



***Raquette Lake Chapel Sunday Blast!
March 29, 2020, The 5th Sunday in Lent***

This Sunday's Readings from the Revised Common Lectionary

- Ezekiel 37:1-14 -- In exile, Ezekiel was to preach the word of God to bring new life to dead Israel.
- Psalm 130 – “My soul waits for the Lord, more than watchmen for the morning...”
- Romans 8:6-11 -- Paul writes that we are empowered to live a new life in the Spirit.
- John 11:1-45 -- The raising of Lazarus points forward to Jesus' death and resurrection.

Not a Sermon . . .

If you watch tonight's Evening Prayer on YouTube using the [Celtic Daily Prayer](#) service, you will recognize the recurring phrases from Psalm 130:

“My soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning. I will wait for the Lord. My soul waits, and in His word do I hope.” (from [Celtic Daily Prayer, Evening Prayer](#))

There is a difference between waiting and being stuck - inertia. Many of us these days feel stuck. We're stuck because there is a global pandemic and, we are staying home as much as possible, like good citizens. Maybe we need to fix the car, but the shop isn't open, or we don't have the money right now. Or we can't take a vacation; we can't go shopping whenever we want. In rainy weather, farmers say “try to find something to do indoors.” How we use our time determines the course of our lives: what we face is either an obstacle or an opportunity.

So that's where we are right now, waiting and looking at obstacles. We're faced with a choice. A choice to use the time and resources we do have or not. It's totally up to us. Waiting for the Lord, in whatever form He appears to us, is an activity, not a withdrawal and definitely not inertia! May each of us find hope and opportunity while” waiting for the Lord.” May it be so. Amen.

This Week Prayers for . . .

- Kevin's continued health.
- healing and comfort for Debbie and her husband John.
- all who are suffering from illness or fear of illness and uncertainty.
- all who are in danger of losing their livelihoods.

New YouTube Videos . . .

I'll continue to put a short Sunday evening prayer service on YouTube. Tonight, we'll have Evening Prayer from the Celtic Daily Prayer Book. This link will take you to the Evening Prayer videos:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCbEMZwngMxckndnW_cRfCaA