to us,**

 **the witnesses chosen by God in advance,**

 **who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead.**

**He commissioned us to preach to the people**

 **and testify that he is the one appointed by God**

 **as judge of the living and the dead.**

**To him all the prophets bear witness,**

 **that everyone who believes in him**

 **will receive forgiveness of sins through his name.”**

**The Word of the Lord.**

 **ShortForm**

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**The Word of the Lord**

 **Revelation 14:13**

**A reading from the book of Revelation**

 **Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord.**

**I, John, heard a voice from heaven say, “Write this:**

 **Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on.”**

**“Yes,” said the Spirit,**

 **“let them find rest from their labors,**

 **for their works accompany them.”**

**The Word of the Lord**

 **Revelation 20: 11-21:1**

**A reading from the book of Revelation**

 **Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth.**

**I, John, saw a large white throne and the One who was sitting on it. The earth and the sky fled from his presence**

 **and there was no place for them.**

**I saw the dead, the great and the lowly, standing before the throne,**

 **and scrolls were opened.**

**Then another scroll was opened, the book of life.**

**The dead were judged according to their deeds,**

 **by what was written in the scrolls.**

**The sea gave up its dead;**

 **then Death and Hades gave up their dead.**

**All the dead were judged according to their deeds.**

**Then Death and Hades were thrown into the pool of fire.**

**(This pool of fire is the second death.)**

**Anyone whose name was not found written in the book of life**

 **was thrown into the pool of fire.**

**Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth.**

**The former heaven and the former earth had passed away,**

 **and the sea was no more.**

**The Word of the Lord.**

 **Revelation 21:1-5a, 6b-7**

**A reading from the book of Revelation**

 **There shall be no more death.**

**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.**

Ephesians 3:14-19

**A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Ephesians**

**Brothers and sisters:**

**I kneel before the Father,**

 **from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named,**

 **that he may grant you in accord with the riches of his glory**

 **to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in the inner self,**

 **and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith;**

 **that you, rooted and grounded in love,**

 **may have strength to comprehend with all the holy ones**

 **what is the breadth and length and height and depth,**

 **and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge,**

 **so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.**

**The word of the Lord.**