Christ The King Episcopal Church 40 Charleston Road, Willingboro, NJ 08046

Tel (609) 877-2987 <u>ctk@christthekingnj.org</u> <u>https://www.christthekingnj.org</u> 5th Sunday of Easter, April 28th, 2024 at 9:30 a.m. <u>Holy Communion</u>

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: His Love is Everlasting...LEVAS # 273

Processional Hymn: I Am Thine O Lord... LEVAS # 129

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

The Celebrant 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.

Gloria: LEVAS 243 Glory to God

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.

Glory, Glory, hallelujah,

Lord we praise your Holy name,

Glory, Glory hallelujah,

Lord we praise your Holy name.

Amen.

The Collect of the Day:

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Liturgy of the Word

A Reading from Acts 8:26-40..... Dan Gunning

²⁶Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) ²⁷So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship ²⁸and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. ²⁹Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." ³⁰So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" ³¹He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. ³²Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

"Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter,

and like a lamb silent before its shearer,

so he does not open his mouth.

³³In his humiliation justice was denied him.

Who can describe his generation?

For his life is taken away from the earth."

³⁴The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" ³⁵Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. ³⁶As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" ³⁸He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. ³⁹When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. ⁴⁰But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 22:24-30.....Dan Gunning

- 24 My praise is of him in the great assembly; * I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.
- 25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied,

and those who seek the LORD shall praise him: * "May your heart live for ever!"

- 26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD, * and all the families of the nations bow before him.
- 27 For kingship belongs to the LORD; * he rules over the nations.
- 28 To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; *all who go down to the dust fall before him.
- 29 My soul shall live for him;

my descendants shall serve him; * they shall be known as the LORD'S for ever.

30 They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn * the saving deeds that he has done.

Celebrant and People:

Glory be to the Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit as it was in the beginning, it is now, and forevermore. Amen.

Reading from 1 John 4:7-21..... Regina Lamptey

⁷Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. ⁸Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. ⁹God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. ¹⁰In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. ¹¹Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. ¹²No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

¹³By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. ¹⁴And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. ¹⁵God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. ¹⁶So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. ¹⁷Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. ¹⁸There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. ¹⁹We love because he first loved us. ²⁰Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. ²¹The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

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

Sequence Hymn – I Love To Tell The Story L# 125

The Gospel

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

¹"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. ²He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. ³You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. ⁵I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples. (John 15:1-8)

Reader The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Alleluia, God is With Us

Sermon......The Rev. Vernal Savage

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

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 those 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.

Silence:

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

Silence:

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:

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.

Leader and People

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left

undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Celebrant:

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

All stand.

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

Peace Hymn: Blessed be the Name..... LEVAS # 78

Announcements

Offertory Sentence

O Lord our God, you are worthy to receive glory and honor and power; because you have created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being. Revelation 4:11

Offertory Hymn #448 O Love, How Deep How Broad

Great Thanksgiving

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.

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.

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Celebrant and People:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of hosts. 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.

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:

We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;

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.

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."

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.

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

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

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. [Amen] The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. [Amen] Grant us peace.

Communion Hymn – Lord, I Want To Be A Christian. (LEVAS 138)

Ablution Song - Hallelu

Post-Communion Prayer

Celebrant and People:

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Priest, gives the blessing

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all; 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 #344..... Lord Dismiss Us With Thy Blessing

Dismissal:

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Thank you, Lord, Thank you, Lord, Thank you, Lord I just want to thank you, Lord. Vs. 2. Been so good, Vs. 3 Been my friend

Announcements – News - Thoughts

5th Sunday of Easter, April 28th, 2024 JOIN US FOR SERVICE EVERY SUNDAY AT 09:30AM PUBLIC WORSHIP HAS BEEN RESUMED

CHRIST THE KING EPISCOPAL CHURCH SERVICE ON YOUTUBE & ZOOM:

CLICK <u>HERE</u> TO JOIN ON YOUTUBE

CLICK HERE TO JOIN ON ZOOM MEETING ID: 863 7403 5494 PASSWORD: 007431 TEL # 646-558-8656 PLEASE SAVE THE LINK TO SIGN IN EVERY SUNDAY AT 09:30 AM

Tuesday Bible Studies 7:00pm Zoom

We finished the Lenten study, People of the Passion by Dr. Cathy Randall on witnesses to the crucifixtion and resurrection of our Lord. It was challenging to ask, what about yourself did you see in Mary, Mother of Jesus, Mary Magdalene, Peter, Pontius Pilate, Nicodemus and finally Judas. Join us this week as we seek to understand God's Word.

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=R3lrV1ZMTG5pUE 9zZnlldngyNTZTdz09

Meeting ID: 863 7403 5494; Password: 007431.

We have an extensive prayer list that includes the sick and shut-in, grief, war and violence, and other categories. You can add names to our list by placing names in the box in the prayer alcove, located in the back of the church, by email ctk@christthekingnj.org or call 609.877.2992, or by contacting one of the prayer group members: Diane, Helen, Linda, Sarah, Carolyn, Martha or Pastor Savage. 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.

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 May 11, 2024, at 10.00am.

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

Give Easily from Here:

Click <u>here</u> 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.

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!

April/May Birthdays:

24th – Michael Dennis 26th - Judy Jackson 04th – Sharon Scott-Rogers 06th – Ivana Lockett 22nd – Florence James 23rd – Debra Adkins 24th – Martha Johnson 24th – Daphne Scott 29th – Kenrick Mitchell

The flowers on the Altar are given in memory of LEROY HARVEY – husband of Maxine C. Harvey in honor of his birthday – April 30th.

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.

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SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

It is the mission of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc. to enhance the quality of life for women and their families in the U.S. and globally through community service, civil, and social action. Our goal is to achieve greater progress in the areas of education, health awareness, and leadership development. Our members, affiliates, staff, and community partners work to create and support initiatives that align with our vision.



Epsilon Zeta Sigma Alumnae Chapter Scholarship Application Scholarship amounts are \$1922, \$1000, and \$750.

The Epsilon Zeta Sigma Chapter of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc. provides scholarship aid to students, regardless of race or sex, in pursuit of higher education.

The minimum requirements:

- 1. Acceptance at an accredited two-year or four-year college or university.
- 2. Minimum "B" average.
- 3. Demonstrated community service.

The following documents must be submitted with the completed application:

- 1. Most recent official sealed high school transcript.
- 2. An essay highlighting the applicant's achievements, goals, extracurricular activities, and community service, with a minimum of 500 words.
- 3. Two (2) letters of reference. Examples of suitable references include teacher, counselor, pastor, employer, or another individual familiar with the applicant's academic abilities and character.
- 4. A copy of the applicant's official ACT or SAT scores.
- 5. A copy of the applicant's official acceptance letter to the two or fouryear accredited university that the applicant will attend.
- 6. A copy of the applicant's fall 2024 semester course schedule. If you do not have your course schedule when you submit your application, please indicate when you will receive your schedule.

DEADLINE: APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY June 1, 2024

Please mail the completed application and required documents to:

Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc. Epsilon Zeta Sigma Chapter PO Box 507 Burlington, NJ 08016 Attn: Scholarship Committee

Applications received after June 1, 2024 will not be reviewed. Please allow enough time for delivery. Incomplete application packets will not be reviewed. All provided information will remain strictly confidential and used exclusively for the purposes of evaluation. Email <u>maryrleach@gmail.com</u> with questions.

Scholarship recipients will be notified via mail or email. Funds will not be released until we receive a copy of your fall 2024 course schedule.

