



**Monday, April 13, 2020:
Monday of the Octave of Easter**



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Good Morning!

Jesus Christ is Risen! Alleluia! Today we read from Acts 2:14, 22-33, Psalm 16 and Matthew 28:8-15. Yesterday was a different kind of Easter. I hope that you were all able to celebrate from your homes via television, computer or radio. It was different celebrating in an empty Church but feeling the presence of many of you. Today, Easter Monday we still are under the "Stay at Home" order here in Minnesota but something is different. There are a few new noises outside, life is beginning to trickle back. The snow storm yesterday was a cleansing aspect of Easter Sunday that caused us to pause even more and ponder what this all meant. Peter gives witness to Jesus rising from the dead. Peter has had time to take it all in and now, empowered by the Holy Spirit will venture out and proclaim Jesus Christ, Risen, to the Jews. The women had just arrived at the tomb when they saw it was empty. They went away quickly, "fearful yet overjoyed", to announce the news to the disciples. Jesus meets them on the way. Oh, what a beautiful experience. Yet, we hear how the guards have spoken to the chief priests who offer them bribes of a large sum of money to say, "His disciples came by night and stole him while we were asleep." What will your testimony be? Have you experienced something new this year? Have you had time to ponder what we just celebrated? Have you encountered the Risen Jesus? Do worry, our psalm today says, "You will show me the path to life, fullness of joys in your presence, the delights at your right hands forever." Take time to look around, inside and out, and see the hope that is abound!

Jesus Christ is Risen, Alleluia!

Peace,

RevKev

<http://www.usccb.org/>"Keep me safe, O God; you are my hope."

Sequence Victimae Paschali Laudes

Christians, to the Paschal Victim
Offer your thankful praises!
A Lamb the sheep redeems;
Christ, who only is sinless,

Reconciles sinners to the Father.
Death and life have contended in that combat stupendous:
The Prince of life, who died, reigns immortal.
Speak, Mary, declaring
What you saw, wayfaring.
“The tomb of Christ, who is living,
The glory of Jesus’ resurrection;
bright angels attesting,
The shroud and napkin resting.
Yes, Christ my hope is arisen;
to Galilee he goes before you.”
Christ indeed from death is risen, our new life obtaining.
Have mercy, victor King, ever reigning!
Amen. Alleluia.