Christ The King Episcopal Church 40 Charleston Road, Willingboro, NJ 08046 Tel (609) 877-2987 <u>ctk@christthekingnj.org</u> https://www.christthekingnj.org Sunday, March 3, 2024 at 9:30 a.m. Holy Communion

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.

> Priest-in-Charge: The Rev. Fr. Vernal Savage Cellular telephone # (609) 850-9044 Email address: priest@christthekingnj.org Office hours: Tuesday – Friday 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Senior Warden: Hubert Lambert Junior Warden: Jermaine Smith

Meditation: A Perfect Sacrifice" Holy One, Jesus Christ, the only one worthy to give his life, for the sins of all mankind; such a perfect sacrifice, Jesus Christ!

Processional Hymn. Let Thy Blood Mercy Poured – Hymn #313

The people standing, the Celebrant says

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

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins. His mercy endureth for ever. People

The Celebrant may read one of the following sentences

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets. Matthew 22:37-40

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us; but if we confess our sins, God is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1:8, 9

Seeing that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to

help in time of need. Hebrews 4:14, 16

The Deacon or Celebrant then says Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

Silence.

Minister and People

Most merciful God,

we confess that we have sinned against thee in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved thee with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in thy will, and walk in thy ways, to the glory of thy Name. Amen.

The Priest, stands and says

The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. Amen.

Here is sung or said Kyrie eleison. *Christe eleison.* Kyrie eleison.

The Collect of the Day

Almighty God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Liturgy of the Word

A Reading from Exodus 20:1-17.....Emerson Cooper

20 Then God spoke all these words: ² I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; ³ you shall have no other gods before me.

⁴ You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. ⁵ You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, ⁶ but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

- ⁷ You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.
- ⁸ Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. ⁹ Six days you shall labor and do all your work. ¹⁰ But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. ¹¹ For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it.
- ¹² Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.
- ¹³ You shall not murder.
- ¹⁴ You shall not commit adultery.

¹⁵ You shall not steal.

- ¹⁶ You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.
- ¹⁷ You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

ReaderThe Word of the Lord.PeopleThanks be to God.

Psalm 19

- 1 The heavens declare the glory of God, *and the firmament shows his handiwork.
- 2 One day tells its tale to another, *and one night imparts knowledge to another.
- 3 Although they have no words or language, *and their voices are not heard,
- 4 Their sound has gone out into all lands, *and their message to the ends of the world.
- 5 In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun; *it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber; it rejoices like a champion to run its course.

6 It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about to the end of it again; *nothing is hidden from its burning heat.

7 The law of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul; *

the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent.

8 The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart; *

the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light to the eyes.

9 The fear of the Lord is clean and endures for ever; *

the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

10 More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, * sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.

11 By them also is your servant enlightened, * and in keeping them there is great reward.

12 Who can tell how often he offends? *cleanse me from my secret faults.

13 Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me; * then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.

14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, * O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

Readings from 1 Corinthians 1:18–25..... Linda Anderson

18 For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. 19 For it is written,

"I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,

and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart."

20 Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? 21 For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. 22 For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, 23 but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, 24 but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. 25 For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

People	Thanks be to God.
Reader	The Word of the Lord.

Hymn.....Rock of Ages pg. 685

The Gospel

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John. **People** Glory to you, Lord Christ.

13 The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. 14 In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. 15 Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. 16 He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" 17 His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." 18 The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" 19 Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." 20 The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" 21 But he was speaking of the temple of his body. 22 After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken. (Jn)

At the end of the Gospel, the Reader says The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Hymn......Fix Me Jesus, Fix Me (chorus only) LEVAS #125

SermonThe Rev. Fr. Vernal Savage

Choir Anthem.....Order My Steps

The Nicene Creed 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

The Deacon or other person appointed says Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world. After each paragraph of this prayer, the People may make an appropriate response, as

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Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers [especially______.], that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land [especially

_____], that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty.

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor [______ and] all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

The Peace

All stand. The Celebrant says to the people

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And with thy spirit.

Peace Hymn. He is King Of Kings LEVAS pg.96

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Choir Anthem......Psalm 150 (Praise Him in the Sanctuary)

Offertory Sentence

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. Ephesians 5:2

Hymn. There not a friend like the lowly Jesus - LEVAS pg. 90

The Great Thanksgiving

The people remain standing. The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings or says

	The Lord be with you.
People	And with thy spirit.
Celebrant	Lift up your hearts.
People	We lift them up unto the Lord.
Celebrant	Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.
People	It is meet and right so to do.

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who was in every way tempted as we are, yet did not sin; by whose grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer unto ourselves, but unto him who died for us and rose again.

Therefore, with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

Celebrant and People Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts: Heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High. Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Then the Celebrant continues

All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us

to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord; By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. AMEN.

And now, as our Savior Christ hath 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, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread Then may be sung or said Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; *Therefore let us keep the feast.*

Agnus Dei O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

People and Celebrant

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

Celebrant say the following Invitation 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.

