



## **Prayer of the Day**

Almighty God, you have overcome death through your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, and have opened to us the gate of everlasting life. We humbly beseech you that as you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

## **First Reading: Acts 10:34-43**

<sup>34</sup>Peter opened his mouth and said: “Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup>but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. <sup>36</sup>As for the word that he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all), <sup>37</sup>you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: <sup>38</sup>how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. <sup>39</sup>And we are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, <sup>40</sup>but God raised him on the third day and made him to appear, <sup>41</sup>not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. <sup>42</sup>And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. <sup>43</sup>To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

**Lessons for Next Week:** Acts 5:29-42; Psalm 148;  
1 Peter 1:3-9; John 20:19-31

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## Psalm 16

<sup>1</sup>Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you;\*

I have said to the LORD, "You are my LORD,  
my good above all other."

<sup>2</sup>**All my delight is upon the godly that are | in the land,\*  
upon those who are noble above | among the people.**

<sup>3</sup>But those who run after other gods\*  
shall have their troubles multiplied.

<sup>4</sup>**Their libations of blood I | will not offer,\*  
nor take the names of their gods up- | on my lips.**

<sup>5</sup>O LORD, you are my portion | and my cup;\*  
it is you who uphold | hold my lot.

<sup>6</sup>**My boundaries enclose a | pleasant land;\*  
indeed, I have a | goodly heritage.**

<sup>7</sup>I will bless the LORD who | gives me counsel;\*  
my heart teaches me, night | after night.

<sup>8</sup>**I have set the LORD al- | ways before me,\*  
because he is at my right hand I | shall not fall.**

<sup>9</sup>My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit | it rejoices;\*  
my body also shall | rest in hope.

<sup>10</sup>**For you will not abandon me | to the grave,\*  
nor let your holy one | see the Pit.**

<sup>11</sup>You will show me the | path of life;\*  
in your presence there is fullness of joy,  
and in your right hand are pleasures forever- | evermore.

## Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-4

<sup>1</sup>If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup>Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. <sup>3</sup>For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup>When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

## Gospel: Matthew 28:1-10

<sup>1</sup>Now after the Sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. <sup>2</sup>And behold, there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. <sup>3</sup>His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. <sup>4</sup>And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men. <sup>5</sup>But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. <sup>6</sup>He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. <sup>7</sup>Then go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and behold, he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him. See, I have told you." <sup>8</sup>So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. <sup>9</sup>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."