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Daily Reflections

JOURNEYING THROUGH LENT

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CORNERSTONE OF LIFE

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Excerpt from Today's Gospel

*The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone;
by the Lord has this been done,
and it is wonderful in our eyes*

MATTHEW 21:42

Reflection

This passage highlights the importance of Jesus in our faith journey. This Chapter in Matthew begins with the story of tenants who refused to pay the owner their agreed upon share of the crops. Instead, they killed the servants the owner had sent, as well as the owner's own son. In Matthew, Jesus is

comparing Israel's religious leaders to these tenants because they, too, will kill Jesus, will crucify Jesus, the Son of God.

“Cornerstone” is the key word in this passage as it represents Jesus as the foundation on which the church is built. Whatever is in alignment with Jesus, will be in alignment with God. If you recall yesterday's readings, it points to our trust in God. He sent his only Son so that we might have life and have it to the fullest.



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Cornerstone

May we not reject you, Jesus,

*the cornerstone of our lives.
Let not our faith be built
upon stones that crumble
and fall.*

*Sturdy are you,
Cornerstone of my life.
May all the components of my life
Rest gently upon our foundation.*

*Let not me reject your ways
by casting others aside.
May the stone that is my life
align with all like-minded and
like-hearted stones that continue
to build your church anew
each morning.*

*Cornerstone of all the creation,
may I find strength in you,
increasing my desire
to be counted among
the faithful.*

For Pondering & Prayer

- As the shadows of this second week of Lent lengthen, are there aspects of your life that are out of alignment with the Cornerstone of your faith?
- How might you continue to build up the church through your presence?

We pray for reconciliation for all who might be rejecting the tenants of our faith. May we realign ourselves with the teachings of Jesus as our Lenten journey continues. Amen.

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