

4th Sunday of Lent

(2 Chron 36:14-17, 19-23/Eph 2:4-10/Jn 3:14-21)

Theme: Let us look upon Christ. He has come to save us.

My dear people of God. The story of today's first reading shows us the effect of sin in our lives as children of God. Here the people of God become unfaithful to God. They allowed themselves to get involved in all sorts of abominations. They mocked the messengers of God and despised the words of God.

As a result of all these sins against God, God allowed his wrath to fall against his people. God allowed them to be defeated by their enemies and carried away into exile. Many of them fell by the sword and those who escaped the sword became slaves and servants to other nations.

The second reading of today from Paul's letter to the Ephesians, shows us the magnitude of God's mercy and love to those who look upon him and put their trust in him. It shows us that God loves us even when we are dead through our sins. Out of God's love and kindness, he sent us his only Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, to be the means of our salvation with faith in Christ we are brought closer to God again. By living our faith in Christ and through good works, Christ cleanses and purifies us and makes us again worthy to be called God's children.

From the gospel narrative today, Christ assures us that just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son be lifted up and all those who believe in Him and look upon Him will be saved.

So my dear friends in Christ, this is our time again. From our various places of exile and wilderness (poverty, sickness, situations, hardship, etc.), let us cry out to Christ with faith. For he is here to help us and save us.