



**ALL SAINTS EPISCOPAL CHURCH
NOONDAY AND HEALING PRAYER SERVICE
Wednesday, November 22, 2023**

**THE COMMEMORATION OF CLIVE STAPLES LEWIS
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OPENING ACCLAMATION

Grace and peace to you from God.

God fill you with truth and joy.

The Lord be with you.

The Lord bless you.

This is the day which the Lord has made.

We will rejoice and be glad in it.

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

The Collect

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Officiant Let us pray.

O God of searing truth and surpassing beauty, we give you thanks for Clive Staples Lewis, whose sanctified imagination lit fires of faith in young and old alike. Surprise us also with your joy and draw us into that new and abundant life which is ours in Christ Jesus, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

A Reading from the Book of 1 Peter 1:3-9

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the

resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith-- being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire-- may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Reader The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 139:1-9

Domine, probasti

- 1 **LORD, you have searched me out and known me; *
 you know my sitting down and my rising up;
 you discern my thoughts from afar.**
- 2 **You trace my journeys and my resting-places *
 and are acquainted with all my ways.**
- 3 **Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, *
 but you, O LORD, know it altogether.**
- 4 **You press upon me behind and before *
 and lay your hand upon me.**
- 5 **Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; *
 it is so high that I cannot attain to it.**
- 6 **Where can I go then from your Spirit? *
 where can I flee from your presence?**
- 7 **If I climb up to heaven, you are there; *
 if I make the grave my bed, you are there also.**
- 8 **If I take the wings of the morning *
 and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,**
- 9 **Even there your hand will lead me *
 and your right hand hold me fast.**

The Gospel

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John 16:7-15.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: about sin, because they do not believe in me; about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned.

"I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you."

Reader The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Homily

Lou Strennen

A LITANY OF HEALING

Let us name before God those for whom we offer our prayers:

*The people audibly name those for whom they are interceding
and we include the names of those on our parish prayer list.*

Loving God, the comfort of all who sorrow, the strength of all who suffer: accept our prayers for those who seek healing and all whom we name in our hearts. Grant the power of your grace, that the weak may be strengthened, sickness turned to health, the dying made whole, and sorrow turned to joy;

Hear us O Lord of life.

God the Father, your will for all people is health and salvation;

We praise you and thank you, O Lord.

God the Son, you came that we might have life, and might have it more abundantly;

We praise you and thank you, O Lord.

God the Holy Spirit, you make our bodies the temple of your presence;

We praise you and thank you, O Lord.

Holy Trinity, one God, in you we live and move and have our being;

We praise you and thank you, O Lord.

Befriend all who are lonely, anxious, despondent, or afraid with an awareness of your presence;

Hear us O Lord of Life.

Mend broken relationships, and restore those in emotional distress to clarity of mind and hopefulness of heart.

Hear us O Lord of life.

Heavenly Father, you have promised to hear what we ask in the Name of your Son: Accept and fulfill our petitions, we pray, not as we ask in our ignorance, nor as we deserve in our sinfulness, but as you know and love us in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Having prayed for others, let us now pray for ourselves, confessing our transgressions against God and our neighbors.

God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil which enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

May the God of Love, visit us in our times of trial and weakness, pardon and deliver us from all our sins, raise us to newness of life, strengthen us in all goodness and through the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. **Amen.**

Laying on of Hands

Officiant I lay my hands upon you in the Name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, beseeching him to uphold you and fill you with his grace, that you may know the healing power of his love. Amen.

Generous God, we give you thanks for your beloved Jesus Christ in whom you have shared the beauty and pain of human life. Look with

compassion on all for whom we pray and strengthen us to be your instrument of healing in the world, by the power of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

The Peace

A Collect for the Human Family

O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son: Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth; that, in your good time, all nations and races may serve you in harmony around your heavenly throne; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Collect for All Saints and our Rector

Almighty and everliving God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth, hear our prayers for our rector and our parish family. Stir up your power within our parish, strengthen the faithful and restore the penitent. Grant us all things necessary for our common life, and bring us all to be of one heart and mind within your holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

Officiant **Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia!**
People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!**

