

# Christ The King Episcopal Church

40 Charleston Road, Willingboro, New Jersey 08046

## The 26<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost

### Christ The King Sunday

Sunday, November 26, 2023. 9.30am

#### 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.



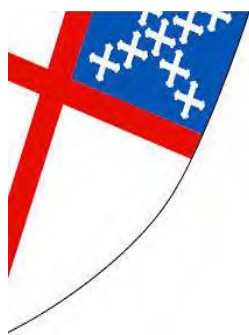
The Reverend Father Vernal Savage  
Priest-In-Charge

# 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**

# Worship Plan for Sunday, November 26, 2023

## 26<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost – Proper 29 | The Holy Eucharist Rite Two

### PROCESSIONAL HYMN *Alleluia! sing to Jesus (Hyfrydol)* (H 460)

1 Al - le - lu - ia! sing to Je - sus! his the  
 \*2 Al - le - lu - ia! not as or - phans are we  
 3 Al - le - lu - ia! bread of Hea - ven, Thou on  
 4 Al - le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, thee the  
 \*5 Al - le - lu - ia! sing to Je - sus! his the

1 scep - ter, his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the  
 2 left in sor - row now; Al - le - lu - ia! he is  
 3 earth our food, our stay! Al - le - lu - ia! here the  
 4 Lord of lords we own: Al - le - lu - ia! born of  
 5 scep - ter, his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the

1 tri - umph, his the vic - to - ry a - lone; Hark! the  
 2 near us, faith be - lieves, nor ques - tions how: though the  
 3 sin - ful flee to thee from day to day: In - ter -  
 4 Ma - ry, earth thy foot - stool, heaven thy throne: thou with -  
 5 tri - umph, his the vic - to - ry a - lone; Hark! the

1 songs of peace - ful Zi - on thun - der like a  
 2 cloud from sight re - ceived him, when the for - ty  
 3 ces - sor, friend of sin - ners, earth's Re - deem - er,  
 4 in the veil hast en - tered, robed in flesh, our  
 5 songs of ho - ly Zi - on thun - der like a

1 might - y flood; Je - sus out of ev - ery  
 2 days were o'er, shall our hearts for - get his  
 3 plead for me, where the songs of all the  
 4 great High Priest: thou on earth both Priest and  
 5 might - y flood; Je - sus out of ev - ery

1 na - tion hath re - deemed us by his blood.  
 2 prom - ise, "I am with you ev - er - more"?  
 3 sin - less sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.  
 4 Vic - tim in the eu - cha - ris - tic feast.  
 5 na - tion hath re - deemed us by his blood.

## OPENING ACCLAMATION (BCP p. 355)

*The people standing, the Celebrant says*

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ is risen.  
*People* The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

## COLLECT FOR PURITY (BCP p. 355)

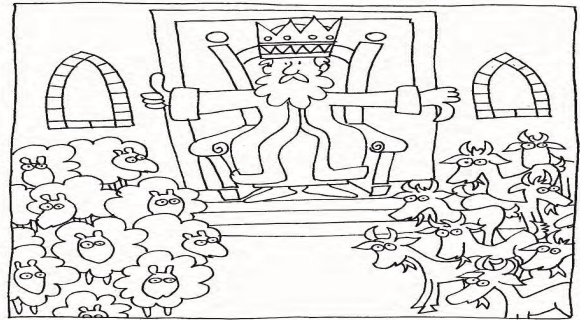
*The Celebrant may say*

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## OPENING ANTHEM OR SONG OF PRAISE or (BCP p. 356)

*The following is sung, all standing*

*Lord has mercy.  
Christ, have mercy,  
Lord, have mercy*



## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY (BCP P.357)

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

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

# THE LESSONS

**FIRST READING:** Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

**[Olin Mitchell]**

*The people sit.*

A Reading from the book of Ezekiel.

<sup>11</sup>Thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. <sup>12</sup>As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. <sup>13</sup>I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. <sup>14</sup>I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. <sup>15</sup>I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord GOD. <sup>16</sup>I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

<sup>20</sup>Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. <sup>21</sup>Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, <sup>22</sup>I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep.

