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Former House Speaker Kevin McCarthy, R-California, walks back to the speaker's office after he was ousted from the position by a 216-to-210 vote of the House of Representatives at the U.S. Capitol in Washington Oct. 3. (OSV News/Reuters/Jonathan Ernst)



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Heidi, Father Daniel, and David explore the dysfunction at the top levels of the Republican Party, as demonstrated by the recent vacancy of the Speaker of the House, and discuss *Laudate Deum*, the recent addendum to *Laudato Si'*. In our last segment, Heidi interviews Kate McElwee, executive director of the Women's Ordination Conference.

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