Christ The King Episcopal Church

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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 Epiphany

Christmastide concludes—and a new liturgical season begins—with the Epiphany, which is one of the seven principal feasts of the Episcopal Church and is celebrated on January 6 each year. The day commemorates the epiphany, or manifestation, of God among us in human form. Traditionally, it also denotes the arrival of the Magi (also known as the Three Kings or the Wise Men) in Bethlehem to pay homage to the newly-born Christ child with gifts.

Worship Plan for Sunday, January 7, 2024 First Sunday After Epiphany | The Holy Eucharist Rite Two

MEDITATION: In the presence of Jehovah,

God Almighty, Prince of Peace, Troubles vanish, hearts are mended in the presence of the King!

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: Christ, whose glory fills the skies (Christ Whose Glory) (H 6)

OPENING ACCLAMATION (BCP p. 355)

The people standing, the Celebrant says

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

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 LEVAS 243 Glory to God or (BCP p. 356)

The following is sung, all standing

Glory, Glory, hallelujah, Lord we praise your Holy name, Glory, Glory hallelujah, Lord we praise your Holy name. Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,

You take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;

You are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY (BCP P.214)

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

O God, by the leading of a star you manifested your only Son to the Peoples of the earth: Lead us, who know you now by faith, to your presence, where we may see your glory face to face; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

THE LESSONS

FIRST READING: Genesis 1:1-5

[Maxine Harvey]

The people sit.

A Reading from the book of Genesis.

¹In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, ²the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. ³Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. ⁴And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

[Maxine Harvey]

PSALM: Psalm 29

Remain seated.

¹Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, * ascribe to the LORD glory and strength. ²Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his Name; * worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness. ³The voice of the LORD is upon the waters: the God of glory thunders; * the LORD is upon the mighty waters. ⁴The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice; * the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor. ⁵The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees; * the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon; ⁶He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, * and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox. ⁷The voice of the LORD splits the flames of fire; the voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; * the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh. ⁸The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe * and strips the forests bare. ⁹And in the temple of the LORD * all are crying, "Glory!" ¹⁰The LORD sits enthroned above the flood; * the LORD sits enthroned as King forevermore. ¹¹The LORD shall give strength to his people; * the LORD shall give his people the blessing of peace.

SECOND READING: Acts 19:1-7

[Joan Burke]

The people sit.

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

¹While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. ²He said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?" They replied, "No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." ³Then he said, "Into what then were you baptized?" They answered, "Into John's baptism." ⁴Paul said, "John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus." ⁵On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. ⁶When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied—⁷altogether there were about twelve of them.

ReaderThe Word of the Lord.PeopleThanks be to God.Silence may follow.

SEQUENCE HYMN And now, O Father, mindful of the love (Unde et memores) (H 337) All stand.





GOSPEL: Mark 1:4-11

[The Rev. Father Vernal Savage]

All stand.

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

⁴John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁶Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. ⁸I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

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 Father Vernal Savage]



THE CREED (BCP p. 326)

All stand.

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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (BCP p. 392) Form 6

All remain standing.

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;
For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.
For this community, the nation, and the world;
For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.
For the just and proper use of your creation;
For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.
For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
For these who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.
For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.
For [*N.* our Presiding Bishop, and *N.* (*N.*) our Bishop(s); and for] all bishops and other ministers;
For all who serve God in his Church.
For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

The People may add their own petitions.

Hear us, Lord; For your mercy is great. We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life. Silence

The People may add their own thanksgivings.

We will exalt you, O God our King; And praise your Name for ever and ever. We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom. Silence

The People may add their own petitions.

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them; Who put their trust in you. [We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins. Silence may be kept.

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. 332)

All stand.

Celebrant	The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People	And with thy spirit.

