

March 14, 2021 Fourth Sunday of Lent (B)

FIRST READING Ephesians 2:4–10

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Ephesians

Brothers and sisters: God was merciful!
We were dead because of our sins, but God loved us so much that he made us alive with Christ, and God's kindness is what saves you.

God raised us from death to life with Christ Jesus, and he has given us a place beside Christ in heaven above.

God did this so that in the future world he could show how truly good and kind he is to us because of what Christ Jesus has done.

You were saved by faith in God,
who treats us much better than we deserve.

This is God's gift to you,
and not anything you have done on your own.

It isn't something you have earned,
so there is nothing you can brag about.

God planned for us to do good things
and to live as he has always wanted us to live.

That's why he sent Christ to make us what we are.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Psalm 25:4–5abc, 6 & 7cd*

All: Remember your mercies, O Lord.

*Show me your paths and teach me to follow; guide me by your truth and instruct me.
You keep me safe.*

All: Remember your mercies, O Lord.

*Please, Lord, remember,
you have always
been patient and kind. Show how truly kind you are
and remember me.*

All: Remember your mercies, O Lord.

GOSPEL John 3:16–17

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus told Nicodemus:

“God loved the people of this world so much

that he gave his only Son,
so that everyone who has faith in him

will have eternal life and never die.

God did not send his Son into the world to condemn its people. He sent him to save them!”

The Gospel of the Lord.