

Christ The King Episcopal Church

40 Charleston Road, Willingboro, New Jersey 08046

The 22nd Sunday After Pentecost & Holy Baptism

Sunday, October 29, 2023. 10.00am

Change of Starting Time for Church Service

The results of the polling regarding this matter has produces a very close results and as a result we had a discussion about it at the vestry meeting and a comprise was proposed of **9:30am**. We implement the new service time next month as of the first **Sunday, November 12, 2023**

Wear A Mask

Due to the recent uptick in COVID VIRUS cases Nationwide, it is **STRONGLY RECOMMENDED** that you wear a mask at all times while in the Church buildings.



The Reverend Father Vernal Savage
Priest-In-Charge

Welcome to Christ the King Episcopal Church

Welcome to Christ The King Episcopal Church in Willingboro, NJ, a vibrant and growing Episcopal parish in Willingboro, Burlington county, New Jersey. Over the past 60 years, the fabric of Christ the King has been woven by the Spirit from the lives and gifts of diverse people; their desire to live their faith through worship, service, study, and stewardship; and the ever-evolving life of Burlington County itself.

Our parish is guided by its mission to share God's love for all people. Together, we seek to build relationships with one another and with our neighbors, to cultivate compassion, to deepen our knowledge and spiritual practices, to work for justice rooted in essential human dignity, and to live as conscientious contributors to the life of our city and the Anglican Communion worldwide. As we grow together in service and love, we know ourselves, first and foremost, as followers of Jesus.

We are delighted to welcome you today; thank you for the gift of your participation and prayers. If you are new to Christ the King, please introduce yourself to a member of the clergy or one of the Ushers.



About This Service

The Season after Pentecost

Our current liturgical season, the Season after Pentecost, is by far the longest of the Episcopal Church year. It begins the day after Pentecost and ends the day before the First Sunday of Advent. Since the date of Easter changes every year—and the Day of Pentecost is always 50 days after Easter—the length of the season varies as well, ranging from 24–29 weeks in length. This season is sometimes called Ordinary Time, a phrase borrowed from the Roman Catholic Church.

A common practice among Episcopal churches is to change the appropriate liturgical elements at the start of each new season. Often these changes are directed by the Book of Common Prayer, such as the acclamations named for use in the Lenten and Easter seasons. However, liturgical leaders also decide which Prayers of the People, Eucharistic Prayer, blessing, and dismissal are used in services.

Sources: The Book of Common Prayer, An Episcopal Dictionary of the Church

Do I sit, stand or kneel?

At Christ The King we respect a variety of worship practices and customs. During the service some people may make the sign of the cross or bow at various points, while others do not. You should do what is comfortable for you. There are, however, some practices, which are common at Christ The King:

- Generally, people stand to sing the hymns and to listen to the reading of the Gospel.
- We usually kneel for the Prayers of the People, the Confession of Sin and for the Eucharistic Prayer (after the "Holy, holy, holy..."). For a variety of reasons, however, some people either stand or sit at these points in the service. We especially encourage you to stand or sit if you find kneeling difficult.

Worship Plan for Sunday, October 22, 2023

22nd Sunday after Pentecost – Proper 25 – The Holy Eucharist Rite Two

Holy Baptism

MEDITATION: *Center of My Joy*

*Jesus, you're the center of my joy
All that's good and perfect comes from you
You're the heart of my contentment, hope for all I do
Jesus, you're the center of my joy*

PROCESSION HYMN *Immortal, invisible, God only wise (St. Denio) (H 423)*

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
3 To all life thou giv - est, to both great and small;
4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry, thou rul - est in light,
in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;
in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;
thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
 thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove
 we blos - som and flour - ish, like leaves on the tree,
 all laud we would ren - der: O help us to see

al - might - y, vic - tor - ious, thy great Name we praise.
 thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
 then with - er and per - ish; but nought chan - geth thee.
 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee.

OPENING ACCLAMATION (BCP p. 299)

The people standing, the Celebrant says

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

SALUTATION FOR BAPTISM (BCP p. 299)

Celebrant There is one Body and one Spirit;
People There is one hope in God's call to us;
Celebrant One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;
People One God and Father of all.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY (BCP p. 299)

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

THE LESSONS

FIRST READING: Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18

[Olin Mitchell]

The people sit.

A Reading from the book of Leviticus.

¹The LORD spoke to Moses, saying:

²Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them: You shall be holy, for I the LORD your God am holy.

¹⁵You shall not render an unjust judgment; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbor. ¹⁶You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not profit by the blood of your neighbor: I am the LORD.

¹⁷You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbor, or you will incur guilt yourself. ¹⁸You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 1

[Olin Mitchell]

Remain seated.

¹Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, *
nor lingered in the way of sinners,
nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

²Their delight is in the law of the LORD, *
and they meditate on his law day and night.

³They are like trees planted by streams of water,
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; *
everything they do shall prosper.

