

# **Christ The King Episcopal Church**

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**PALM Sunday, March 24th, 2024 at 9:30 a.m.**

**Holy Communion**



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## **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.

**Meditation: He looked beyond my fault and saw my needs.**

## **The Liturgy of the Palms**

The following or some other suitable anthem is sung or said, the people standing.

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

*People: Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.*

Celebrant

Let us pray.

Assist us mercifully with your help, O Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts, whereby you have given us life and immortality; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Here a Deacon or other person appointed reads one of the following.

11 When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples <sup>2</sup>and said to them, “Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. <sup>3</sup>If anyone says to you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ just say this, ‘The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.’” <sup>4</sup>They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, <sup>5</sup>some of the bystanders said to them, “What are you doing, untying the colt?” <sup>6</sup>They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. <sup>7</sup>Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. <sup>8</sup>Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. <sup>9</sup>Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

“Hosanna!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

<sup>10</sup>Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

<sup>11</sup> Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple;(Mk 11:1–11).

The Celebrant then says the following blessing

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.*

It is right to praise you, Almighty God, for the acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. On this day he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph, and was proclaimed as King of kings by those who spread their garments and branches of palm along his way. Let these branches be for us signs of his victory, and grant that we who bear them in his name may ever hail him as our King, and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life; who lives and reigns in glory with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.

The following or some other suitable anthem may then be sung or said

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
*Hosanna in the highest.*

### **The Procession**

Deacon    Let us go forth in peace.  
*People*    *In the name of Christ. Amen.*

### **Processional Hymn #154– All Glory, Laud and Honor**

At a suitable place, the procession may halt while the following or some other appropriate Collect is said

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: Mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **The Collect of the Day**

Almighty and everliving God, in your tender love for the human race you sent your Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon him our nature, and to suffer death upon the cross, giving us the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may walk in the way of

his suffering, and also share in his resurrection; 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 Isaiah 50:4-9a .....Sarah Smith

<sup>4</sup>The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens— wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. <sup>5</sup>The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. <sup>6</sup>I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. <sup>7</sup>The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; <sup>8</sup>he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. <sup>9</sup>It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty? All of them will wear out like a garment; the moth will eat them up.

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

### **Psalm 31:9-16**

9 Be gracious to me, O Lord, for I am in distress; my eye wastes away from grief, my soul and body also.

10 For my life is spent with sorrow, and my years with sighing; my strength fails because of my misery, and my bones waste away.

11 I am the scorn of all my adversaries, a horror to my neighbors, an object of dread to my acquaintances; those who see me in the street flee from me.

12 I have passed out of mind like one who is dead; I have become like a broken vessel.

13 For I hear the whispering of many— terror all around!— as they scheme together against me, as they plot to take my life.

14 But I trust in you, O Lord; I say, "You are my God."

15 My times are in your hand; deliver me from the hand of my enemies and persecutors.

16 Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your steadfast love.

**Reading from Philippians 2:5-11.....Carolyn Booker**

<sup>5</sup>Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup>who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, <sup>7</sup>but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, <sup>8</sup>he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death— even death on a cross. <sup>9</sup>Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, <sup>10</sup>so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup>and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Reader                   The Word of the Lord.

**People                    *Thanks be to God.***

***CHOIR:..... At Calvery***

**Sequence Hymn #158 – Ah, Holy Jesus**

**The Passion according to Mark – (See Handout)**

**People                    *Glory to you, Lord Christ.***

**Hymn - LEVAS #33.....He Never Said a Mumbalin' Work**

**Sermon .....The Reverend Canon James E. Wynn**

**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 directed.

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.

Additional petitions and thanksgivings may be included here. And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear [especially\_\_\_\_\_], beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of [\_\_\_\_\_ and of] all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. Amen.

### **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.: Ride On, King Jesus - LEVAS pg. 97

## **Announcements:**

### **Offertory Sentence:**

I appeal to you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present yourselves as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Romans 12:1

**Offertory Hymn #435 :** At The Name of Jesus

### **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 for our sins was lifted high upon the cross, that he might draw the whole world to himself; who by his suffering and death became the author of eternal salvation for all who put their trust in him.

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 broke 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 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 #168: O Sacred Head, Sore Wounded**

**Ablution:** O How He Loves You and Me - LEVAS pg. 35

**Blessings** (please come forward for blessings for travel, birthday, wedding anniversary, etc)

### **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.

**Retiring Hymn** – LEVAS # 31 - Lead Me to Calvary

**Dismissal**

Deacon Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

**People:** *Thanks be to God.*

**Announcements – News - Thoughts**

PALM Sunday, March 24th, 2024

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**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 our Lord. Amen.

