

Easter Monday Readings

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles 2:14, 22-33

On the day of Pentecost, Peter stood up with the Eleven, and addressed the crowd in a loud voice: 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 all know. This man, who was put into your power by the deliberate intention and foreknowledge of God, you took and crucified by men outside the law. You killed him, 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, as David says of him:

I saw the Lord before me always,
for with him at my right hand nothing can shake me.
So my heart was glad
and my tongue cried out with joy;
my body, too, will rest in the hope
that you will not abandon my soul to Hades,
nor allow your holy one to experience corruption.
You have made known the way of life to me,
you will fill me with gladness through your presence.

‘Brothers, no one can deny that the patriarch David himself is dead and buried: his tomb is still with us. 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, what he foresaw and spoke about was the resurrection of the Christ: he is the one who was not abandoned to Hades, and whose body did not experience corruption. God raised this man Jesus to life, and all of us are witnesses to that.

Now raised to the heights by God’s right hand, he was received from the Father the Holy Spirit, who was promised, and what you see and hear is the out pouring of that Spirit.’

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11

R/ Preserve me, Lord, I take refuge in you.

Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you.
I say to the Lord: ‘You are my God.
O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup;
it is you yourself who are my prize.’

R/ Preserve me, Lord, I take refuge in you.

I bless the Lord who give me counsel,
who even at night directs my heart.
I keep the Lord ever in my sight:
since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm.

R/ Preserve me, Lord, I take refuge in you.

And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad;
even my body shall rest in safety.
For you will not leave my soul among the dead,
nor let your beloved know decay.

R/ Preserve me, Lord, I take refuge in you.

You will show me the path of life,
the fullness of joys in your presence,
at your right hand happiness for ever.

R/ Preserve me, Lord, I take refuge in you.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! This is was made by the Lord;
we rejoice and are glad.

Alleluia.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew 28: 8-15

Filled with awe and great joy the women came quickly away from the tomb, and ran to tell the disciples.

And there, coming to meet them, was Jesus. ‘Greetings’ he said. And the women came upto him and falling down before him, clasped his feet. Then Jesus said to them, ‘Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers that they must leave for Galilee; they will see me there.’

While they were on their way, some of the guard went off into the city and to tell the chief priests all that had happened. These held a meeting with the elders and, after some discussion, handed a considerable sum of money to the soldiers with these instructions, “This is what you must say, “His disciples came during the night and stole him away while we were asleep.” 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.’ The soldiers took the money and carried out their instructions and to this day that is the story among the Jews.

The Gospel of the Lord.