

## July 28 – What really happens after death?

### **Isaiah 25:1, 6-10 | First Reading**

A reading from Isaiah

<sup>1</sup>O LORD, you are my God;

I will exalt you; I will praise your name,  
for you have done wonderful things,  
plans formed of old, faithful and sure.

<sup>6</sup> On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples  
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,  
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained  
clear.

<sup>7</sup> And he will destroy on this mountain  
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,  
the covering that is spread over all nations;

<sup>8</sup> he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces,  
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the  
earth,  
for the LORD has spoken.

<sup>9</sup> It will be said on that day,

“See, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he  
might save us.

This is the LORD for whom we have waited;  
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.”

<sup>10</sup> For the hand of the LORD will rest on this mountain.

The Moabites shall be trodden down in their place  
as straw is trodden down in the manure.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm | Psalm 23

<sup>1</sup>The Lord | is my shepherd;  
I shall not | be in want.

<sup>2</sup>**The Lord makes me lie down | in green pastures  
and leads me be- | side still waters.**

<sup>3</sup>You restore my | soul, O Lord,  
and guide me along right pathways | for your name's sake.

<sup>4</sup>**Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of  
death, I shall | fear no evil;  
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they |  
comfort me.**

<sup>5</sup>You prepare a table before me in the presence | of my  
enemies;

you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is | running over.

<sup>6</sup>**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days  
| of my life,  
and I will dwell in the house of the | Lord forever.**

## 1 Corinthians 15:35-49 | Second Reading

A reading from 1st Corinthians

<sup>35</sup> But someone will ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?" <sup>36</sup> Fool! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. <sup>37</sup> And as for what you sow, you do not sow the body that is to be but a bare seed, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. <sup>38</sup> But God gives it a body as he has chosen and to each kind of seed its own body. <sup>39</sup> Not all flesh is alike, but there is one flesh for humans, another for animals, another for birds, and another for fish. <sup>40</sup> There are both heavenly bodies and earthly bodies, but the glory of the heavenly is one thing, and that of the earthly is another. <sup>41</sup> There is one glory of the sun and another glory of the moon and another glory of the stars; indeed, star differs from star in glory.

<sup>42</sup> So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable; what is raised is imperishable. <sup>43</sup> It is sown in dishonor; it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness; it is raised in power. <sup>44</sup> It is sown a physical body; it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body. <sup>45</sup> Thus it is written, "The first man, Adam, became a living being"; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. <sup>46</sup> But it is not the spiritual that is first but the physical and then the spiritual. <sup>47</sup> The first man was from the earth, made of dust; the second man is from heaven. <sup>48</sup> As one of dust, so are those who are of the dust, and as one of heaven, so are those who are of heaven. <sup>49</sup> Just as we have borne the image of the one of dust, we will also bear the image of the one of heaven.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **John 14:1-6 | Gospel Reading**

The Holy gospel according to John

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe[a] in God; believe also in me. <sup>2</sup> In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? <sup>3</sup> And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. <sup>4</sup> And you know the way to the place where I am going.” <sup>5</sup> Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” <sup>6</sup> Jesus said to him, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

The gospel of the Lord.