

## **Fourth Sunday of Lent**

**2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23.** The destruction of Jerusalem followed a long series of sin and the people's rejection of the Lord's messengers. Through Cyrus, king of Persia, the Israelites are freed from their exile and permitted to rebuild the Jerusalem temple.

**Psalm 137.** Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you.

**Ephesians 2: 4-10.** Not because of our merit, but on account of God's kindness to us in Christ Jesus, we have been raised up as a new creation, to lead a life of good deeds which God has prepared for us in advance.

**John 3: 14-21.** Just as Moses lifted up the bronze serpent, so must Jesus be lifted up that all who believe may have eternal life in him. God sent this Son, not to condemn the world but to save those who believe in him.