<sup>23</sup>I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. <sup>24</sup>And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the LORD, have spoken.

*Reader*        The Word of the Lord.

*People*        Thanks be to God.

*Silence may follow.*

**PSALM:** Psalm 100

[Olin Mitchell]

*Remain seated.*

<sup>1</sup>Be joyful in the LORD, all you lands; \*  
serve the LORD with gladness  
and come before his presence with a song.  
<sup>2</sup>Know this: The LORD himself is God; \*  
he himself has made us, and we are his;  
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.  
<sup>3</sup>Enter his gates with thanksgiving;  
go into his courts with praise; \*  
give thanks to him and call upon his Name.  
<sup>4</sup>For the LORD is good;  
his mercy is everlasting; \*  
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

**SECOND READING:** Ephesians 1:15-23

[Dan Gunning]

*The people sit.*

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

<sup>15</sup>I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason <sup>16</sup>I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. <sup>17</sup>I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, <sup>18</sup>so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, <sup>19</sup>and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. <sup>20</sup>God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, <sup>21</sup>far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. <sup>22</sup>And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, <sup>23</sup>which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

*Reader*        The Word of the Lord.

*People*        Thanks be to God.

*Silence may follow.*

# SEQUENCE HYMN *Now thank we all our God (Nun danket alle Gott)* (H 397)

*All stand.*

1 Now thank we all our God, with heart, and hands, and voic - es,  
2 O may this boun - teous God through all our life be near us!  
3 All praise and thanks to God the Fa - ther now be giv - en,

who won - drous things hath done, in whom his world re - joic - es;  
With ev - er - joy - ful hearts and bless - ed peace to cheer us;  
the Son, and him who reigns with them in high - est hea - ven,

who from our mo - ther's arms hath blessed us on our way  
and keep us in his grace, and guide us when per - plexed,  
e - ter - nal, Tri - une God, whom earth and heaven a - dore;

with count - less gifts of love, and still is ours to - day.  
and free us from all ills in this world and the next.  
for thus it was, is now, and shall be, ev - er - more.



## GOSPEL: Matthew 25:31-46

[The Rev. Vernal Savage]

*All stand.*

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

*People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

[Jesus said,] <sup>31</sup>“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. <sup>32</sup>All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, <sup>33</sup>and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. <sup>34</sup>Then the king will say to those at his right hand, ‘Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; <sup>35</sup>for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, <sup>36</sup>I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’ <sup>37</sup>Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? <sup>38</sup>And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? <sup>39</sup>And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’ <sup>40</sup>And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family you did it to me.’ <sup>41</sup>Then he will say to those at his left hand, ‘You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; <sup>42</sup>for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, <sup>43</sup>I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’ <sup>44</sup>Then they also will answer, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?’ <sup>45</sup>Then he will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’ <sup>46</sup>And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

*Deacon* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

## SERMON HYMN

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

**Laying of Hands (Thanksgiving, Healing & Blessings)**

O Almighty God, whose blessed Son did lay His hands upon the sick and heal them: Grant we beseech the, to the persons, upon whom we lay our hands in His name, refreshment of spirit, and if it be thy holy will, perfect restoration to health; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Holy scripture teaches us  
that in acts of healing and restoration  
our Lord Jesus and his disciples  
laid hands upon the sick (and anointed them).  
By so doing they made known  
the healing power and presence of God.  
Pray that as we follow our Lord's example,  
you may know his unfailing love.*

**Prayer at the end of the time of anointing**

*As you are outwardly anointed with this holy oil,  
so may our heavenly Father grant you  
the inward anointing of the Holy Spirit.  
Of his great mercy,  
may he forgive you your sins,  
release you from suffering,  
and restore you to wholeness and strength.  
May he deliver you from all evil,  
preserve you in all goodness,  
and bring you to everlasting life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

## CONFESSION OF SIN:

*The Deacon or Celebrant says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Leader and People*

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.*

*The Celebrant concludes with an absolution or a suitable Collect.*

*The Priest stands and says*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ,

strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen*

## THE PEACE (BCP p. 360)

*All stand.*

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

*People*             And also with you.

*Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

# PEACE HYMN *Bless The Lord, O My Soul* (LEVAS 65)

Bless the Lord, O my soul: and all that is with-

in me, Bless His ho - ly name.

He has done great things, He has done great

things, He has done great things, Bless His ho - ly name!

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

[Maxine Harvey]

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

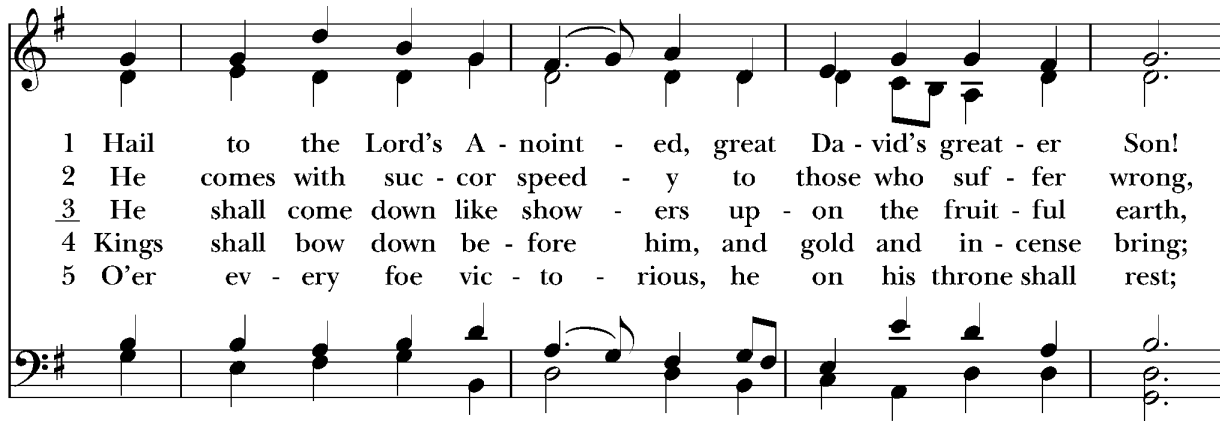
# THE HOLY COMMUNION

## OFFERTORY SENTENCE (BCP p. 376)

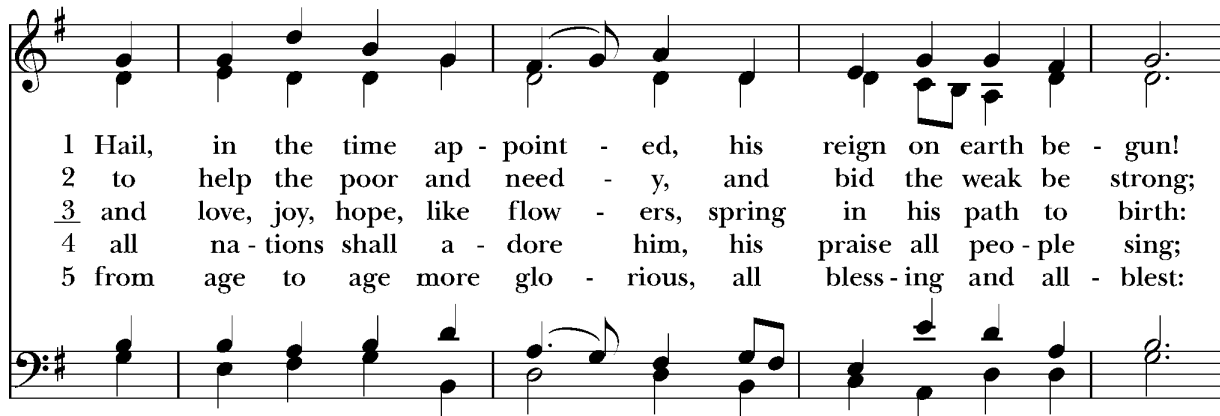
*The Celebrant says*

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

## OFFERTORY HYMN *Hail to the Lord's Anointed (Es flog ein kleins Waldvögelein)* (H 616)



1 Hail to the Lord's A - noint - ed, great Da - vid's great - er Son!  
2 He comes with suc - cor speed - y to those who suf - fer wrong,  
3 He shall come down like show - ers up - on the fruit - ful earth,  
4 Kings shall bow down be - fore him, and gold and in - cense bring;  
5 O'er ev - ery foe vic - to - rious, he on his throne shall rest;



