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First Sunday after Trinity

Collect of the Day

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

2 Corinthians 4.13-5.1

¹³Just 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,
¹⁴because 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. ¹⁵Yes,
everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it
extends to more and more people, may increase
thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

¹⁶So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer
nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being
renewed day by day. ¹⁷For this slight momentary
affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of
glory beyond all measure, ¹⁸because 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.

¹⁹For 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.
(NRSV)

Gospel

Mark 3.20-35

²⁰The crowd came together again, so that Jesus
and his companions could not even eat. ²¹When
his family heard it, they went out to restrain him,
for people were saying, ‘He has gone out of his
mind.’ ²²And the scribes who came down from
Jerusalem said, ‘He has Beelzebul, and by the
ruler of the demons he casts out demons.’ ²³And
he called them to him, and spoke to them in
parables, ‘How can Satan cast out Satan? ²⁴If a
kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom
cannot stand. ²⁵And if a house is divided against
itself, that house will not be able to stand. ²⁶And if
Satan has risen up against himself and is divided,
he cannot stand, but his end has come. ²⁷But 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.

²⁸Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their
sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; ²⁹but
whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can
never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal
sin’ – ³⁰for they had said, ‘He has an unclean
spirit.’

³¹Then his mother and his brothers came; and
standing outside, they sent to him and called him.
³²A crowd was sitting around him; and they said
to him, ‘Your mother and your brothers and
sisters are outside, asking for you.’ ³³And he
replied, ‘Who are my mother and my brothers?’
³⁴And looking at those who sat around him, he
said, ‘Here are my mother and my brothers!’
³⁵Whoever does the will of God is my brother
and sister and mother.’ (NRSV)

Post Communion Prayer

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.