

**Collect:** Lord, you have taught us that all our doings without love are nothing worth: send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love, the true bond of peace and of all virtues, without which whoever lives is counted dead before you. Grant this for your only Son Jesus Christ's sake, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

### Mark 3.20–35

<sup>20</sup> The crowd came together again, so that Jesus and his companions could not even eat.

<sup>21</sup> When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, 'He has gone out of his mind.' <sup>22</sup> And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, 'He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons.' <sup>23</sup> And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, 'How can Satan cast out Satan? <sup>24</sup> If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. <sup>25</sup> And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. <sup>26</sup> And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. <sup>27</sup> 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. <sup>28</sup> Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; <sup>29</sup> but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin' — <sup>30</sup> for they had said, 'He has an unclean spirit.' <sup>31</sup> Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. <sup>32</sup> A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, 'Your mother and

your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you.' <sup>33</sup> And he replied, 'Who are my mother and my brothers?' <sup>34</sup> And looking at those who sat around him, he said, 'Here are my mother and my brothers! <sup>35</sup> Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.'

### 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1 (Good News Version)

<sup>13</sup> The scripture says, "I spoke because I believed." In the same spirit of faith we also speak because we believe. <sup>14</sup> We know that God, who raised the Lord Jesus to life, will also raise us up with Jesus and take us, together with you, into his presence. <sup>15</sup> All this is for your sake; and as God's grace reaches more and more people, they will offer to the glory of God more prayers of thanksgiving. <sup>16</sup> For this reason we never become discouraged. Even though our physical being is gradually decaying, yet our spiritual being is renewed day after day. <sup>17</sup> And this small and temporary trouble we suffer will bring us a tremendous and eternal glory, much greater than the trouble. <sup>18</sup> For we fix our attention, not on things that are seen, but on things that are unseen. What can be seen lasts only for a time, but what cannot be seen lasts forever.

<sup>1</sup> For we know that when this tent we live in—our body here on earth—is torn down, God will have a house in heaven for us to live in, a home he himself has made, which will last forever.

**Post Communion:** Loving Father, we thank you for feeding us at the supper of your Son: sustain us with your Spirit, that we may serve you here on earth until our joy is complete in heaven, and we share in the eternal banquet with Jesus Christ our Lord.

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