

## Daily Reading for Easter Monday.

### Reading 1, Acts 2:14, 22-32

<sup>14</sup> Then Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed them in a loud voice: 'Men of Judaea, and all you who live in Jerusalem, make no mistake about this, but listen carefully to what I say.

<sup>22</sup> 'Men of Israel, listen to what I am going to say: Jesus the Nazarene was a man commended to you by God by the miracles and portents and signs that God worked through him when he was among you, as you know. <sup>23</sup> This man, who was put into your power by the deliberate intention and foreknowledge of God, you took and had crucified and killed by men outside the Law.

<sup>24</sup> But God raised him to life, freeing him from the pangs of Hades; for it was impossible for him to be held in its power since, <sup>25</sup> as David says of him: I kept the Lord before my sight always, for with him at my right hand nothing can shake me.

<sup>26</sup> So my heart rejoiced my tongue delighted; my body, too, will rest secure, <sup>27</sup> for you will not abandon me to Hades or allow your holy one to see corruption. <sup>28</sup> You have taught me the way of life, you will fill me with joy in your presence.

<sup>29</sup> 'Brothers, no one can deny that the patriarch David himself is dead and buried: his tomb is still with us. <sup>30</sup> But since he was a prophet, and knew that God had sworn him an oath to make one of his descendants succeed him on the throne, <sup>31</sup> he spoke with foreknowledge about the resurrection of the Christ: he is the one who was not abandoned to Hades, and whose body did not see corruption. <sup>32</sup> God raised this man Jesus to life, and of that we are all witnesses.

## **Responsorial Psalm, *Psalms 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11***

<sup>1</sup> [In a quiet voice Of David] Protect me, O God, in you is my refuge. <sup>2</sup> To Yahweh I say, 'You are my Lord, my happiness is in none

<sup>5</sup> My birthright, my cup is Yahweh; you, you alone, hold my lot secure.

<sup>7</sup> I bless Yahweh who is my counsellor, even at night my heart instructs me. <sup>8</sup> I keep Yahweh before me always, for with him at my right hand, nothing can shake me.

<sup>9</sup> So my heart rejoices, my soul delights, my body too will rest secure, <sup>10</sup> for you will not abandon me to Sheol, you cannot allow your faithful servant to see the abyss.

<sup>11</sup> You will teach me the path of life, unbounded joy in your presence, at your right hand delight for ever.

## **Reading 2, *Colossians 3:1-4***

<sup>1</sup> Since you have been raised up to be with Christ, you must look for the things that are above, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. <sup>2</sup> Let your thoughts be on things above, not on the things that are on the earth, <sup>3</sup> because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup> But when Christ is revealed -- and he is your life-you, too, will be revealed with him in glory.

## **Gospel, *Matthew 28:8-15***

<sup>8</sup> Filled with awe and great joy the women came quickly away from the tomb and ran to tell his disciples. <sup>9</sup> And suddenly, coming to meet them, was Jesus. 'Greetings,' he said. And the women came up to him and, clasping his feet, they did him homage. <sup>10</sup> Then Jesus said to them, 'Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers that they must leave for Galilee; there they will see me.' <sup>11</sup> Now while they were on their way, some of the guards went off into the city to tell the chief priests all that had happened. <sup>12</sup> These held a meeting with the elders and, after some discussion, handed a considerable sum of money to the soldiers <sup>13</sup> with these instructions, 'This is what you must say, "His disciples came during the night and stole him away while we were asleep." <sup>14</sup> And should the governor come to hear of this, we undertake

to put things right with him ourselves and to see that you do not get into trouble.' <sup>15</sup> So they took the money and carried out their instructions, and to this day that is the story among the Jews.