1 Hail, in the time ap - point - ed, his reign on earth be - gun!  
2 to help the poor and need - y, and bid the weak be strong;  
3 and love, joy, hope, like flow - ers, spring in his path to birth:  
4 all na - tions shall a - dore him, his praise all peo - ple sing;  
5 from age to age more glo - rious, all bless - ing and all - blest:

1 He comes to break op - pres - sion, to set the cap - tive free;  
 2 to give them songs for sigh - ing, their dark - ness turn to light,  
 3 be - fore him on the moun - tains shall peace, the her - ald, go;  
 4 to him shall prayer un - ceas - ing and dai - ly vows a - scend;  
 5 the tide of time shall nev - er his cov - e - nant re - move;

1 to take a - way trans - gres - sion, and rule in eq - ui - ty.  
 2 whose souls, con - demned and dy - ing, were pre - cious in his sight.  
 3 and right - eous - ness in foun - tains from hill to val - ley flow.  
 4 his king - dom still in - creas - ing, a king - dom with - out end.  
 5 his Name shall stand for ev - er, his change - less Name of Love.

# The Great Thanksgiving

## **SURSUM CORDA (BCP p. 367)**

*The People remain standing.*

Celebrant        The Lord be with you.

People            And also with you.

Celebrant:    The Church of Christ, of which we are members,  
                  has taken this bread and wine and given thanks  
                  according to the Lord's command.  
                  We now share together in the communion of  
                  his body and blood.

## **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.*

## **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 *Break Thou the Bread of Life* (LEVAS 146)

1. Break thou the bread of life, Dear Lord, to me,  
2. Bless thou the truth, dear Lord, To me, to me,  
3. Teach me to live, dear Lord, On - ly for thee,

1. As thou didst break the loaves Be - side the sea;  
2. As thou didst bless the bread By Gal - i - lee;  
3. As thy dis - ci - ples lived in Gal - i - lee;

1. Be - yond the sa - cred page I seek thee, Lord;  
2. Then shall all bond - age cease, All fet - ters fall,  
3. Then, all my strug - gles o'er, Then, vic - t'ry won,

1. My spir - it pants for thee, O liv - ing word!  
2. And I shall find my peace, My all in all.  
3. I shall be - hold thee, Lord, The liv - ing one.



**ABLUTION SONG: Give Thanks - by Don Moen and Paul Wilbur**

Give thanks with a grateful heart  
Give thanks to the Holy One  
Give thanks because He's given  
Jesus Christ His Son

[Verse]

And now let the weak say I am strong  
Let the poor say I am rich  
Because of what the Lord has done for us  
And now let the weak say I am strong  
Let the poor say I am rich  
Because of what the Lord has done for us

**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.

# RETIRING HYMN *Christ for the world we sing (Moscow)* (H 537)

1 Christ for the world we sing! The world to  
 2 Christ for the world we sing! The world to  
 3 Christ for the world we sing! The world to  
 4 Christ for the world we sing! The world to

Christ we bring with lov - ing zeal; the poor, and  
 Christ we bring with fer - vent prayer; the way - ward  
 Christ we bring with one ac - cord; with us the  
 Christ we bring with joy - ful song; the new - born

them that mourn, the faint and o - ver - borne,  
 and the lost, by rest - less pas - sions tossed,  
 work to share, with us re - proach to dare,  
 souls, whose days, re - claimed from er - ror's ways,

sin - sick and sor - row - worn, whom Christ doth heal.  
 re - deemed at count - less cost from dark de - spair.  
 with us the cross to bear, for Christ our Lord.  
 in - spired with hope and praise, to Christ be - long.

