EPICLESIS VIRTUAL CHAPTER HOUSE

Prayer and Eucharist, Thursday, November 5, 2026

Celtic Daily Prayer Book 1, Aidan Readings, November 3

Psalm 118:20-28 † Leviticus 23:39-43 † John 7:37-46

Daily Reading

The Feast of Tabernacles or booths (Sukkot) is the context for John's Gospel chapters 7 to 9. During the Feast, the procession carrying water from the pool of Siloam would circle the Temple and pour their libations on the altar. This was done seven times on the last day of the Feast. Palm branches and fruit were waved before God and Psalms 113 to 118 always sung.

> *Bonfires were lit, and men of piety danced, holding lighted torches and singing songs and hymns to the accompaniment of harps, lyres and trumpets played by Levites.*
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> --The Talmud

Meditation

In the evening of the final day of the Feast came a magnificent sight as the lamps were lit in the Court of the Women. Light streamed for the so that the Temple shone with an incredible brightness of light. Was this the moment that occasioned Jesus' amazing statement: "I AM the Light of the world"?