



Raquette Lake Chapel Sunday Reflection May 16, 2021

This Sunday's readings (7th Sunday after Easter):

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26: Readings from the first chapters of Acts emphasize the missionary activity to Jews. Today's lection tells of the selection of another apostle to replace Judas.

Psalms 1: "Blessed are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked..."

1 John 5:9-13: A brief summary of, perhaps, the heart of Christianity: "God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life..."

John 17:6-19: The Last Supper is over; soon Jesus will be arrested in the Garden of Gethsemane. In meditation, he looks up to heaven; he prays to the Father. He has come to earth to provide eternal life to all who believe. Now he prays for the disciples.

Reflection: *"And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world..." (John 17:11)*

"A Gentle Reminder"

From the very first verses of John's Gospel we can tell this is something very different from the Gospels of Mark, Matthew, and Luke (the "synoptic", the straight-forward story Gospels). In John 1 is that famous, almost mystical retelling of the Creation (John 1:1-5):

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it."

In today's Gospel we have come to the end of Jesus's time with the apostles.

These final verses in John return us to

that rare, mystically divine world from which Jesus came and is returning to. Jesus asks the disciples to care for God's people just as he cared for them. We might ask ourselves this week: who are the "they" who are still in this world who need my care and prayers? That is our way of living the Gospel.



Special Prayers: for those undergoing medical treatment, especially John, Nancy, and Wayne. And may the peace which passes all understanding be with us this day and forever. Amen – Vance