⁴It is not so with the wicked; *
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.

⁵Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, *
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

⁶For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, *
but the way of the wicked is doomed.

SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

[Maxine Harvey]

The people sit.

A Reading from Paul's First letter to the Church in Thessalonika.

¹You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, ²but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. ³For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, ⁴but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. ⁵As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; ⁶nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, ⁷though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. ⁸So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Silence may follow.

SEQUENCE HYMN *Rise up, ye saints of God (Festal Song) (H 551)*

All stand.

1 Rise up, ye saints of God! Have done with less - er things, give
 2 Rise up, ye saints of God! His king - dom tar - ries long: Lord,
 3 Lift high the cross of Christ! Tread where his feet have trod; and

heart and soul and mind and strength to serve the King of kings.
 bring the day of truth and love and end the night of wrong.
 quick-ened by the Spi - rit's power, rise up, ye saints of God!

GOSPEL: Matthew 22:34-46

[The Rev. Vernal Sauvage]

All stand.

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

³⁴When the Pharisees heard that [Jesus] had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, ³⁵and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. ³⁶“Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?” ³⁷He said to him, “ “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’

³⁸This is the greatest and first commandment. ³⁹And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’

⁴⁰On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.”

⁴¹Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: ⁴²“What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?” They said to him, “The son of David.” ⁴³He said to them, “How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying,

⁴⁴“The Lord said to my Lord,

“Sit at my right hand,

until I put your enemies under your feet”?”

⁴⁵If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?” ⁴⁶No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

SERMON HYMN

Verse 1: "Alleluia" Verse 2: "God Is with Us"

SERMON:

[The Reverend Vernal Sauvage]



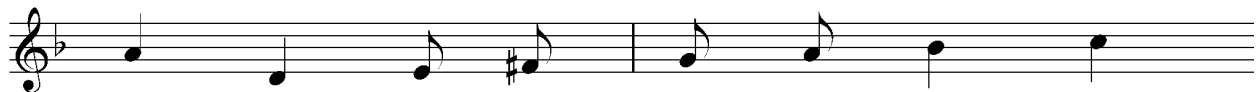
BAPTISMAL HYMN *Like the murmur of the dove's song (Bridegroom) (H 513)*



1 Like the mur - mur of the dove's song, like the
 2 To the mem - bers of Christ's Bo - dy, to the
 3 With the heal - ing of di - vi - sion, with the



chal - lenge of her flight, like the vig - or of the
 branch - es of the Vine, to the Church in faith as -
 cease - less voice of prayer, with the power to love and



wind's rush, like the new flame's ea - ger
 sem - bled, to her midst as gift and
 wit - ness, with the peace be - yond com -



might: come, — Ho - ly Spi - rit, come.
 sign: come, — Ho - ly Spi - rit, come.
 pare: come, — Ho - ly Spi - rit, come.

Phrase 1 of each stanza may be sung by one group, with a contrasted group singing phrase 2, and all joining for the final phrase.

PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATE (BCP p. 301)

The Celebrant says

The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented

The candidates who are able to answer for themselves are presented individually by their Sponsors.

Sponsor I present N. to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

The Celebrant asks each candidate when presented

Celebrant Do you desire to be baptized?

Candidate I do.

Then candidates who are unable to answer for themselves are presented individually by their Parents and Godparents
Parents and Godparents

I present *Joanna* to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

When all have been presented the Celebrant asks the parents and godparents

Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Parents and Godparents

I will, with God's help.

Celebrant

Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Parents and Godparents

I will, with God's help.

Then the Celebrant asks the following questions of the candidates who can speak for themselves, and of the parents and godparents who speak on behalf of the infants and younger children

Question Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

Answer I do.

Question Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Answer I do.

Question Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

Answer I do.

After all have been presented, the Celebrant addresses the congregation, saying

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support *this person* in *her* life in Christ?

People We will.

The Celebrant then says these or similar words

Let us join with *those who are* committing *themselves* to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT (BCP p. 304)

Celebrant

Do you believe in God the Father?

People

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

Celebrant

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Celebrant

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.

Celebrant

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of the bread, and in the prayers?

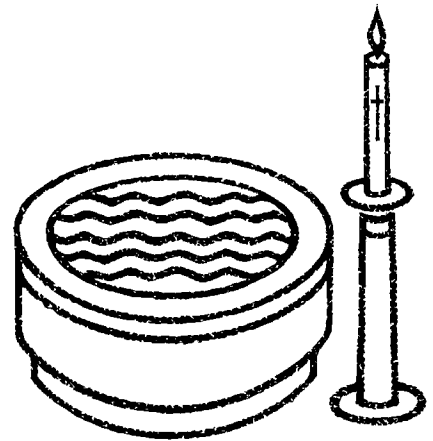
People

I will, with God's help.

Celebrant

Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People



I will, with God's help.

Celebrant

Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People

I will, with God's help.

Celebrant

Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People

I will, with God's help.

