

# First Reading (Easter Season)

## Revelation 20:11-21:1

A reading from the Book of Revelation

I 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 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.