

A Reading from the Book of Revelation

**The angel showed me the river of life-giving water,*
sparkling like crystal,
flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb
down the middle of its street.**

**On either side of the river
grew the tree of life
that produces fruit twelve times a year,
once each month;
the leaves of the trees serve as medicine for the nations.**

Nothing accursed will be found there anymore.

**The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it,
and his servants will worship him.**

**They will look upon his face,
and his name will be on their foreheads.**

**Night will be no more,
nor will they need light from lamp or sun,
for the Lord God shall give them light,
and they shall reign forever and ever.**

The Word of the Lord