Celebrant

Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People

I will, with God's help.

PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATE (BCP p. 305)

The Celebrant says to the congregation

Let us now pray for *Joanna Comfort Lartey* who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth [and for those who *have* renewed *their* commitment to Christ.]

A Person appointed leads the following petitions

Leader Deliver *Joanna*, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Open *Joanna* heart to your grace and truth.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Fill *Joanna* with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Keep *Joanna* in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Teach *Joanna* to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Send *Joanna* into the world in witness to your love.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Bring *Joanna* to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

The Celebrant says

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and forever. *Amen.*

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER (BCP p. 306)

The Celebrant blesses the water, first saying

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Celebrant

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

At the following words, the Celebrant touches the water

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. *Amen.*

THE BAPTISM (BCP p. 307)

Each candidate is presented by name to the Celebrant, or to an assisting priest or deacon, who then immerses, or pours water upon, the candidate, saying

Joanna, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

When this action has been completed for all candidates, the Bishop or Priest, at a place in full sight of the congregation, prays over them, saying

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon *this* your *servant* the forgiveness of sin, and have raised *her* to the new life of grace. Sustain *her*, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give *her* an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. Amen.

Then the Bishop or Priest places a hand on the person's head, marking on the forehead the sign of the cross [using Chrism if desired] and saying to each one

Joanna, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. Amen.

Or this action may be done immediately after the administration of the water and before the preceding prayer.

WELCOME THE NEWLY BAPTIZED (BCP p. 308)

When all have been baptized, the Celebrant says

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

Celebrant and People

We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

PRAYERS AT CONFIRMATION, RECEPTION OR REAFFIRMATION (BCP p. 309)

The Bishop says to the congregation

Let us now pray for *these persons* who have renewed *their* commitment to Christ.

Silence may be kept.

Then the Bishop says

Almighty God, we thank you that by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you have overcome sin and brought us to yourself, and that by the sealing of your Holy Spirit you have bound us to your service. Renew in *these* your *servants* the covenant you made with *them* at *their* Baptism. Send *them* forth in the power of the Spirit to perform the service you set before *them*; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The Bishop lays hands upon each one and says

Strengthen, O Lord, your servant *Joanna*, with your Holy Spirit; empower *him* for your service; and sustain *him* all the days of *her* life. Amen.

Then the Bishop says

Almighty and everliving God, let your fatherly hand ever be over *these* your *servants*; let your Holy Spirit ever be with *them*; and so lead *them* in the knowledge and obedience of your Word, that *they* may serve you in this life, and dwell with you in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE PEACE

All stand.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

PEACE HYMN *Jesu, Jesu* (LEVAS 74)

Je - su, Je - su, fill us with your love, show

us how to serve the neigh - bors we have from you. **Fine**

1. Kneels at the feet of his friends, si - lent - ly wash - es their
2. Neigh - bors are rich and poor, neigh - bors are black and
3. These are the ones we should serve, these are the ones we should
4. Lov - ing puts us on our knees, serv - ing as though we are
5. Kneel at the feet of our friends, si - lent - ly wash - ing their

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1. feet, Mas - ter who acts as a slave to them.
2. white, neigh - bors are near and far a - way.
3. love; all these are neigh - bors to us and you.
4. slaves, this is the way we should live with you.
5. feet, this is the way we should live with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

[Maxine Harvey]

Announcements, not to exceed 150 words, are to be submitted to ctk@christthekingnj.org by 5:00 pm on the Tuesday preceding the Sunday you wish the announcements to run.

The Holy Communion

OFFERTORY SENTENCE (BCP p. 376)

The Celebrant says

Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving and make good your vows to the Most High. *Psalm 50:14*

OFFERTORY HYMN *Blessed Assurance* (LEVAS 184)

1. Bless - ed as - sur - ance, Je - sus is mine!_____ O what a
 2. Per - fect sub - mis - sion, per - fect de - light,_____ Vi - sions of
 3. Per - fect sub - mis - sion, all is at rest,_____ I in my

1. fore - taste of glo - ry di - vine!_____ Heir of sal - va - tion, pur - chase of
 2. rap - ture now burst on my sight;_____ An - gels de - scend - ing, bring from a -
 3. sav - ior am hap - py and blest;_____ Watch - ing and wait - ing, look - ing a -

1. God,_____ Born of His spir - it, washed in His blood._____
 2. bove_____ Ech - oes of mer - cy, whis - pers of love._____
 3. bove,_____ Filled with His good - ness, lost in His love._____

This is my sto - ry, this is my song, — Prais - ing my

sav - ior all the day long; — This is my sto - ry, this is my

song, — Prais - ing my sav - ior all the day long. —

The Great Thanksgiving

SURSUM CORDA (BCP p. 367)

The People remain standing.

