

## **Easter Monday**

First Reading: Acts 2: 14, 22-33;

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 16: 1-2a, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11;

Gospel Reading: Mt 28: 8-15.

**Theme:** Our celebration and witness of the One Great Sunday

Easter Sunday continues today. St. Athanasius explained that the 50 days of Easter form one BIG unit called One Great Sunday. St. Athanasius was the Bishop of Alexandria and Doctor of the Church; he died in 373 AD. Easter Octave (the first eight days) forms the EARLY hours of the One Great Sunday. The disciples gave early witness to the facts of the Resurrection. The season of Easter is the celebration of the transformation of Jesus's life so that it transcended time and space. Jesus's body did not experience corruption in the grave. At the beginning of our faith the Devil and his disciples tried to sow seeds of disbelief about the facts of the Resurrection. However, the disciples were also transformed. Their fear was changed to JOY. St. Peter gave a powerful witness before the crowds in Jerusalem that Jesus is truly Risen. Easter is a New Creation, and a new beginning. The ordinary and familiar place is where the Risen Jesus is to be found. The Risen Lord says the same thing to us. The special invitation of the Holy Season of Easter is that we experience happiness, joy, security, and divine friendship in the Risen Lord in the ordinary events of our daily lives. The Risen Lord transforms and invites us to be witnesses of the greatest miracle in history.

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