In the Catholic imagination, God has just spoken to us, in the guise of a human voice.

In our second reading, God said:
“Brothers and sisters, are you unaware, that we who were baptized into Christ Jesus, were baptized into his death.
We were buried with him and just as he was raised from the dead by God’s glory we too might live new lives.”

True Christian life, Paul is saying in other words is a way of living in another dimension, a dimension where you don’t have to worry about death. A dimension where there is no worry about death implies a life without scarcity or inequality. It is one in which competition is meaningless and violence makes no sense. It is the dimension in which the cross of Christ is not shameful, but a bold announcement that evil has been overcome.

St. Paul in a sense goes on to say: "We believers can move through life assured that God is directing everything, so that those united with Christ can help overcome the evil that is there."

Believers are meant to live with confidence and fearlessly. The task of Christian life is to fit ourselves into that which we have already been made by baptism: It is about becoming what you are, who and whose you are!

The difference between Christians, and other folks who are going about doing good, is that we know the source of our vision and strength. We name it the Holy Spirit.

God dwells in us and yet is not reduced to us. God is always calling us beyond where we are at any given moment. Both Paul and Jesus are saying, “Get over yourselves so that you can lose the life you plan for and find fullness of life in Christ.”

Your sense of life is too small.
Get beyond biological family, culture and country.

There is a hymn most of us know that sums some of this up nicely:

O breathe on me, O breath of God,
fill me with life anew that I may love
the things You love, and do what you would do.

O breathe on me, O breath of God,
until my heart is pure;
until my will is one with Yours,
to do and to endure.

O breathe on me, O breath of God,
my will to Yours incline,
until this selfish part of me
glows with Your fire divine.

Jesus feeds us at these tables and then sends us out to live bravely his mission.