

EPICLESIS VIRTUAL CHAPTER HOUSE

PRAYER AND EUCHARIST, THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2022

Celtic Daily Prayer Book 2, Eata Readings, October 19-20

Psalm 18:24 † Isaiah 55:6 † Matthew 6:33-34

Daily Reading

God is always coming to you in the Sacrament of the Present Moment. Meet and receive Him there with gratitude in that sacrament.

--Evelyn Underhill

Mediation

More is required of those who wake up to reality than the passive adoration of God or intimate communion with God. Those responses, great as they are, do not cover the purpose of our creation. The riches and beauty of the spiritual landscape are not disclosed to us in order that we may sit in the sun parlor, be grateful for the excellent hospitality, and contemplate the glorious view. Some people suppose that the spiritual life mainly consists in doing that. God provides the spectacle. We gaze with reverent appreciation from our comfortable seats and call this procedure Worship.

No idea of our situation could be more mistaken than this. Our place is not in the auditorium but the stage – or, as the case may be, the field, workshop, study, laboratory – because we ourselves form part of the creative apparatus of God, or at least are meant to form part of the creative apparatus of God For though we may renounce the world for ourselves, refuse the attempt to get anything out of it, we have to accept it as the sphere in which we are to co-operate with the Spirit, and try to do the Will of God.

--Evelyn Underhill