Celebrant	The Lord be with you.
People	And also with you.
Celebrant	Lift up your hearts.
People	We lift them to the Lord.
Celebrant	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People	It is right to give him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE (BCP p. 367)

Facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Here a Proper Preface is sung or said by celebrant

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life

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 (BCP p. 367) [LEVAS 252]

Celebrant and People

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

Hosanna in the highest.

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

Hosanna in the highest.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION (BCP p. 368)

The People stand or kneel.

The Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION (LEVAS 260) *We remember His Death*

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line in the upper staff and a piano accompaniment in the lower staff. The key signature has one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is 2/4. The lyrics are: "We re - mem - ber His death, — We pro - claim His re - sur - rect - ion, — We a - wait — His com - ing — in glo - ry. — We re - glo - ry. —". The first system ends with a repeat sign. The second system ends with a repeat sign. The third system has two endings: the first ending leads back to the beginning of the first system, and the second ending leads to a final cadence.

EPICLESIS (BCP p. 369)

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with [_____ and] all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. AMEN.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (BCP p. 363) LEVAS 264

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

People and Celebrant

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,
forever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

FRACTION ANTHEM [LEVAS 268] Christ Our Passover (BCP p. 364)

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Christ our passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast.

Christ our passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast.

Christ our passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

SANCTUS: [LEVAS 269] Lamb Of God

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:

Have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:

Have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:

Grant us peace.

INVITATION (BCP p. 364)

The Celebrant says

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, with thanksgiving.

DISTRIBUTION (BCP p. 365)

The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people.

The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. [Amen]

The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. [Amen]

COMMUNION HYMN *I Love To Tell the Story* (LEVAS 64)

1. I love to tell the sto - ry Of un - seen things a - bove,
2. I love to tell the sto - ry, For those who know it best

1. Of Je - sus and His glo - ry, Of Je - sus and His love.
2. Seem hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing To hear it, like the rest.

1. I love to tell the sto - ry, Be - cause I know it's true;
2. And when, in scenes of glo - ry, I sing the new, new song,

1. It sat - is - fies my long - ings As noth - ing else would do.
2. 'Twill be the old, old sto - ry That I have loved so long.

I love to tell the sto - ry; 'Twill be my theme in glo - ry.

To tell the old, old sto - ry Of Je - sus and His love.

ABLUTION SONG: "You Are Worthy To Be Praised"

Lord, I love you and I worship You
You are worthy to be praised
Lord, I love you and I worship You
You are worthy to be praised
Lord, I love you and I worship You
You are worthy to be praised
You are worthy, worthy, worthy to be praised

You are worthy, worthy, worthy to be praised

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & BLESSINGS:

The Priest blesses the people, celebrating birthdays, anniversaries, travelling, special events in their life, etc.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER (BCP p. 365)

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.
Celebrant and People
Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

BLESSING (BCP p. 366)

The Priest blesses the people, saying

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you forever. Amen

RETIRING HYMN *Fight the good fight with all thy might (Pentecost) (H 552)*

*Fight the good fight with all thy might,
Christ is thy strength and Christ thy right;
lay hold on life, and it shall be
thy joy and crown eternally.*

*Run the straight race through God's good grace,
lift up thine eyes and seek his face;
life with its way before us lies,
Christ is the path and Christ the prize.*

*Cast care aside, lean on thy Guide;
his boundless mercy will provide;
trust, and thy trusting soul shall prove
Christ is its life and Christ its love.*

*Faint not nor fear, his arms are near;
he changeth not, and thou art dear;
only believe, and thou shalt see
that Christ is all in all to thee.*

DISMISSAL (BCP p. 366)

