

MAY 3, 2026 FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
SECOND READING BY ELAINE CLARK-SIBERRY
A READING FROM THE FIRST LETTER OF PETER

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation- if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

For it stands in scripture: "See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame."

This honour, then, is for you who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, "The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner,"

"A stone that makes them stumble and a rock that makes them fall." They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

1 Peter 2:2-10

Word of God Word of Life