A reading from Acts

All Services

^{14a}Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed [the crowd], ²²"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 — ²³this 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. ²⁴But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. ²⁵For 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;

- ²⁶therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover my flesh will live in hope.
- ²⁷For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One experience corruption.
- ²⁸You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.'
- ²⁹"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. ³⁰Since 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. ³¹Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying,

'He was not abandoned to Hades,

nor did his flesh experience corruption.'

³²This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses."

The word of the Lord.

READING: Psalm 16 Early Service Only

"We will read the Psalm responsively."

L: ¹Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

C: ²I say to the LORD, "You are my LORD; I have no good apart from you."

L: ³As for the holy ones in the land, they are the noble, in whom is all my delight.

C: ⁴Those who choose another god multiply their sorrows; their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out or take their names upon my lips.

L: ⁵The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot.

C: ⁶The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; I have a goodly heritage.

L: ⁷I bless the LORD who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me.

C: ⁸I keep the LORD always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.

L: ⁹Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices; my body also rests secure.

C: ¹⁰For you do not give me up to Sheol, or let your faithful one see the Pit.

L: ¹¹You show me the path of life. In your presence there is fullness of joy; in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.