

**NATIVE
AMERICAN**
HERITAGE MONTH

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church

Saint Stephen's welcomes everyone who wishes to follow Christ, worship together, grow in faith and share God's love through service to others.

Wednesday, 22 November 2023 9:30am

The feast of Clive Staples Lewis

November is Native American Heritage Month. It is celebrated to honor the remarkable Native Americans who have contributed a lot to improve the character of the nation. This month is the time to rejoice in diverse and rich cultures, histories, and traditions and to appreciate the great contributions of the Native Americans.

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[Clive Staples Lewis](#), [FBA](#) (29 November 1898 – 22 November 1963) was a British writer, literary scholar, and [Anglican lay theologian](#). He held academic positions in English literature at both [Magdalen College, Oxford](#) (1925–1954), and [Magdalene College, Cambridge](#) (1954–1963). He is best known as the author of [The Chronicles of Narnia](#), but he is also noted for his other works of fiction, such as [The Screwtape Letters](#) and [The Space Trilogy](#), and for his non-fiction [Christian apologetics](#), including [Mere Christianity](#), [Miracles](#), and [The Problem of Pain](#).

Lewis was a close friend of [J. R. R. Tolkien](#), author of [The Lord of the Rings](#). Both men served on the English faculty at Oxford University and were active in the informal Oxford literary group known as the [Inklings](#). According to Lewis's 1955 memoir [Surprised by Joy](#), he was baptized in the [Church of](#)

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Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Allison Cornell

Presider: Blessed be the One who creates all things.

People: The Holy One's love is new every morning.

Gloria:

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1 Man - y and great, O God, are thy works, ma - ker of
2 Grant un - to us com - mun - ion with thee, thou star - a -
earth and sky; thy hands have set the hea - vens with stars;
bid - ing one; come un - to us and dwell with us;
thy fin - gers spread the moun - tains and plains. Lo, at thy
with thee are found the gifts of life. Bless us with
word the wa - ters were formed; deep seas o - bey thy voice.
life that has no end, e - ter - nal life with thee.

Presider: God our Creator be with you.

People: And also with you.

Presider: Let us pray.

The Collect:

All: 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.

(Please be seated for the reading of the lessons)

First Lesson: A reading from 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

The Psalm: Psalm 139:1-9

- 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.**

Gospel Lesson:

Deacon: 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."

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you Lord Christ.

SERMON

Nicene Creed *(Traditional)*

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People: *The Leader and People pray responsively*

Leader: For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the holy Church of God

People: And for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

Leader: For our Bishops, Priests, and Deacons

People: And for all clergy and lay ministers, let us pray to the Lord

Leader: For our President, for the leaders of the nations

People: And for all in authority around the world, let us pray to the Lord

Leader: For seasonable weather

People: And for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, let us pray to the Lord

Leader: For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans

People: And for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord

Leader: For the poor and oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute

People: For prisoners and captives and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

Leader: For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection

People: And for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.

Leader: For deliverance from all danger

People: And from all violence, oppression and degradation, let us pray to the Lord

Leader: In the Anglican cycle of prayer, we pray for *The Diocese of Awerial – Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan*

People: Lord, bless and keep them.

Leader: In the Diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for *ECM at U of A, in Tucson.*

People: Lord, bless and keep them.

Leader: For the first peoples of this land, especially the Apache and Tahona Odum peoples who called this area home.

People: Lord, bless and keep them.

Presider: Lord, hear the prayers of your people; and what we have asked faithfully, grant that we may obtain effectually, to the glory of your Name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Confession

Deacon: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

(Short Silence may be kept.)

All: Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Presider: Almighty God have mercy on us forgive us all our sins through our Lord, Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace:

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

(People greet each other with signs of peace)

Offertory

Presider: Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

Doxology - *(Tune Lasst Uns Erfreuen)* *(Peoples' offerings are brought to the altar)*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow

Praise him all creatures here below

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Praise him above, ye heavenly host

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving - ELCA Rite X

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Presider

It is indeed right, and our duty and our joy that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks and praise, for you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ your Son.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with angels and archangels and with all the company of Heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your name:

Sanctus

#S128

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might
heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest

The Presider continues

O God most mighty, O God most merciful, O God our rock and our salvation, hear us as we praise you, call us to your table, and grant us your life.

When the world was a formless void, you formed order and beauty. When Abraham and Sarah were barren, you sent them a child. When the Israelites were enslaved, you led them to freedom. When Ruth faced starvation, David fought Goliath, and the psalmists cried out for healing and full of compassion, you granted the people your life.

You entered our world in Jesus our savior. He was born among the poor, he lived under oppression, he wept over the city. With infinite love, he granted the people your life.

In the night in which he was betrayed, Jesus took bread, gave thanks; broke the bread and gave it to his followers saying: Take and eat. This is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, Jesus took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sins. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering his death: We cry out Amen!

Celebrating his resurrection: We shout Amen!

Trusting his presence in every time and place: We plead Amen!

O God, you are Breath: Send your Spirit on this meal (+). O God, you are Bread: feed us with yourself. O God, you are Wine: warm our hearts and make us one. O God, you are fire: transform us with hope (+).

