

Christ The King Episcopal Church

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4th Sunday of Easter, April 21st, 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.

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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 #304.....I Come With Joy To Meet My Lord.

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.

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of thy people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calleth us each by name, and follow where he doeth lead; who, with thee and the Holy Spirit, liveth and reigneth, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Liturgy of the Word

A Reading from Acts 4:5-12..... Joan Burke

⁵The next day their rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, ⁶with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. ⁷When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, 'By what power or by what name did you do this?' ⁸Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, 'Rulers of the people and elders, ⁹if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, ¹⁰let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead.

¹¹This Jesus is "the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone."

¹²There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.'

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 23Joan Burke

- ¹ The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.
- ² He makes me lie down in green pastures;
he leads me beside still waters;^[a]
- ³ he restores my soul.
He leads me in right paths
for his name's sake.
- ⁴ Even though I walk through the darkest valley,
I fear no evil;
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff—
they comfort me.
- ⁵ You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.
- ⁶ Surely goodness and mercy^l shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD
my whole life long.

Reading from 1 John 3:16-24..... Maxine Harvey

¹⁶ We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. ¹⁷ How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister^[a] in need and yet refuses help?

¹⁸ Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. ¹⁹ And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him ²⁰ whenever our hearts condemn us;

for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. ²¹ Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; ²² and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

²³ And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. ²⁴ All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

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

Sequence Hymn #518-..... Christ is Made the Sure Foundation.

The Gospel

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

¹¹ 'I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹² The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. ¹³ The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. ¹⁴ I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵ just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶ I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. ¹⁷ For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. ¹⁸ No one takes^[a] it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.' (John 10:11-18)

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 HymnLet it Rise

Let It Rise by Holland Davis

Let the Glory of the Lord

Rise among us (x2)

Let the praises of the King

Rise Among us

Let it Rise

**Let the songs of the Lord
Rise among us (x2)
Let eh joy of the King
Rise among us
Let it Rise
Oh, let it Rise.**

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 #445– Praise to the Holiest.

Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant	The Lord be with you.
<i>People</i>	<i>And also with you.</i>
Celebrant	Lift up your hearts.
<i>People</i>	<i>We lift them to the Lord.</i>
Celebrant	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
<i>People</i>	<i>It is right to give him thanks and praise.</i>

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 – I Can Hear My Savior Calling. (LEVAS 144)**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 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 #646..... The King of Love My Shepherd.**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.
Vs. 2. Been so good, Vs. 3 Been my friend*

Announcements – News - Thoughts

4th Sunday of Easter, April 21st, 2024
JOIN US FOR SERVICE EVERY SUNDAY AT 09:30AM
PUBLIC WORSHIP HAS BEEN RESUMED

CHRIST THE KING EPISCOPAL CHURCH SERVICE ON YOUTUBE &
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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 crucifixion 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=R3lrV1ZMTG5pUE9zZnllldngyNTZTd09>

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 [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.

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 Birthdays:

7th – Carolyn Booker

9th – Delores Spencer

13th – Naomi Lockett
15th – Laurel Mentis
17th – Annette Grubbs

24th – Michael Dennis
26th – Judy Jackson

Martha “Mardi” Gibbons Memorial Service

The family of Martha “Mardi” Gibbons wishes to extend their sincere appreciation to the entire Christ The King Family and friends for assisting in any way with the service yesterday, April 20, 2024.

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, extra-curricular 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 four-year 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 maryrleach@gmail.com 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.**

Do Good

Today's Scripture

Even Jesus of Nazareth, how God anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power; who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him....._

Acts 10:38, ASV.

Brief Reflection

The first thing Jesus did before healing, before ministering, before delivering is that He was good to people. Think about that for a moment. We all have an assignment. You could say that we all have a ministry. It may not be up in front of people. It may not be to go overseas and be a missionary. Our ministry starts by being good to people.

When goodness flows out of our hearts, it catches people's attention. It causes them to want to know more about what we have. We can say all day long, "I love you," but true love is seen in what we do. If I really love you, I'll be good to you. I'll prefer you. God said to Abraham, "I will bless you and you will be a blessing." One key to being blessed is: are you willing to be a blessing? Are you willing to do good?

Prayer

Father, thank You for Your favor and protection. I ask that You empower me to do good. Help me to love others. Give me the strength that I need to be able to do good to everyone I encounter daily. Let me not become weary in doing good. Use me to be a blessing and be a testimony of Your goodness so that others may come to know You. Lead me in the path of wisdom and guard me from making foolish decisions. Help me to think clearly. In Jesus' precious name. Amen.

Christ The King Episcopal Church Presents

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