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**Wednesday Prayer Meeting:**

Join us on Wednesday nights for prayer service on Zoom at 7:15pm. Wednesday Prayer Meetings are now on Zoom (Using the Church Zoom Link):

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86374035494?pwd=R3lrV1ZMTG5pUE9zZnlldngyNTZTdz09>

Meeting ID: 863 7403 5494; Password: 007431.  
By Linda Anderson

### **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. Tuesday coming we will focus on the Judas. You are invited to join us using the Church Zoom Link.

### **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.

### **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 April 12th, 2024, at 10.00am.

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

### **Give Easily from Here:**

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### **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.

### **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.

### **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 adults you know to become involved and make contact with Rev. Vernal Savage, and Nathan Roberts. Kindly help us to ensure we have contact information for all the youth and young adults.

### **Union of Black Episcopalians Mid - Atlantic Region Conference**

Christ the King Episcopal Church in Willingboro, New Jersey will be hosting the Mid - Atlantic Region Conference of the Union of Black Episcopalians on April 27, 2024.

### **March Birthdays:**

7th – Liana James-Lemus

9th – Mekalah Dupree

10th – Okeechi Ogbuokiri

12th – Jonathan Roberts

22nd – Nina Simmons

22nd – Marian Cannon

**26th – Kenneth Mallory**

**26th – Ozioma Olowu**

**28th – Emerson Cooper**

**28th – Gloria Jean West**

**30th – Josephine White**

**31st – Kelsey Chukwuocha**

**31st – Kenneth Chukwuocha**

### **The People's Sermon Preaching Cohorts**

I am desirous of working for the improvement of preaching within Christ the King and inviting you to consider to be part of an initiative to be part of cohorts of 4-6 congregational teams (a priest/deacon/along with 3-6 congregation members) who gather with professor Shauna Hanna via zoom six times over 2 months. Participant evaluations suggest that the cohorts benefit individuals and congregations in a variety of ways. They have begun to:

- understand what preaching is and why we do it,
- develop more creative and participatory Bible studies,

- prompt congregation members to listen to sermons in new ways,
- equip lay preachers within congregations.

If this is of interest to you, please do not hesitate to speak with Rev. Fr. Vernal Savage to participate.

### **Stewardship Committee**

An invitation is extended to you to join the stewardship committee. This is a ministry that is central to the church fulfilling its stewardship role as we live out our faith. It may just be the ministry you most suitable for you and your call to fulfil your vocation in Christ Jesus. Speak to Rev. Vernal Savage, Priest-In-Charge or Hubert Lambert, Senior Warden.

### **Holy Week & Easter Services**

- **Passion Sunday, March 24th Service at 9:30 a.m.**
- **Maundy Thursday Service - March 28th at 4:00 p.m.**
- **Good Friday Service - March 29th at 12:00 p.m.**
- **Easter Day Service - March 31st at 9:30 am**

Volunteers are invited to get their feet washed by the Rev. Fr. Vernal. We will need at least twelve (12) volunteers for the maundy Thursday service feet washing.

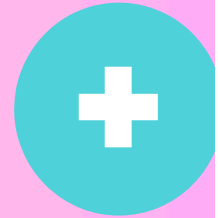




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## ***New Love***

Today's Scripture:

A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.....(John 13:34-35)

Today's Word:

The word new can mean brand-new—something never seen or heard of before. Or it can mean something familiar that suddenly takes on new meaning or importance. This second meaning applies to Jesus' words in John 13:34.

On the eve of His arrest, Jesus gave His disciples a “new commandment”—that they should love one another. This wasn't a brand-new commandment. Leviticus 19:18 had established that Jews were to love their neighbors as they loved themselves (to which Jesus had added the requirement to love their enemies—Matthew 5:43-48). So what was new about Jesus' new commandment? It was that they were to love each other as He had loved them. This standard would take on a whole new meaning for them as they saw Jesus give up His life sacrificially. This, Jesus told them later during their meal, is the greatest kind of love (John 15:12-13).

Jesus introduced a new kind of love—sacrificial love. He expected His followers, including us, to love as He loved: sacrificially for the sake of others.

True love is always costly.

***Prayer for Today***

Father, thank You for Your Son, Jesus Christ. Thank You for His sacrifice on that cruel cross. He endured mocking, pain, and death, so that I could go free. Thank You Jesus, for becoming my Savior, Deliverer, and Liberator. You removed the barrier for me, and because of that I have grace and forgiveness in You, Father. I will boast only in You. Help me to love others sacrificially as Jesus did. Help me to be Your mouthpiece here on earth, telling others about Your saving grace. Today, I can rejoice knowing that You are always with me. In Jesus' precious name. Amen.