

No More Tears

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 there was no longer any sea. I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Look! God’s dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. ‘He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death’ or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.”

He who was seated on the throne said, “I am making everything new!” Then he said, “Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.”

He said to me: “It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End.”

L: The Word of God for the People of God.

P: Thanks be to God.

- Today is All Saints’ Sunday.
- All of us are saints, but today we especially celebrate those of our congregation who have joined the saints in heaven and the legacy they leave behind.
- We know that those who have put their faith in Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior will go to heaven when they die.
 - But heaven is not the end of the story.
 - We have been promised a new heaven and a new earth.
- John was given a vision in Revelation 21 of what that new heaven and new earth will look like.
 - It will be a beautiful place with no more suffering, no more death, no more pain, and no more tears.
- Let us give thanks for all of the saints in heaven and let us live as saints on earth.