Let us go forth in the name of Christ, Alleluia, alleluia

People

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

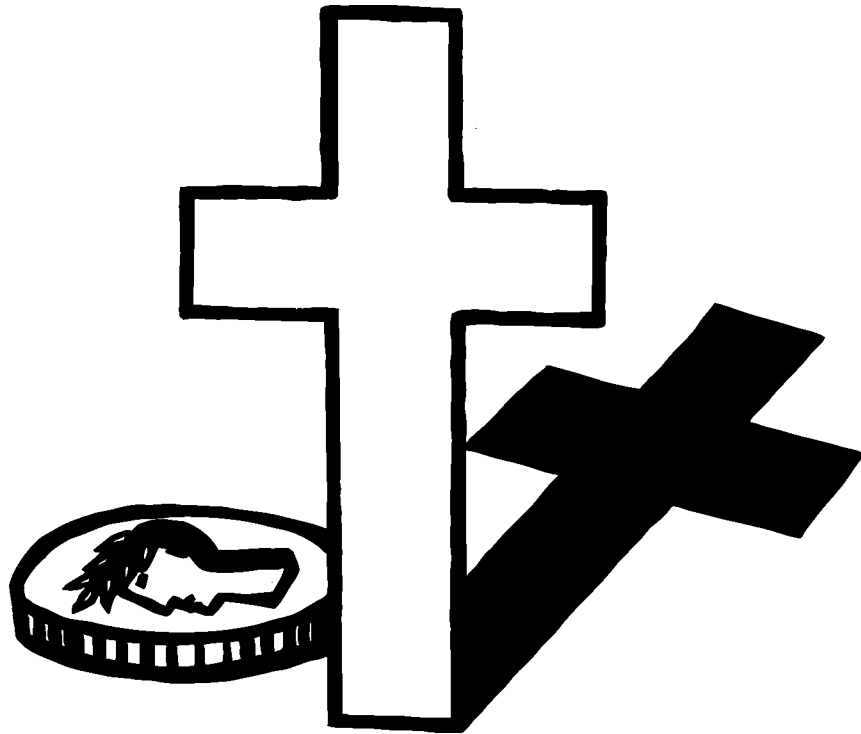
POSTLUDE *Thank You, Lord (LEVAS 232)*

1 Thank you, Lord, thank you, Lord, thank you,
2 Been so good, been so good, been so
3 Been my friend, been my friend, been my

Lord, _____ I just want to thank you, _____ Lord.
good, _____ I just want to thank you, _____ Lord.
friend, _____ I just want to thank you - Lord.

FINAL PRAYER: *By Priest or Deacon*

Date	WORSHIP LEADER	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER	YOUTH LEADER	USHERS	COUNTING
Sunday, October 29	Olin Mithcell Maxine Harvey	Jermaine Smith		Olin Mitchell Judith Richards	Emerson Cooper Dan Gunning
Sunday, November 5	Carolyn Booker Maxine Harvey			Diane Staten Ransolina Roberts	Catherine Edwards Carolyn Booker
Sunday November 12	Annette Grubbs Regina Lamptey			Patricia Mitchell Regina Lamptey	
Sunday November 19	Linda Anderson Joan Burke			JoyAnn Lambert Marcus Gales	
Sunday November 26	Olin Mitchell Dan Gunning			Hubert Lambert Jannette Webster	
Sunday December 3	Carolyn Booker Debra Stewart			Gloria Davies Beatrice Ogbuokiri	
Sunday December 10	Olin Mitchell Maxine Harvey			Olin Mitchell Judith Richards	
Sunday December 17	Maxine Harvey Regina Lamptey			Diane Staten Ransolina Roberts	
Sunday December 24	Joan Burke Linda Anderson			Patricia Mitchell Regina Lamptey	
Sunday December 31	Sarah Smith Olin Mitchell			JoyAnn Lambert Marcus Gales	



PRAYERS

To add names to the prayer list, email ctk@christthekingnj.org or call 609.877.2992. Names are kept on the list for a month and can be added again upon request.

Contact the Church Office for contact information of the names on the prayer list

Our Father of mercies and God of all comfort, our only help in time of need. We humbly beseech thee to behold, visit, and relieve thy sick servants below for whom our prayers are desired. Look upon them with the eyes of thy mercy; comfort them with a sense of thy goodness; preserve them from the temptations of thy enemy; and give them patience under their affliction. In thy good time, restore them to health, and enable them to lead the residue of their life in thy fear, and to thy glory; and grant that finally they may dwell with thee in life everlasting; through Jesus Christ of Lord. Amen.

PRAYER LIST

Josie Howard	Josephine White
Marion Cannon	Freda Oasin
Ted Cannon	Jean Thomas
Angela Cannon	Edythe Munson
Marilyn Capehart	Margaretta McDougal
Eustace December	Gloria Davis
Yvonne December	Carolyn Booker
Billie Miller	John Booker
Melvina Berry	Olin Mitchell
Basil Mitchell	Patricia Mitchell
Mildred Bailey	Florence James
Nathaniel Evans	Victor Medina
Glenda Evans	Christiana Trivigno
Ryan Kerr	Emmanuel Ogbuokiri
Jada Jackson	Sherman Clahar
Judith Jackson	Mark Lockett
Tracey Lewis	Robyn Lockett
Eleanor Williams	

BUILDING FUND ENVELOPES

The Church Building Fund is set up to track the donations and expenses of improvement of the church's buildings. In addition, the fund maintains an ongoing building fund in order to have money available for emergency repairs to existing buildings. The Building Fund Envelope is the source by which parishioners can contribute to the fund. The fund has about \$17,123.50 which is far below our projections due to numerous improvement that needs undertaken. We urgently urge all Parishioners to contribute generously to the fund by using their Building Fund Envelopes. *Thanks,*

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

All parishioners wanting to add an emergency contact to the church's directory, please write the contact's name and number and put it in the collection plate. This information will be kept PRIVATE & CONFIDENTIAL

MEN OF CHRIST THE KING MONTHLY MEETING

The MoCTK monthly meeting is held the second Saturday of every month at 10.00am on Zoom. All the Men of Christ the King are members of this group and are expected to attend. Next meeting is November 11th, 2023, at 10.00am

Ballot Results

Change Starting Time of Service

- Service Starting at 9:00am - 24
- Service Starting at 10:00am - 24
- Does Not Matter - 1

New Church Time Starting November 12, 2023

Change of Starting Time for the Service The results of the polling regarding this matter has produces a very close results and as a result we had a discussion about it at the vestry meeting and a comprise was proposed of 9:30am. We implement the new service time next month as of the second **Sunday, 2023 November 12th**

Give Easily from Here

Click here [Give Now](#) to make a donation or make your contributions to Christ the King Episcopal Church. Willingboro New Jersey at any time, even if you are on vacation. You will receive an email confirmation for your transaction.

