(to be used as first reading in Easter Season)

A Reading from the Book of Revelation

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 morning, 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.

A Reading from the Second Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians

We know 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.

GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

"Prayer of the Faithful"

(Priest says Introductory Prayer)

Response: Lord Hear Our Prayer

In Baptism MARie	received the light of Christ.
Scotter the derivers now and lead-bine	received the light of Christ. /her over the waters of death:
	ther over the waters of death.
We Pray to the Lord.	
Our sister/brother MARIE	was nourished at the into the halls of the heavenly banquet:
table of the Savior. Welcome Ham/her	into the halls of the heavenly banquet:
We pray to the Lord.	
Many friends and members of our family, including ANTONIA have gone before us and await the kingdom. Grant	
them an everlasting home with your so	n.
We pray to the Lord.	
Those who trusted in the Lord now sle and peace to all whose faith is known to We pray to the Lord.	ep in the Lord. Give refreshment, rest o you alone:
The family and friends of MAA	seek comfort
and consolation. Heal their pain and d	ispel the darkness and doubt that come
from grief:	
We Pray to the Lord	
4	onfidence to pray for our brother/sister trengthen our hope so that we may live
in the expectation of your Son's coming	
We pray to the Lord.	