

away while we were asleep.’<sup>14</sup> And if this comes to the governor's ears, we will satisfy him and keep you out of trouble.”<sup>15</sup> So they took the money and did as they were directed. And this story has been spread among the Jews to this day.

*Deacon:* The Gospel of the Lord.

***People:* Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## OFFERTORY AND POST-COMMUNION SENTENCES

*(Drawn from verses of Holy Scripture, these sentences are chosen by the celebrant or preacher to reinforce the lessons or teaching of the day.)*

## PROPER PREFACE

*Easter*

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was offered for us, and has taken away the sin of the world; who by his death has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again has won for us everlasting life.

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## SEASONAL GREETING

*Celebrant* Alleluia! Christ is risen!

***People* The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

## COLLECT OF THE DAY

Grant, we pray, Almighty God, that we who celebrate with reverence the Paschal feast may be made 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.**

## FIRST READING

Acts 2:14,22-32

But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them: “Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words.

<sup>22</sup> “Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst, as you yourselves know—<sup>23</sup> this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. <sup>24</sup> God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it. <sup>25</sup> For David says concerning him,

“I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand that I may not be shaken; <sup>26</sup> therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; my flesh also will dwell in hope. <sup>27</sup> For you

will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One see corruption. <sup>28</sup> You have made known to me the paths of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.’

<sup>29</sup> “Brothers, I may say to you with confidence about the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. <sup>30</sup> Being therefore a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would set one of his descendants on his throne, <sup>31</sup> he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption. <sup>32</sup> This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses.

*Reader:* The word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## PSALTER VERSES

*(In said services, the psalm verses may be placed between the Epistle and the Gospel, with the congregation standing in preparation for the Gospel. At services where there is a hymn or canticle before the Gospel, the psalm might be said between the Old Testament and Epistle, the people seated.)*

### Psalm 16

- <sup>1</sup> Preserve me, O God, \*  
for in you have I put my trust.
- <sup>2</sup> O my soul, you have said unto the LORD, \*  
“You are my Lord; I have no good apart from you.”
- <sup>3</sup> All my delight is upon the saints who are on the earth, \*  
and upon those who excel in virtue.
- <sup>4</sup> But those who run after another god \*  
shall have great trouble.
- <sup>5</sup> Their drink offerings of blood I will not offer, \*  
neither make mention of their names with my lips.

- <sup>6</sup> The LORD himself is the portion of my inheritance and of my cup; \*  
you shall maintain my lot.
- <sup>7</sup> The boundaries have fallen for me in pleasant places; \*  
indeed, I have a goodly heritage.
- <sup>8</sup> I will thank the LORD for giving me counsel; \*  
my heart also chastens me in the night season.
- <sup>9</sup> I have set the LORD always before me; \*  
he is at my right hand; therefore I shall not fall.
- <sup>10</sup> Therefore my heart is glad and my soul rejoices. \*  
My flesh also shall rest in hope.
- <sup>11</sup> For you shall not leave my soul in the grave, \*  
neither shall you allow your Holy One to see corruption.
- <sup>12</sup> You shall show me the path of life; in your presence is the fullness of joy, \*  
and at your right hand there is pleasure for evermore.

## THE HOLY GOSPEL

*Deacon:* The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ, according to St. Matthew.

**People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

### Matthew 28:9-15

And behold, Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came up and took hold of his feet and worshiped him. <sup>10</sup> Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see me.”

<sup>11</sup> While they were going, behold, some of the guard went into the city and told the chief priests all that had taken place. <sup>12</sup> And when they had assembled with the elders and taken counsel, they gave a sufficient sum of money to the soldiers <sup>13</sup> and said, “Tell people, ‘His disciples came by night and stole him