



**WELCOME TO
THE CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY
ROYERSFORD, PA**

A friendly welcome to all! If you are visiting, please fill out a visitor's card and place it in the offertory plate or give it to an usher. We hope you'll join us for refreshments and fellowship after worship today.

**HYMNS: Entrance: 208 Sequence: 205 (1,4,5) Offertory: Anthem or 432
Communion: 302, 305 Closing: 296**

**THE ORDER OF SERVICE IS IN THE SEASONAL SERVICE BOOKLET
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The Collect of the Day

O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The First Reading

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, "Let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified."

Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?" Peter said to them, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him." And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

Psalm 116:1-3, 10-17

- 1 I love the LORD, because he has heard the voice of my supplication, *
because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him.
- 2 The cords of death entangled me; the grip of the grave took hold of me; *
I came to grief and sorrow.
- 3 Then I called upon the Name of the LORD: *
"O LORD, I pray you, save my life."
- 10 How shall I repay the LORD *
for all the good things he has done for me?
- 11 I will lift up the cup of salvation *
and call upon the Name of the LORD.
- 12 I will fulfill my vows to the LORD *
in the presence of all his people.
- 13 Precious in the sight of the LORD *
is the death of his servants.
- 14 O LORD, I am your servant; *
I am your servant and the child of your handmaid; you have freed me from my bonds.
- 15 I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving *
and call upon the Name of the LORD.
- 16 I will fulfill my vows to the LORD *
in the presence of all his people,
- 17 In the courts of the LORD's house, *
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. Hallelujah!

The Second Reading

1 Peter 1:17-23

A Reading from the First Letter of Peter

If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God.

Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

The Holy Gospel

Luke 24:13-35

Now on that same day two of Jesus' disciples were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him." Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

The Prayers of the People

Let us who journey on the way with Christ, risen and ever-present in mystery, pray for the world with all our heart and mind, saying: Lord, hear our prayer.

For the church universal and for this community of faith, that we may wholeheartedly devote ourselves to the apostolic teaching, to common life, to the breaking of bread and the life of prayer, let us pray to the Lord.

For all nations and people of this wide earth, that we may be delivered from human devices of oppression, and from false idols and futile ways, let us pray to the Lord.

That all who grieve or who are desperate or haunted by violence may know the hidden strength of Christ present, let us pray to the Lord.

For the homeless, those without bread, those tempted by vengeance and driven to rage, that they may find refuge and strength in the one who walks with them, let us pray to the Lord.

For the children of calamity, and for our own children, that they may come to know and to claim the promises of God to all generations, near and far off, let us pray to the Lord.

[Here other intercessions may be offered.]

Preserve us all, O Lord, and take us home to your heart, so that all our lives may be woven together in prayer and praise, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Altar Flowers: Given in memory of all of my departed loved ones by Fonnies James

Birthday's: 1 - Melissa Cox, Larry Way

Announcements

THANK YOU: to Dodi, Robin and the choir for a wonderful cantata on Good Friday. The music was wonderful and well done. It was great to see so many choir members (I think I counted 18). For those who could not attend you missed something very special. Sherri Quinlan

SPRING CLEAN UP: The church property is scheduled for May 6, 2017 starting at 10am. May 13, 2017 is the rain date. Mulch needs to be spread. Gardens need to be cleaned up. The handicap ramp needs work. There will be a signup sheet on the undercroft bulletin board. If you can spare some time please sign up to help. Thanks Sherri Quinlan

ADULT FELLOWSHIP DINNER: FOODS OF THE BRITISH ISLES - Peggy & Larry Way (1225 Calista Lane, Phoenixville) will host an Adult Fellowship Dinner on Saturday, May 20 starting at 5:30. Helen Warner (610-901-3517) is coordinating various dishes. Remaining delicious possibilities include: Cheese Straws; a Plate of English Cheeses and Crackers; Salmon Mousse; a Fruit Salad Bowl; English Pork Pie; Cornish Pasties; Asparagus Flan; Guinness.

SCRIP: The next order date is May 7. This will be the ONLY date in May, so please plan accordingly! Contact Susan Garone at 610-415-9233 or proutygarone@verizon.net if you have questions or would like to help with the program.

MASS TO SUPPORT THOSE STRUGGLING WITH ADDICTION: Throughout the country, the world and in our own back yard, addiction continues to devastate individuals and families. The Reverend Charles O'Hara, pastor at St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, Spring City (route 724) is inviting any who suffer losses associated with addiction to worship together on Saturday, June 3 at 12 Noon. ALL are welcome to attend so please pass the word.

LET'S READ THE WHOLE BIBLE TOGETHER THIS YEAR! This week's readings:

May 1	Day 120 – I Kings 4-6, Psalm 99, Acts 14
May 2	Day 121 – I Kings 7-9, Psalm 100, Acts 15
May 3	Day 122 – I Kings 10-12, Psalm 101, Acts 16
May 4	Day 123 – I Kings 13-15, Psalm 102, Acts 17
May 5	Day 124 – I Kings 16-18, Psalm 103, Acts 18
May 6	Day 125 – I Kings 19-21, Psalm 104, Acts 19
Sunday	5/7 Day 126 – Enjoy hearing the Scriptures read aloud in church

OR... go to www.epiphanystar.net and...

Scroll down to Bishop's Bible Challenge, click day or week of your choice, find the red link: click & read

SAVE THE DATES:

5/6	10:00am	Spring Clean-up Day (Rain date is the 13 th)
5/20	5:30 pm	Adult Fellowship Party hosted by Peggy and Larry Way
6/3	12:00 Noon	Mass to support those struggling with addiction @ St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church Spring City.

ASSISTING IN TODAY'S WORSHIP

	8am	10am
Eucharistic Minister:	Volunteer	Paul Exley
Lectors:	Marsha Hill	Kathy & Jack Cobbs
Acolyte:		Paul Exley
Greeter:		Kitty DiBattista
Usher:		Kathy Cobbs & Bill Wilson
Counters:		Vincent & Susan Garone
Altar Guild		Julie Dattilo, Joanne Arnold, Cathy Bailey, Tanya Millet
Godly Play Greeter		Betty Murphy
Godly Play Teacher		Marti Wilson

OUR PARISH LIFE AND WORK THIS WEEK

Monday	7:30pm	N.A. (Undercroft)
Tuesday	8:00pm	A.A. (Undercroft)
Wednesday	6:00pm	TBMP Weight Loss Program (Office)
	7:00pm	Daisy Troop 7390
Thursday	7:30pm	Choir Rehearsal
Sunday 5/7	8:00am	Holy Eucharist Rite I Spoken
	10:00am	Holy Eucharist Rite II Music
		Church School Children process from the church nave to Education Building at 10 and return at the Peace

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WORSHIP SERVICES

MIDWEEK HOLY EUCHARIST WITH HEALING LITANY

10:15AM WEDNESDAYS

SUNDAY

8AM HOLY EUCHARIST RITE I (SPOKEN)

10AM HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II (MUSIC)

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