



VESPERS
on the Eve of the Memorial of
Clive S. Lewis

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As members of a parish in the Diocese of New Westminster, we acknowledge that we are gathered from a variety of locations within the traditional and unceded ancestral territory of the Coast Salish people, including but not limited to, the halq'-emylém speaking Kwantlen, Kwikwetlem, Musqueam, Tseil-watuth, and Tsawwassen nations.

The Preparation

Presider

Clive Staples Lewis was born in 1898. He is best known as a popular apologist for Christianity in the twentieth century. He wrote novels on Christian themes for both children and adults, including “The Chronicles of Narnia”. He wrote other books, many based on talks he had given or articles he had written. These included *The Screwtape Letters* and *Mere Christianity*. There were more autobiographical works, *Surprised by Joy*, on his own Christian journey, and *A Grief Observed*, a moving account of his grief at the death of his wife. C.S. Lewis died on 22 November 1963.

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Anglican Church of Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia

The Preparation

Presider

O God, make speed to save us,
O Lord, make haste to help us.

From the rising of the Sun to its setting
your glory is proclaimed in all the world.

Glory to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God:
as it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever.
Amen.

Act of Praise

O Gracious Light, Lord Jesus Christ
Common Praise 14

Presider or Cantor

O gracious light, Lord Jesus Christ, in you the Father's glory shone. Immortal, holy, blest is he, and blest are you, his holy Son.

Now sunset comes, but light shines forth; the lamps are lit to pierce the night. Praise Father, Son, and Spirit: God who dwells in the eternal light.

Worthy are you of endless praise, O Son of God, life giving Lord; wherefore you are through all the earth and in the highest heaven adored.

The Psalm

Psalm 63: 1 - 9

Psalmist

O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you; *
**my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you,
as in a barren and dry land where there is no
water.**

Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place, *
that I might behold your power and your glory.

For your loving-kindness is better than life itself; *
my lips shall give you praise.

So will I bless you as long as I live *
and lift up my hands in your name.

My soul is content, as with marrow and fatness, *
and my mouth praises you with joyful lips,

When I remember you upon my bed, *
and meditate on you in the night watches.

The Psalm (Cont'd)

For you have been my helper, *
**and under the shadow of your wings I will
rejoice.**

My soul clings to you; *
your right hand holds me fast.

May those who seek my life to destroy it *
go down into the depths of the earth.

The Psalm Prayer

Lord, you are just and your commandments are
eternal. Teach us to love you with all our heart and to
love our neighbour as ourselves, for the sake of Jesus
our Lord.

Amen.

The Reading

John 8: 48 - 58

Reader

The Jews said to him, “Are we not right in saying that you are a Samaritan and have a demon?” Jesus answered, “I do not have a demon; but I honour my Father, and you dishonour me. Yet I do not seek my own glory; there is one who seeks it and he is the judge. Very truly, I tell you, whoever keeps my word will never see death.” The Jews said to him, “Now we know that you have a demon. Abraham died, and so did the prophets; yet you say, ‘Whoever keeps my word will never taste death.’ Are you greater than our father Abraham, who died? The prophets also died. Who do you claim to be?” Jesus answered, “If I glorify myself, my glory is nothing. It is my Father who glorifies me, he of whom you say, ‘He is our God,’ though you do not know him. But I know him; if I would say that I do not know him, I would be a liar like you. But I do know him and I keep his word. Your ancestor Abraham rejoiced that he would see my day; he saw it and was glad.” Then the Jews said to him, “You are not yet fifty years old, and have you seen Abraham?” Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, before Abraham was, I am.”

Response

*After a brief period of reflection
the Reader says:*

Blessed are the meek for they shall
inherit the Earth.

Thanks be to God!

Intercessions, Petitions & Thanksgivings

Presider

Lord God, friend of those in need, we lift up the prayers of our hearts for those still burdened, those seeking healing, those in need within the church and the world, responding to the bidding, “God of Love” with “**Hear our prayers**”.

In the Anglican Communion we pray for The Diocese of North Kigezi – Uganda, The Rt. Rev. Onesimus Asiimwe. God of Love, **Hear our Prayers**.

In the Lutheran-Anglican cycle, we pray for The Secretary General and staff of the Anglican Communion Office, and The General Secretary and staff of the Lutheran World Federation. God of Love, **Hear our prayers**.

In our Diocesan cycle, we pray for St. Clement, North Vancouver - The Revd Helen Dunn, The Ven Peggy Trendell-Jensen, and for Bishop Benny and the people of Northern Philippines. God of Love, **Hear our prayers**.

Versicles & Responses

Presider

In this Parish of Holy Trinity Cathedral, we pray for our sister parish of St. Gabriel the Archangel, in Lubon. We pray for all in need in our community and for all who have been sworn in as Members of the Legislative Assembly, that they may govern wisely and in the best interests of the people of British Columbia. God of Love, **Hear our prayers.**

Gracious God, grant that we may love you with our whole being and do our best to alleviate the concerns of our neighbours.

Amen.

The Collect

Presider

Everliving God,
whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth and the life;
we thank you for the gifts that C.S. Lewis brought to
proclaiming this with imagination, eloquence, wit and
passion; help us to tell the good news of your love in our
day, that the world may know the riches of your mercy
and the joy that faith in you can bring; through Jesus
Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Presider

Believing in the promises of God,
as our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread,
and forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever.
Amen.**

The Sending Forth

Deacon (or Presider)

Let us go forth into the night, rejoicing
in the power of the Spirit.

Thanks be to God.

Presider

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love
of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be
with us all, evermore.

Amen.