## 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 November 26	Olin Mitchell Dan Gunning			Hubert Lambert Jannette Webster	Carolyn Booker Jermaine Smith
Sunday December 3	Carolyn Booker Debra Stewart			Gloria Davies Beatrice Ogbuokiri	Joan Burke Maxine Harvey
Sunday December 10	Olin Mitchell Maxine Harvey			Olin Mitchell Judith Richards	Kenneth Mallory Marcelle Arthur
Sunday December 17	Maxine Harvey Regina Lamptey			Diane Staten Ransolina Roberts	Nathan Roberts Helen Baylock
Sunday December 24	Joan Burke Linda Anderson			Patricia Mitchell Regina Lamptey	Emerson Cooper Dan Gunning
Sunday December 31	Sarah Smith Olin Mitchell			JoyAnn Lambert Marcus Gales	Catherine Edwards Carolyn Booker

## PRAYERS

To add names to the prayer list, email [ctk@christthekingnj.org](mailto: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	

## Kelly Nixon Memorial Service

The service to celebrate the life of Kelly Nixon will be at Christ the King on Friday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 11:00am.

### 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 412-337-2576.

### 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.

## CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY

### BIBLE STUDIES – MONDAY'S

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

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## 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:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86374035494?pwd=R3lrV1ZMTG5pUE9zZnllZDngyNTZTd09> Meeting ID: 863 7403 5494; Password: 007431;

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!



### VOLUNTEERS FOR THE NOMINATION COMMITTEE

We 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.

### November Birthdays

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

### 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 \$18,018.50 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 December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at 10.00am

## Christ The King Choir Announcement

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 Linda Anderson for more information.

## Krio Descendants Union Northeast Church Service



## November 26, 2023 – Christ the King (A) Christ the King Sunday

Today, many parishes within The Episcopal Church celebrate the Feast of Christ the King. This feast day falls on the last Sunday of the liturgical year, the Sunday before the beginning of Advent. The feast is a relative newcomer to the liturgical calendar; it was first instituted by Pope Pius XI in 1925, when he wrote the encyclical *Quas Primas*. Here, he lays out the different understandings of kingship that Jesus Christ possesses.

Pius XI also explains how Christians ought to live as a result of Christ's kingship: "He must reign in our minds, which should assent with perfect submission and firm belief to revealed truths and to the doctrines of Christ. He must reign in our wills, which should obey the laws and precepts of God. He must reign in our hearts, which should spurn natural desires and love God above all things, and cleave to him alone. He must reign in our bodies and in our members, which should serve as instruments for the interior sanctification of our souls, or to use the words of the Apostle Paul, as instruments of justice unto God." By the 1970s, the Feast of Christ the King had been more or less institutionalized throughout many Christian denominations and was fixed as occurring the last Sunday before Advent.

The lessons for this day support the understanding of Christ as sovereign. Jeremiah writes, "The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land." The Song of Zechariah bridges the seasons beautifully as we hear the prophecy foretelling the ministry of St. John the Baptist, from whom we'll hear more very shortly. The Letter to the Colossians explains, "[The Father] has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins." It is only in the Gospel reading that we see the most difficult aspect of Jesus' kingship: "The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, 'If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!' There was also an inscription over him, 'This is the King of the Jews.'" We remember that Jesus' kingship is not distant and remote in some capital city thousands of miles away. His kingship is not detached nor aloof. No, he reigns for now in the very hearts of the faithful, freeing us and bringing us together under his most gracious rule.



# ONE WARM COAT

## D i v e

Help those in need this winter, Christ The King, by supporting our  
Annual "One Warm Coat and Socks" Drive.

**October 29 - Decetnber 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.

**Donations will support the following Non Profits:**

- Trinity Cathedral Food Pantry Outreach
- Catholic Charities of Burlington - Community Access Center

**Brought to you by:** *Christ The King Parish Life Committee*

**"Thanks For Giving"**

**Christ The King Episcopal Church**  
**40 Charleston Road Willingboro, NJ**

**"18<sup>th</sup> Annual Christmas Messiah Concert"**

*In Memory of Frank Spencer*

**Save the Date**

Sunday December 3, 2023, at 4:00pm

**Buy your Patron Advertisement Now!**

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- **1/2page**      **\$50.00**
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Deadline for submission of Advertisement Saturday, November 25, 2023.

Do you sing? We would love to have you join us!

**Please call or email - Linda Anderson 609.760.1050 - [lindasok@verizon.net](mailto:lindasok@verizon.net)**  
for more info!      **[Freewill Donation for this event](#)**



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