BIBLE STUDIES - MONDAY'S

Bible Study Every Monday at 7:00pm over Zoom.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86374035494?pwd=R3lrV1ZMTG5pUE9zZnllZmgyNTZTdDz09> Meeting ID: 863 7403 5494; Password: 007431;

WEDNESDAY PRAYER MEETING

Join us on Wednesday Night Bible Study on Zoom at 7:15pm. Wednesday Prayer Meetings is now on Zoom (Using the Church Zoom Link) **On Zoom:**

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By Linda Anderson

LOOKING TO JOIN THE ALTAR GUILD MINISTRY?

We are looking for new volunteers; men and women, to join us in preparing the sanctuary for Sunday services. All are welcome to come and learn about this labor of love! **Please call Linda Anderson at 609-760-1050 for more information. Thank you!**

October Birthdays

2nd - Livingstone Harvey
8th - Dashawn Dennis
10th - Jane Opiyo
10th - Nicholas Arthur
13th Benjamin Armstrong
19th - Billie Miller
23rd - Sarah Anderson
25th - Hyacinth Mitchell
28th Yvonne December
28th Beatrice Ogbuokiri
30th John Stone
31st - Malcom Anthony

November Birthdays

1st - Basil Mitchell
3rd - Martha Gibbons
7th - Melvena Berry
10th - Marcus Gales
12th - Joyce Bostic
14th - Agnes Armstrong
25th - Michelle Bostic



Christ The King Choir Announcement
Monitor this space for Choir Related Announcements
Join the Choir, You will be glad you did !!!!



Please help to feed Ben.

He's always hungry for your gently used clothes, linen, and soft toys. Please place your items in a trash bag and deposit them in the opening.

Don't forget to tell your family friends and neighbors that Ben lives here in the parking lot at 40 Charleston Rd. and he is always hungry. This is an ongoing fundraiser and we thank you for your support. Any questions **Please see Helen Baylock**

CTK's Facebook page features Word of Truth Tuesday, where scripture is read each Tuesday, and Praying Wednesday which provides a prayer or a topic for prayer on Wednesdays. If you would like to become a reader or have your original prayer published contact Martha Johnson by text message 856-986-6047.

The Prayer Team Notice.

Prayer request can also be made by placing your written request in the box located in the prayer novice. A member of the prayer team will retrieve it for prayer service

Life Group Ministries

The Women's Life Group has resumed meetings on Thursdays, 3:00-4:15 PM We invite any women interested to call with questions or for information. Carolyn Booker 412-337-

ALTAR GUILD AND MESSIAH CONCERT RECRUITMENT

We are recruiting new members for our music concert. If you are interested in singing with us or you don't have "THE MESSIAH BOOK" please contact Jane Opiyo 609. 880.3976 for more information.

VOLUNTEER NOMINATION COMMITTEE

The Priest-In-Charge are seeking volunteers for the Nomination Committee for the next vestry members. Contact the Priest In Charge or Senior Warden if you wish to volunteer.

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FLOWER DONATIONS

Donate Altar Flowers in remembrance of a loved one or in honor of a special occasion. Contact Church Office for dedication to be printed in the bulletin. Or put information in the Collection Plate.

Altar Flowers

'In Blessed Memory of Sy Simmons'

Donated by Nina Simmons



Trunk or Treat!

Sunday October 29, 2023,
from 3:00pm to 5:00pm
Where: Church parking lot

Signup sheet is in the narthex.

This is a fun family event for the Willingboro community. Christ the King is looking for volunteers to assist with Trunk or Treat.

How can you help?

Donate candy or funds for the event if you cannot attend. We need loads of candy! All candy must be individually wrapped or packaged. And even though our volunteers who decorate their cars have candy, we always need more. Always!!!

Decorate your trunk and give out candy or
Volunteer to be a parking lot greeter, be friendly and invite visitors to our church or
Keep someone company at their trunk or
Volunteer to be at the church table or
Pray for the event.

Questions?

See Dayshaun, Helen or Martha.

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HATS off to the amazing Team Christ The King Episcopal Church 2023:

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 Debra Stewart



THANK YOU

On behalf of Team Christ The King Episcopal Church, thank you for your generosity in our continued effort in “Making Strides Against Breast Cancer”.

