

## COLLECT

O God,  
the strength of all those who put their  
trust in you,  
mercifully accept our prayers  
and, because through the weakness of  
our mortal nature  
we can do no good thing without you,  
grant us the help of your grace,  
that in the keeping of your  
commandments  
we may please you both in will and  
deed;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

## FIRST READING Genesis 3:8-15

*A reading from the book of Genesis.*  
The man and the woman heard the  
sound of the LORD God walking in  
the garden at the time of the evening  
breeze, and the man and his wife  
hid themselves from the presence  
of the LORD God among the trees  
of the garden. But the LORD God  
called to the man, and said to him,  
"Where are you?" He said, "I heard  
the sound of you in the garden, and I  
was afraid, because I was naked; and  
I hid myself." He said, "Who told you  
that you were naked? Have you eaten  
from the tree of which I commanded  
you not to eat?" The man said, "The  
woman whom you gave to be with me,  
she gave me fruit from the tree, and I  
ate." Then the LORD God said to the  
woman, "What is this that you have  
done?" The woman said, "The serpent  
tricked me, and I ate." The LORD God  
said to the serpent, "Because you have  
done this, cursed are you among all  
animals and among all wild creatures;  
upon your belly you shall go, and dust  
you shall eat all the days of your life. I  
will put enmity between you and the  
woman, and between your offspring  
and hers; he will strike your head, and  
you will strike his heel."

## PSALM Psalm 130

**R** My soul waits for the Lord.

Out of the depths have I cried to you,  
O Lord;  
Lord, hear my voice;

let your ears consider well the voice of  
my supplication.  
If you, Lord, were to mark what is done  
amiss,  
O Lord, who could stand?  
But there is forgiveness with you,  
so that you shall be feared. **R**

I wait for the Lord; my soul waits for  
him;  
in his word is my hope.  
My soul waits for the Lord,  
more than the night watch for the  
morning,  
more than the night watch for the  
morning. **R**

O Israel, wait for the Lord,  
for with the Lord there is mercy;  
With him is plenteous redemption  
and he shall redeem Israel from all  
their sins. **R**

## SECOND READING

**2 Corinthians 4:13 – 5:1**

*A reading from the second letter of  
Paul to the Corinthians.*

Just as we have the same spirit of faith  
that is in accordance with scripture –  
"I believed, and so I spoke" – we also  
believe, and so we speak, because we  
know that the one who raised the Lord  
Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and  
will bring us with you into his presence.  
Yes, everything is for your sake, so that  
grace, as it extends to more and more  
people, may increase thanksgiving, to  
the glory of God. So we do not lose  
heart. Even though our outer nature is  
wasting away, our inner nature is being  
renewed day by day. For this slight  
momentary affliction is preparing us  
for an eternal weight of glory beyond  
all measure, because we look not at  
what can be seen but at what cannot  
be seen; for what can be seen is  
temporary, but what cannot be seen is  
eternal. For we know that if the earthly  
tent we live in is destroyed, we have a  
building from God, a house not made  
with hands, eternal in the heavens.

## GOSPEL Mark 3:20-end

*Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus  
Christ according to Mark.*

The crowd came together again, so  
that Jesus and his companions could

not even eat. When his family heard  
it, they went out to restrain him, for  
people were saying, "He has gone  
out of his mind." And the scribes who  
came down from Jerusalem said, "He  
has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the  
demons he casts out demons." And he  
called them to him, and spoke to them  
in parables, "How can Satan cast out  
Satan? If a kingdom is divided against  
itself, that kingdom cannot stand. And  
if a house is divided against itself, that  
house will not be able to stand. And if  
Satan has risen up against himself and  
is divided, he cannot stand, but his  
end has come. But no one can enter  
a strong man's house and plunder his  
property without first tying up the  
strong man; then indeed the house can  
be plundered. Truly I tell you, people  
will be forgiven for their sins and  
whatever blasphemies they utter; but  
whoever blasphemes against the Holy  
Spirit can never have forgiveness, but  
is guilty of an eternal sin" – for they  
had said, "He has an unclean spirit."  
Then his mother and his brothers  
came; and standing outside, they sent  
to him and called him. A crowd was  
sitting around him; and they said to  
him, "Your mother and your brothers  
and sisters are outside, asking for  
you." And he replied, "Who are my  
mother and my brothers?" And looking  
at those who sat around him, he said,  
"Here are my mother and my brothers!  
Whoever does the will of God is my  
brother and sister and mother."

## POST COMMUNION

Eternal Father,  
we thank you for nourishing us  
with these heavenly gifts:  
may our communion strengthen us in  
faith,  
build us up in hope,  
and make us grow in love;  
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.



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