

- 3 He revives my soul *
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.
- 4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; *
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
- 5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; *
you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.
- 6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, *
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

The Second Reading

1 Peter 2:19-25

A Reading from the First Letter of Peter

It is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps. "He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth."

When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

The Word of the Lord

Sequence Hymn # 708

The Holy Gospel

John 10:1-10

Jesus said, "Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers." Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly."

The Prayers of the People

Gathered in the care of the Good Shepherd and guardian of our souls, let us in trust pray for the church and the world, saying: Lord, have mercy.

For all who serve the holy church of God, who serve tables and who preach and pray, who shepherd the lost and care for those in need, let us pray to the Lord.

For all who are persecuted for the gospel, for all who have been martyred for their witness to the truth, for all in lonely places who rejoice in the hope of the resurrection, and for the blessed community of the saints, living and dead, let us pray to the Lord.

For all in the world who care for the sick, the dying, the hungry and the destitute, the mentally ill and the deformed, let us pray to the Lord.

For victims of rage and sudden violence, especially for abused children and spouses, for political prisoners, victims of extortion, of murder, and of natural catastrophe, let us pray to the Lord.

For all here gathered and our specific needs, that we may come to receive abundant life at God's hand, and at the last to rest in Christ's shepherding love, let us pray to the Lord.

[Here other intercessions may be offered.]

O loving God, we commend to your mercy all who have died and pray that we and all your saints may share life in your eternal dominion. Enable us to know that by Christ's wounds we have been healed, and that by the power of his risen and Spirit-giving life we are empowered to serve you all our days. We pray through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

Altar Flowers: The pink-themed "silk" altar flowers have been arranged by Helen Warner in honor of our dear friend, Genny Aitkin, who requested them just before her illness to be given in loving memory of her mother, Mildred Alberth.

Announcements

ADULT FELLOWSHIP DINNER: - Saturday, May 20 at the home of Peggy & Larry Way, 1225 Calista Lane, Phoenixville. Call Helen Warner, 610-901-3517 to reserve.

SCRIP: Order date is **TODAY**. The June scrip dates are June 4 and June 25. Thank you for being flexible as we move into the summer. 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 8 Day 127 – I Kings 22, Psalm 105, Acts 20
May 9 Day 128 – II Kings 1-3, Psalm 106, Acts 21
May 10 Day 129 – II Kings 4-6, Psalm 107, Acts 22
May 11 Day 130 – II Kings 7-9, Psalm 108, Acts 23
May 12 Day 131 – II Kings 10-12, Psalm 109, Acts 24
May 13 Day 132 – II Kings 13-15, Psalm 110, Acts 25
Sunday 5/14 Day 133 – 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:
5/13 10:00 am Work Day Rain Date (TBA)
5/20 5:30 pm Adult Fellowship Party hosted by Peggy and Larry Way
6/3 9:00 am Epiphany Book Club
6/3 12:00 Noon Mass to support those struggling with addiction @ St. Joseph's

WHO YOU GONNA CALL? Do you have a question, comment, request, observation or suggestion for the parish? Are you unsure how to get heard on something close to your heart about Epiphany? Here are some contact email addresses you can use:

To add something to the weekly bulletin: Bulletin@EpiphanyStar.net

To add something to the monthly newsletter: churchoffice@epiphanystar.net

If you see something that needs to be repaired, fixed or adjusted: churchoffice@epiphanystar.net

For general questions, suggestions and requests: churchoffice@EpiphanyStar.net

To get in touch with Beth with a question or request: Rector@EpiphanyStar.Net

ASSISTING IN TODAY'S WORSHIP

	8am	10am
Eucharistic Minister:	Volunteer	Bill Hummer
Lectors:	Ed Hill	Helen Warner
Acolyte:		Marie Kearns
Greeter:		Vicki Cox
Usher:		Chris Schmitt & Kathy Cobbs
Counters:		Bill & Marti Wilson
Altar Guild		Julie Dattilo, Joanne Arnold, Cathy Bailey, Tanya Millet
Godly Play Greeter		Alicia DeMont
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 (Undercroft)
Thursday	7:30pm	No Choir Rehearsal
Sunday 5/14	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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