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. What a friend we have in Jesus - LEVAS pg. 109 Ablution. O How He Loves You and Me - LEVAS pg. 35

After Communion, the Celebrant says Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs,

through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

Priest, gives the blessing

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. Amen.

Recessional Hymn.

Praise to the Living God pg 372

Dismissal

Deacon Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. *People Thanks be to God.*

Thank you Lord, Thank you Lord, Thank You Lord, I just want to thank you Lord. Been so good, Been so good, Been so good, I just want to thank you Lord. Been my friend, Been my friend, Been my friend, I just want to thank you Lord.

Announcements – News - Thoughts

Sunday, March 3rd, 2024 JOIN US FOR SERVICE EVERY SUNDAY AT 09:30AM PUBLIC WORSHIP HAS BEEN RESUMED

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Bible Studies

During the season of Lent, we continue bible studies on Tuesdays of each week at 7:00pm. We will be using the "People of the Passion: A Lenten Weekly Study," by Dr. Cathy Randall for our Lenten study. You are invited to join us using the Church Zoom Link. This week we will be studying Peter.

Prayers:

To add names to the prayer list, email ctk@christthekingnj.org, call 609.877.2992, or place the name in the prayer box in the back. 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 our Lord. Amen.

Josie Howard Marion Cannon Angela Cannon Marilyn Capehart Josephine White Freda Oasin Joan Thomas Margaretta McDougal Edythe Munson **Eustace** December **Yvonne** December Billie Miller Melvina Berry Basil Mitchell Emmanuel Ogbuokiri **Tracey Lewis**

Sherman Clahar Mark Lockett Robyn Lockett Nathaniel Evans Glenda Evans Ryan Kerr Jada Jackson Patricia Mitchell Florence James Victor Merdina Christiana Trivigno Gloria Davis Carolyn Booker Judith Jackson Olin Mitchell

Wednesday Prayer Meeting:

Join us on Wednesday nights for prayer service on Zoom at 7:15pm using the church's zoom link. The prayer team has a more extensive list: sick, shut in, grief, war & violence and for our church and community. You can add a name to the prayer list by contacting one of the prayer team members, Diane Staten, Helen Baylock, Linda Anderson, Sarah Smith, Carolyn Booker, or Martha Johnson. You can also place a name in the prayer box located in the prayer station in the back of the church.

Meeting ID: 863 7403 5494; Password: 007431.

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.

Stations of the Cross

Reminder that during the season of Lent we will have the Stations of the Cross on Friday evenings at 3:00pm.

Black History Month:

We would like to extend our gratitude to everyone that made 2024 Black History Month a success. We solicit more participation from the congregation to make 2025 Black History Month a banner year. You will find the fashion show pictures and a short video on our Facebook page. We recognized the following committees: Altar Guild Interior decorating Team Communication Team Hospitality Team Music Team

By: Ransolina Roberts & Helen Baylock Black History Committee/CTK

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 March 9th, 2024, at 10.00am.

Zoom ID: 818-7152-9383, Password: 359999

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.

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.

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!

Youth & Young Adults

We continue to invite all the youth or young people you know to an event and ask for them to contact, or Rev. Vernal Savage, and Nathan Roberts. Save the date for us to meet which is schedule for Sunday, March 17th, 2024, at 4:00pm. We hope to see all the youth and young adults at this in-person event. We will be sending out further information shortly. Kindly help us to ensure we have contact information for all the young people or youth you know.

Parishioners/ Sharing/Preaching

During our Lenten pilgrimage I am inviting you as followers of Jesus Christ of Nazareth to come forward in one of the services to share a message. It is my hope that we can share the working of God in our lives, or it could be something that happened that impacted your faith. The dates that are available are March 10th, 17th, and 24th. Kindly speak with me so that we can arrange the dates most convenient for you.

Scholarship

There is a college scholarship for Black high school girls sponsored by the Rancocas Valley Almanac Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority. The scholarship winner is eligible to receive \$1000/year for four years. The attachment provides additional information about the scholarship and eligibility criteria. Interested applicants may submit an application by completing the form (found at RVAC DST Scholarship Form) and submitting all required information by March 15, 2024. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact: Royce Warrick, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, (609) 923-3301



The annual convention of the Diocese of New Jersey will be held on March 9, 2024, both online and in person at Trinity Cathedral in Trenton.

Convention Information

Diocesan Convention is a time when representatives around our diocese gather to share in the polity of the Church, upholding the common mission and ministry of our Lord Jesus Christ. All are welcome to join us as we worship, conduct business, view and listen to presentations.

Lay Deputies Certification

Parishes should fill out and submit the form in the sidebar to certify their lay delegation and alternates to the Convention.

Registration Information

Attendees will be able to take part online or attend in-person. The site for inperson attendance will be Trinity Cathedral in Trenton. We will accommodate seating for voting members first. Plans are subject to change based on Covid-19 guidelines and community impact.

Please click <u>here</u> to visit the Diocesan Convention website for more information.

Registration questions: Sarah Paige at spaige@dioceseofnj.org or 609-460-5401.