O God most majestic, O God most motherly, O God our strength and our song, you show us a vision of a tree of life with fruits for all and leaves that heal the nations. Grant us such life, the life of the Father to the Son, the life of the Spirit of your Christ, life in you, now and forever. AMEN.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

Lord's Prayer: (Traditional)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread *(The priest breaks the bread in silence)*

Fraction Anthem

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**Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us
Therefore let us keep the feast**

Invitation to Communion:

Presider: The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on him in your hearts by faith and with thanksgiving.

(All are invited and welcome to come forward and receive communion in this church. The bread is gluten free and the wine is real wine. If you prefer to intinct/dip your bread into the wine, please come to the left altar rail. If you prefer to sip the wine from the cup, please come to the right altar rail. If you would prefer a priest's blessing instead of the wine and bread, please come to the rail and cross your arms over your chest.)

Birthdays, Anniversaries, Healing Prayer, Travelers, Gratitude Sharing

Post Communion Prayer *The people stand as they are able.*

Presider Let us Pray

All: Most gracious God, by whose knowledge the depths are broken up and the clouds drop down the dew: We give you hearty thanks and praise for the return of seedtime and harvest, for the increase of the ground and the gathering of its fruits, and for all other blessings of your merciful providence bestowed upon us as a nation and a people.

And we ask that you would give us a just sense of your great mercies that may appear in our lives by a humble, holy, and obedient walking before you all our days: through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit be all glory and honor, world without end. Amen.

Benediction/Blessing:

Presider: *God the Creator, who loves us and gave this world to be our home, God the Redeemer, who loves us and by dying and rising again leads the way to freedom, God the Sanctifier, who spreads the divine love in our hearts, God the three in one and one in three, bless you and keep you now and forever. Amen.*

Dismissal:

Deacon: People of St. Stephen's, what does God call us to do?

People: We are called to love and serve.

Deacon: *Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in God's Spirit. Alleluia! Alleluia!*

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia, (Alleluia!)

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[Ireland](#) but fell away from his faith during adolescence. Lewis returned to [Anglicanism](#) at the age of 32, owing to the influence of Tolkien and other friends, and he became an "ordinary layman of the [Church of England](#)".^[1] Lewis's faith profoundly affected his work, and his wartime radio broadcasts on the subject of Christianity brought him wide acclaim.

Lewis wrote more than 30 books which have been translated into more than 30 languages and have sold millions of copies. The books that make up *The Chronicles of Narnia* have sold the most and have been popularized on stage, TV, radio, and cinema. His philosophical writings are widely cited by Christian scholars from many denominations.

In 1956, Lewis married American writer [Joy Davidman](#); she died of cancer four years later at the age of 45. Lewis died on 22 November 1963 from kidney failure, one week before his 65th birthday. In 2013, on the 50th anniversary of his death, Lewis was honoured with a memorial in [Poets' Corner](#) in [Westminster Abbey](#).

Biography

Childhood

Clive Staples Lewis was born in [Belfast](#) in [Ulster](#), Ireland (before [partition](#)), on 29 November 1898.^[2] His father was Albert James Lewis (1863–1929), a solicitor whose father Richard Lewis had come to Ireland from Wales during the mid-19th century. Lewis's mother was Florence Augusta Lewis *née* Hamilton (1862–1908), known as Flora, the daughter of Thomas Hamilton, a [Church of Ireland](#) priest, and the great-granddaughter of both Bishop [Hugh Hamilton](#) and [John Staples](#). Lewis had an elder brother, [Warren Hamilton Lewis](#) (known as "Warnie").^[3] He was baptized on 29 January 1899 by his maternal grandfather in [St Mark's Church, Dundela](#).^[4]

When his dog Jacksie was killed by a car, the four-year old Lewis adopted the name Jacksie. At first, he would answer to no other name, but later accepted Jack, the name by which he was known to friends and family for the rest of his life.^[5] When he was seven, his family moved into "Little Lea", the family home of his childhood, in the [Strandtown](#) area of [East Belfast](#).^[6]

As a boy, Lewis was fascinated with [anthropomorphic](#) animals; he fell in love with [Beatrix Potter](#)'s stories and often wrote and illustrated his own animal tales. Along with his brother Warnie, he created the world of [Boxen](#), a fantasy land inhabited and run by animals. Lewis loved to read from an early age. His father's house was filled with books; he later wrote that finding something to read was as easy as walking into a field and "finding a new blade of grass".^[7]

"My Irish life"

Lewis experienced a certain [cultural shock](#) on first arriving in England: "No Englishman will be able to understand my first impressions of England," Lewis wrote in *Surprised by Joy*. "The strange [English accents](#) with which I was surrounded seemed like the voices of demons. But what was worst was the English landscape ... I have made up the quarrel since; but at that moment I conceived a hatred for England which took many years to heal."^[13]

From boyhood, Lewis had immersed himself in [Norse](#) and [Greek](#) mythology, and later in [Irish mythology](#) and [literature](#). He also expressed an interest in the [Irish language](#),^{[14][15]} though there is not much evidence that he laboured to learn it. He developed a particular fondness for [W. B. Yeats](#), in part because of Yeats's use of Ireland's [Celtic heritage](#) in poetry. In a letter to a friend, Lewis wrote, "I have here discovered an author exactly after my own heart, [Cont. online](#)