Your gifts totally \$2,560 (and counting), will provide mammograms for those who may not be able to afford this life saving diagnostic test, and will enable The American Cancer Society to expand its science and policy education programs that empower thousands of women and men across the country.

Team Christ the King met the challenge in September 2023 and raised enough money to earn a Team Banner, which was a gift from the American Cancer Society. This banner will be proudly displayed in front of the church, as long as weather permits.

Welcome Fall!!

The rich, vibrant colors of the beautiful Fall Mums which adorn the entrance of our church say come on in and have a seat. Thank you, Regina Lamptey, Cathy Edwards, Diane Staten, Ransolina Roberts and Martha Johnson



The path to Stewardship is three-fold

Prayer: Ask God to guide you. Maybe He will ask you to stretch your time, talent, and treasure, or do something that is out of your comfort zone. Listen carefully. **Consideration:** What does Trinity mean to you? What do you get out of being here? What do you have to offer? What's in it for you and for Christ The King if you transform your faith into action? **Action:** Commit your resources to action. Talk to people. Look at the Bulletin – what speaks to you? Then sign up and show up – in faith.

Church stewardship, community outreach and loving service are intertwined at Christ the King.

While we hold a traditional “pledge drive” in the fall to collect the annual financial pledges of our wonderful members, our work continues throughout the year. We have an ongoing series of events and ministries in which we come together for fellowship and community, while also supporting the mission and ministry of CTK and a variety of other community partners.

Nothing sends people scurrying for the sexton’s closet faster than hearing the footsteps of the stewardship chairperson coming down the hall. When it comes time for the annual quest for financial support, many parishioners say they can’t pledge for a whole year because they don’t know if they will have enough money for themselves.

Yet until church treasurers are allowed to print dollar bills, the money has to come from the congregation. So a good stewardship campaign will address the fears of the treasurer (having enough money to pay the church bills) and the parish members (having enough money to pay their own bills).

As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. Peter 4:10

1. Jesus was an awesome Steward

Stewardship is deeply rooted in Scripture, a response to the call to be disciples of Jesus and follow His way. Stewardship is really putting our faith into action as we try to emulate His example. Christ-like stewardship is the “stretch goal” along the faith journey.

2. Our lives are really all about Stewardship

The succinct definition of stewardship is “caring for something of value”. In that context we are stewards of ourselves, our families, our communities, and the environment. Given that we’ve had a lot of practice at stewardship, doesn’t it make sense to apply that expertise to the care of our faith community?

Draft 2025-27 churchwide budget totals \$145 million, includes spending cuts to plug shortfall **By David Paulsen**

[Episcopal News Service] The Joint Budget Committee on Oct. 26 presented its latest draft of a churchwide budget for 2025-27 totaling \$145 million, as Executive Council reviewed anticipated income and spending for the church's first full budgetary triennium since the COVID-19 pandemic disrupted financial expectations.

Despite expectations that church operations would settle into a new post-pandemic normal, the Joint Budget Committee began its work estimating it would need to fill a \$12 million shortfall – reflecting long-term structural deficits that previously had been filled by unexpected pandemic-related surpluses. [Members of the budget committee](#) led by its chair, the Rev. Patty Downing, explained that they filled the gap by tightening some spending lines, finding cost savings and seeking additional revenue, including \$1.5 million over three years from Episcopal Relief & Development for the agency's continued reliance on church services and staff.

The draft also would reduce the number of the presiding bishop's canons from three to two, essentially leaving vacant the position of canon for mission within the church. The committee anticipates dioceses will collect 2% more in revenue during the new triennium, and the draft churchwide budget would maintain the current 15% assessment that dioceses give to support the churchwide budget.

Those assessments make up the largest single source of churchwide income – \$93.6 million in the 2025-27 draft, or 64%. Bill Fleener, one of the committee's members, acknowledged that some dioceses are expected to ask General Convention to lower the assessment rate. The committee decided to leave the rate unchanged, rather incorporating even steeper spending cuts than the ones made in consultation with the church's leadership team. Maintaining that revenue could be particularly important next year, he said, given the upcoming election of a new presiding bishop who will take office in November 2024.

“We didn't want to have a situation where a new presiding bishop was coming in with a budget that wouldn't function to enable the ministries that he or she was called to provide for the church,” Fleener said.

The proposal to seek \$1.5 million, or \$500,000 a year, from Episcopal Relief & Development generated the most questions and discussion by members of Executive Council. The agency operates as an independent nonprofit but works closely with The Episcopal Church and its dioceses in [responding to disasters and humanitarian crises](#) around the world.

Some questioned why the church would ask for such a contribution from a nonprofit organization that has earned praise for its effectiveness and efficiency. The Joint Budget

Committee and department heads responded that Episcopal Relief & Development has been granted free use of office space at the Episcopal Church Center in New York, and it is supported by Episcopal Church departments, such as human resources and accounting.

