EPICLESIS VIRTUAL CHAPTER HOUSE

Prayer and Eucharist, Thursday, November 12, 2026

Celtic Daily Prayer Book 1, Eata Readings, November 12

Psalm 46:1-2 † Nahum 1:2 † Mark 5:1-13

NOTE: The November readings in Celtic Daily Prayer Book 2, focus on the life and writings of Antony of Egypt, who is viewed as the founder of the monastic movement in Christianity. The source for these readings is Athanasius', Life of Antony, written shortly after Antony's death in 356 A.D. The mention of demons in Antony's experience is thought by some to be psychologically unsophisticated— a kind of naïve blame-shifting— projecting one's own darkness onto external forces that really do not exist outside of oneself. But the Scriptures and Christian experience (including Antony's) bear witness to the reality of malign forces in our world and to the fact that the "invasion" of Christ has set those powers back.

Daily Reading

Ever since the Lord came to stay here with us on earth, the enemy is fallen and his powers are weakened. And though he is able to do nothing, nevertheless like a deposed tyrant fallen from power, he does not remain quiet but mutters threats, although even these are only words. If you each remember this, you will be able to despise the demons.

Meditation

So, although we cannot hide, all our enemy can do is threaten. These demons play parts as if they were actors on the stage, changing their appearance and frightening children by the shapes they take or by pretending to be many in number. Instead they deserve only to be despised for their weakness and ineptitude.