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| Revelation  21: 1-5a, 6b-7  Selection B24 | **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 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** |