

## **A Reading from the Book of Ephesians**

<sup>4</sup> God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us <sup>5</sup> even when we were dead through our sins, made us alive together with Christ<sup>[a]</sup>—by grace you have been saved— <sup>6</sup> and raised us up and seated us in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, <sup>7</sup> so that in the ages to come God might show the immeasurable riches of grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. <sup>8</sup> For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God— <sup>9</sup> not the result of works, so that no one may boast. <sup>10</sup> For we are what the Creator has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good acts, which God prepared at the beginning to be our way of life.

### **The Word of the Lord**

## **Please join me in the Psalm**

Give thanks for the goodness of God, \*  
***for the Lord's grace continues forever.***

<sup>2</sup> Let those redeemed by the Lord say it, \*  
***those God redeemed from the power of the foe.***

<sup>3</sup> For God gathered them from the lands, \*  
***from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.***

<sup>17</sup> There were foolish people who took to rebellious ways; \*  
***they were afflicted because of their crimes and sins;***

<sup>19</sup> In their trouble they cried to the Lord, \*  
***and God rescued them from their distress;***

<sup>20</sup> God sent his word and healed them, \*  
***and delivered them from destruction.***

<sup>21</sup> Let them give thanks to the Lord for his grace, \*  
***for God's wonders bestowed on humanity!***