



**Archdiocese of St. Louis  
Office of Sacred Worship  
Lectio Divina**

**Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle B**

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**First Reading**

*Gen 3:9-15*

After the man, Adam, had eaten of the tree, the LORD God then called to the man and asked him: Where are you? He answered, "I heard you in the garden; but I was afraid, because I was naked, so I hid." Then God asked: Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I had forbidden you to eat? The man replied, "The woman whom you put here with me—she gave me fruit from the tree, so I ate it." The LORD God then asked the woman: What is this you have done? The woman answered, "The snake tricked me, so I ate it." Then the LORD God said to the snake: Because you have done this, cursed are you among all the animals, tame or wild; On your belly you shall crawl, 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; They will strike at your head, while you strike at their heel.



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**Responsorial Psalm**

*Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8*

***R. With the Lord there is mercy, and fullness of redemption.***

Out of the depths I call to you, LORD; Lord, hear my cry! May your ears be attentive to my cry for mercy.

***R. With the Lord there is mercy, and fullness of redemption.***

If you, LORD, keep account of sins, Lord, who can stand? But with you is forgiveness and so you are revered.

***R. With the Lord there is mercy, and fullness of redemption.***

I wait for the LORD, my soul waits and I hope for his word. My soul looks for the Lord more than sentinels for daybreak. More than sentinels for daybreak, let Israel hope in the LORD.

***R. With the Lord there is mercy, and fullness of redemption.***

For with the LORD is mercy, with him is plenteous redemption, And he will redeem Israel from all its sins.

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**Second Reading**

*2 Cor 4:13-5:1*

Brothers and sisters;

Since, then, we have the same spirit of faith, according to what is written, "I believed, therefore I spoke," we too believe and therefore speak, knowing that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and place us with you in his presence. Everything indeed is for you, so that the grace bestowed in abundance on more and more people may cause the thanksgiving to overflow for the glory of God.



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**Alleluia**

*Jn12:31b-32*

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Now the ruler of this world will be driven out, says the Lord; and when I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to myself.

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

**Gospel**

*Mark 3:20-35*

Jesus came home. Again [the] crowd gathered, making it impossible for them even to eat. When his relatives heard of this they set out to seize him, for they said, "He is out of his mind." The scribes who had come from Jerusalem said, "He is possessed by Beelzebul," and "By the prince of demons he drives out demons."

Summoning them, he began to speak to them in parables, "How can Satan drive 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; that is the end of him. But no one can enter a strong man's house to plunder his property unless he first ties up the strong man. Then he can plunder his house. Amen, I say to you, all sins and all blasphemies that people utter will be forgiven them. But whoever blasphemes against the holy Spirit will never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an everlasting sin." For they had said, "He has an unclean spirit."

His mother and his brothers arrived. Standing outside they sent word to him and called him. A crowd seated around him told him, "Your mother and your brothers [and your sisters] are outside asking for you." But he said to them in reply, "Who are my mother and [my] brothers?" And looking around at those seated in the circle he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers. [For] whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother."