



## Scripture for today's sermon:

2 Chronicles 34:1, 3, 8, 14, 18-19, 22-24, 26-27

<sup>1</sup> Josiah was eight years old when he became king, and he reigned in Jerusalem thirty-one years.

<sup>3</sup> In the eighth year of his reign, while he was still young, he began to seek the God of his father David. In his twelfth year he began to purge Judah and Jerusalem of high places, Asherah poles, carved idols and cast images.

<sup>8</sup> In the eighteenth year of Josiah's reign, to purify the land and the temple, he sent Shaphan son of Azaliah and Maaseiah the ruler of the city, with Joah son of Joahaz, the recorder, to repair the temple of the Lord his God.

**<sup>14</sup> While they were bringing out the money that had been taken into the temple of the Lord, Hilkiah the priest found the Book of the Law of the Lord that had been given through Moses.**

**<sup>18</sup> Then Shaphan the secretary informed the king, "Hilkiah the priest has given me a book." And Shaphan read from it in the presence of the king.**

**<sup>19</sup> When the king heard the words of the Law, he tore his robes.**

<sup>22</sup> Hilkiah and those the king had sent with him went to speak to the prophetess Huldah, who was the wife of Shallum son of Tokhath, the son of Hasrah, keeper of the wardrobe. She lived in Jerusalem, in the Second District.

<sup>23</sup> She said to them, "This is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says: Tell the man who sent you to me, <sup>24</sup> 'This is what the Lord says: I am going to bring disaster on this place and its people—all the curses written in the book that has been read in the presence of the king of Judah.

<sup>26</sup> Tell the king of Judah, who sent you to inquire of the Lord, 'This is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says concerning the words you heard: <sup>27</sup> Because your heart was responsive and you humbled yourself before God when you heard what he spoke against this place and its people, and because you humbled yourself before me and tore your robes and wept in my presence, I have heard you, declares the Lord.