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A Reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah

Lo, I am about to create new heavens and a new earth;
The things of the past shall not be remembered or come to mind.

Instead, there shall always be rejoicing and happiness in what I create;
For I create Jerusalem to be a joy
and its people to be a delight;

I will rejoice in Jerusalem and exult in my people. No longer shall the
sound of weeping be heard there, or the sound of crying;

No longer shall there be in it an infant who lives but a few days, or an old
man
who does not round out his full lifetime;

He dies a mere youth who reaches but a hundred years, and he who fails
of a hundred shall be thought accursed.

They shall live in the houses they build, and eat the fruit of the vineyards
they plant.

The Word of the Lord.

Response: Thanks be to God.