

EPICLESIS VIRTUAL CHAPTER HOUSE

Prayer and Eucharist, Thursday, April 6, 2023

Celtic Daily Prayer Book 1, Aidan Readings, April 6

Psalm 87:1-7 † Isaiah 62:12 † Revelation 21:9-11, 23

Daily Reading

Conversation with an Angel:

The Human: “A quarry? I live in the midst of a quarry? Called Earth?”

The Angel: “Yes you do...chiseled upon by God, man, circumstances. But you are not alone. Every believer who has ever lived, those who lived before His visitation and all those who are yet to come, one day you all will be lifted out of this quarry through that door.... *Then* shall no hammer be heard, for all of that is done in the quarry. On *that* side of the door, there will be no hammer, no chisel, no mason work at all. It is here, on this side of the building site, where all cutting, chiseling, sanding and polishing must take place. Here! Not there. All the thud of hammers..., the grating of chisels, and the grinding of sand...occurs here!

Meditation

The Angel continues:

“It is the plan of the MasterBuilder that all the business of making rough rock into perfectly fitting polished stone be accomplished in the quarry. *There*, there beyond this place, beyond that door, is the assembling together of what has been done here. And you’ll not be an endless array of stones. Together you will be assembled in one place, as one, almost as one vast stone...a living city...the bride. The New Jerusalem.”

--Gene Edwards, *The Inward Journey*, adapted from the readings for April 5 & 6