

**THE LESSONS APPOINTED FOR USE ON  
MONDAY IN EASTER WEEK  
ALL YEARS**

Acts 2:14,22b-32

Matthew 28:9-15

Psalm 16:8-11

or Psalm 118:19-24

**THE COLLECT**

Grant, we pray, Almighty God, that we who celebrate with awe the Paschal feast may be found worthy to attain to everlasting joys; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

**THE FIRST LESSON: ACTS 2:14,22B-32**

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the multitude, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know-- this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For David says concerning him,

‘I saw the Lord always before me,  
for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken;  
therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;  
moreover my flesh will live in hope.  
For you will not abandon my soul to Hades,  
or let your Holy One experience corruption.  
You have made known to me the ways of life;  
you will make me full of gladness with your presence.’

"Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying ,

‘ He was not abandoned to Hades,  
nor did his flesh experience corruption.’

This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.

## **PSALM 16:8-11**

8. I have set the Lord always before me; \*  
because he is at my right hand I shall not fall.
9. My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; \*  
my body also shall rest in hope.
10. For you will not abandon me to the grave, \*  
nor let your holy one see the Pit.

11. You will show me the path of life; \*  
in your presence there is fullness of joy,  
and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

**OR**

**PSALM 118:19-24**

19. Open for me the gates of righteousness; \*  
I will enter them;  
I will offer thanks to the Lord.
- 20 "This is the gate of the Lord; \*  
he who is righteous may enter."
21. I will give thanks to you, for you answered me \*  
and have become my salvation.
22. The same stone which the builders rejected \*  
has become the chief cornerstone.
23. This is the Lord's doing, \*  
and it is marvelous in our eyes.
24. On this day the Lord has acted; \*  
we will rejoice and be glad in it.

**THE GOSPEL: MATTHEW 28:9-15**

Jesus met Mary Magdalene and the other Mary and said, "Greetings!"  
And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. Then

Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

While they were going, some of the guard went into the city and told the chief priests everything that had happened. After the priests had assembled with the elders, they devised a plan to give a large sum of money to the soldiers, telling them, "You must say, 'His disciples came by night and stole him away while we were asleep.' If this comes to the governor's ears, we will satisfy him and keep you out of trouble." So they took the money and did as they were directed. And this story is still told among the Jews to this day.