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



PEACE HYMN I'm So Glad, Jesus Lifted Me (Levas 105)

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

[By Maxine Harvey]

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

THE HOLY COMMUNION

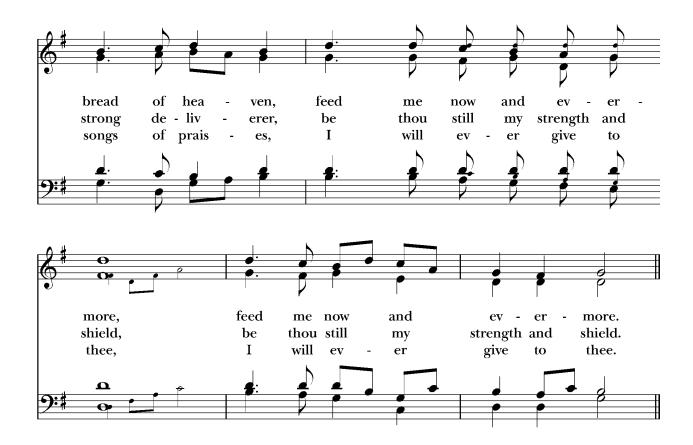
OFFERTORY SENTENCE (BCP p. 343)

The Celebrant says

Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good thy vows unto the Most High. Psalm 50:14

OFFERTORY HYMN Guide me, O thou great Jehovah (Cwm Rhondda) (H 690)





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

Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

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 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



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

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 'Tis So Sweet to Trust Jesus (LEVAS 108)



ABLUTION:

"Hallelu" Hallelujah, Hallelujah, O Lord We Praise Your Name All the Glory, All The Praise, O Lord We Praise Your Name"

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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.

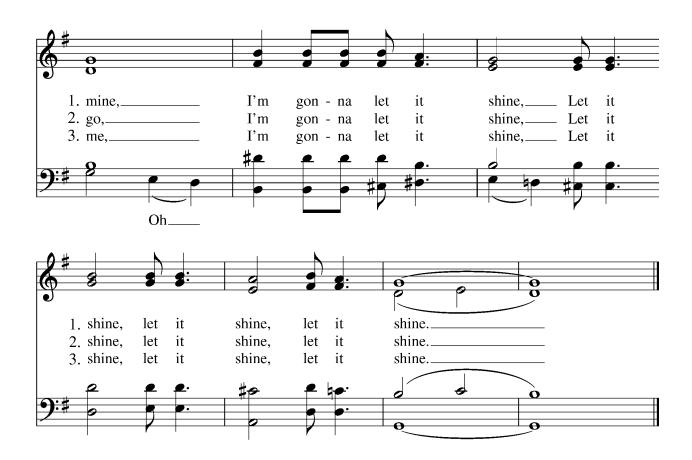
BLESSING (BCP p. 366)

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 for ever. *Amen.*

RETIRING HYMN This Little Light of Mine (LEVAS 221)

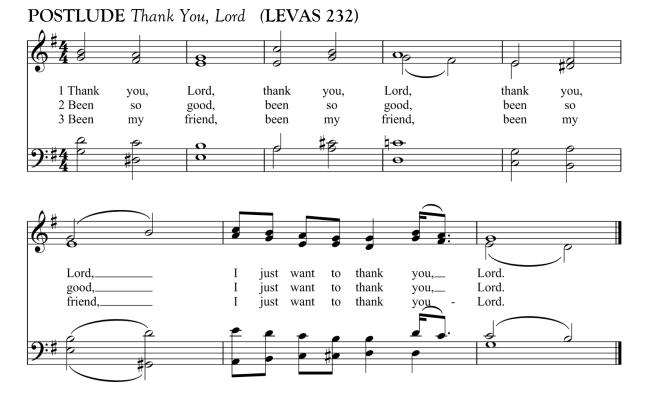




DISMISSAL (BCP p. 340)

People

Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Thanks be to God.



FINAL PRAYER: By Priest or Deacon

Date	WORSHIP	EUCHARISTIC	YOUTH	USHERS	COUNTING
	LEADER	MINISTER	LEADER		
Sunday January 7	Maxine Harvey Joan Burke			Hubert Lambert Janette Webster	
Sunday January 14	Sarah Smith Carolyn Booker			Gloria Davies Beatrice Ogboukiri	
Sunday January 21				Olin Mitchell Judith Richards	
Sunday January 28				Diane Staten Ransolina Roberts	
Sunday February 4				Patricia Mitchell Regina Lamptey	
Sunday February 11				JoyAnn Lambert Marcus Gales	
Sunday February 18				Hubert Lambert Janette Webster	
Sunday February 25				Gloria Davies Beatrice Ogbuokiri	