



*Easter Sunday!*  
*Raquette Lake Chapel April 12, 2020*

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***Selected Easter Sunday Readings from the Revised Common Lectionary***

- Jeremiah 31:1-6: A time will come when our relationship with God will be restored.
- Psalms 118:1-2, 14-24: A song of celebration (“The right hand of the Lord has triumphed!”)
- Colossians 3:1-4: In Baptism we are “raised with Christ,” dying to our old ways and focusing on new, Godly, ones.
- Matthew 28:1-10: Mary Magdalene and Mary are greeted by an angel at the tomb.

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***“Grace in the Wilderness” . . .***

A senior Scout leader at Scout camp a couple of summers ago said, “I’m not really religious. The woods are my church.” By grace, we all find our personal holy space, a calm place, somewhere we can just be still and “rejoice and be glad in it.” Our church. And it’s not always in a building.

None of us attended a magnificent church or cathedral for Easter this year. We didn’t dress up for this special day, nor did we have a large family meal. No family Easter egg hunts either. Many of us didn’t even leave the house. This is not the Easter we are used to nor did we expect only a few weeks ago. In today’s Gospel reading, the two Marys who visited Jesus’s tomb didn’t find what they expected either. Jesus “is not here...He has been raised,” the Angel greeting them said.



The perpetual message of Easter is Resurrection. In the stories told by those who encountered Jesus after the Resurrection we can find one striking detail: He often was not immediately recognizable. Resurrection may not be what we expect. It is new life, not a continuation of the old life. It is a transformed life, a life “hidden with Christ in God.” That is the Easter message for us...in our holy place today, our church: we have “found grace in the wilderness” – we are resurrected.

May we all have a blessed Easter and embrace our new, resurrected life in Christ! Amen.

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***This Week Prayers for . . .***

- Kevin’s continued health, Debbie and John, the Raquette Lake Chapel community.
- all who have died and those suffering from the COVID-19 virus
- all healthcare workers who are battling the COVID-19 virus.

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***YouTube Sunday Evening Prayer Videos . . .***

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