Kurt Barnes, the church's chief financial officer, noted that \$500,000, though a significant amount of money, represented about 1.5% of Episcopal Relief & Development's \$30 million annual budget. He and Jane Cisluycis, the church's acting chief operating officer, are scheduled to meet with Episcopal Relief & Development in November to discuss the matter further.

Other members of Executive Council asked if the budget committee and the church's financial planners could revise the draft budget to more clearly compare the spending proposed for 2025-27 and the actual spending from previous years. Barnes said his department would consider ways of improving those comparisons, but he cautioned against basing future plans on past budgets that were upended by the pandemic.

“We're not going to have apples to apples,” Barnes said.

Before the pandemic, the General Convention last adopted a three-year budget plan in 2018, [authorizing \\$134 million in spending for 2019-2021](#), or an average of \$44.6 million a year. The pandemic forced Executive Council to approve a one-year budget for 2021, while the 80th General Convention was postponed to 2022. When it convened, it [approved a budget spanning only two years](#). The budget estimated that overall spending for 2022-24 would total \$153 million, including expenses from an unexpected two meetings of General Convention in three years.

The draft budget for 2025-27 would average \$48.4 million in annual spending. It also would reduce the number of churchwide staff positions from 152 to 140, and it would maintain the annual 3% cost of living adjustments for those staff members' salaries.

[Public hearings on the draft budget](#) are scheduled for Nov. 9, Dec. 6 and Dec. 12, after which the Joint Budget Committee will make its final revisions and present the plan for Executive Council's approval on Jan. 26. Under the new budgeting process that was implemented during this cycle, Executive Council will send the approved budget proposal to the 81st General Convention, and “it cannot be altered until it is on the floor of General Convention,” Downing said.

“The Joint Budget Committee will convene following General Convention and consider all resolutions that have funding implications,” Downing said. The current proposal would set aside \$2 million to fund additional resolutions as needed.

– David Paulsen is a senior reporter and editor for Episcopal News Service. He can be reached at dpaulsen@episcopalchurch.org.

Presiding bishop returns from surgery, chairs Executive Council meeting confronting violence, division, change

By David Paulsen



Presiding Bishop Michael Curry gives opening remarks Oct. 25 during the first plenary session of Executive Council's four-day online meeting.

[Episcopal News Service] Presiding Bishop Michael Curry, [recovering from a Sept. 20 surgery](#), returned as chair of Executive Council on Oct. 25 at its meeting this week, after missing its last meeting in June. In his opening remarks, he said that he was “profoundly grateful” for the overwhelming support and prayers from across the church and beyond.

“Thank you is hardly an adequate word, but please receive it in the full spirit: Thank you,” Curry said in the Zoom meeting, which was [livestreamed publicly on YouTube](#).

In the month since his surgery to remove an adrenal gland and a non-cancerous attached mass, “I don’t think that I have ever been prayed for more,” the presiding bishop said. Curry then expanded on the theme of prayer and its importance in a world torn by violence and division – and within an Episcopal Church undergoing profound changes of decline and rebirth.

“Even as we speak, there is conflict, division and great suffering in Israel and Gaza, in Sudan and in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and in Ukraine, Armenia and Haiti,” he said. “Prayer matters and makes a difference. We must pray, for

wisdom and moral courage, for world leaders, so that violence does not beget more violence.

“Because violence does not work and violence will not bring about a just and sustainable and enduring peace – shalom, salaam – violence will not get us there.”

His remarks also served to highlight some of the themes of this Oct. 24-27 meeting of Executive Council and the resolutions that its committees will be recommending for final approval at the end of the meeting. Those proposed resolutions include statements on [the war between Israel and Hamas](#), an intensifying humanitarian [conflict between Armenia and Azerbaijan](#), and an arson in Arizona that destroyed an Episcopal church, which [prosecutors have charged as a hate crime](#).

Council also will consider a resolution to establish a committee to research The Episcopal Church’s past complicity with the practice of forced adoptions by unwed mothers, an era roughly from the end of World War II to the early 1970s. The 80th General Convention first [passed a resolution in July 2022](#) calling attention to the issue.

House of Deputies President Julia Ayala Harris emphasized other focal points of Executive Council’s ongoing work in her opening remarks, including church data that points to both long-term membership decline and new opportunities for discipleship and Christian witness. The Episcopal Church is in a “transitional space,” she said.

“We find ourselves between where we are as a church and where we hope to be, between what is and what will become,” Ayala Harris said. “While the present may feel disordered, God is not done with us yet. New life will emerge, new challenges will greet tomorrow.”



Help those in need this winter, Christ The King, by supporting our
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October 29 – December 10, 2023

Please bring New or Nearly New coats and socks for Men, Women or Children in all sizes for donation to local non-profit organizations

Now is the time to give back for all the blessings we have received.

Donation boxes for coats will be located in the Guild Room next Sunday

Anyone wanting to make a financial donation, please make your checks payable to *“Christ The King Episcopal Church”* and place in the collection plate or mail to the church office.

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