

**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.*



**ALL SAINTS' DAY**

# THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

## ENTRANCE HYMN (ACAPELLA)

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1 For all the saints, who from their la - bors rest, who  
2 Thou wast their rock, their for - tress, and their might:—  
3 O may thy sol - diers, faith - ful, true, and bold,—  
4 O blest com - mun - ion, fel - low - ship di - vine!—



thee— by faith be - fore the world con - fessed, thy  
thou, Lord, their Cap - tain in the well - fought fight;—  
fight as the saints who no - bly fought of old, and  
We feeb - ly strug - gle, they in glo - ry shine; yet



Name, O— Je - sus, be for ev - er blessed.  
thou, in the dark - ness dread, the one true Light.  
win, with— them, the vic - tor's crown of gold.  
all are— one in thee, for all are thine.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

## THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

All standing

Presider Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY (said by all)

**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.**

*The following is sung acapella, all standing*



1 From all that dwell be - low the skies let and  
2 E - ter - nal are thy mer - cies, Lord, and  
the Cre - a - tor's praise a - rise! Let the Re - deem - er's  
truth e - ter - nal is thy word: thy praise shall sound from  
Name be sung through ev - ery land, by ev - ery tongue!  
shore to shore till suns shall rise and set no more.

### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider The Lord be with you.  
People **And also with you.**  
Presider Let us pray together

**Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: Give us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those ineffable joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.**

### THE FIRST READING

Revelation 7:9-17

#### A Reading from the Revelation to John

After this I, John, looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing,

"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

"For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

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

### **Psalm 34:1-10, 22**

- 1        I will bless the LORD at all times; \*  
          his praise shall ever be in my mouth.
- 2        I will glory in the LORD; \*  
          let the humble hear and rejoice.
- 3        Proclaim with me the greatness of the LORD; \*  
          let us exalt his Name together.
- 4        I sought the LORD, and he answered me \*  
          and delivered me out of all my terror.
- 5        Look upon him and be radiant, \*  
          and let not your faces be ashamed.
- 6        I called in my affliction and the LORD heard me \*  
          and saved me from all my troubles.
- 7        The angel of the LORD encompasses those who fear him, \*  
          and he will deliver them.
- 8        Taste and see that the LORD is good; \*  
          happy are they who trust in him!
- 9        Fear the LORD, you that are his saints, \*  
          for those who fear him lack nothing.
- 10      The young lions lack and suffer hunger, \*  
          but those who seek the LORD lack nothing that is good.
- 22      The LORD ransoms the life of his servants, \*  
          and none will be punished who trust in him.

## THE SECOND READING

1 John 3:1-3

### A Reading from the First Letter of John

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

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

## THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 5:1-12

All stand (as you are able)

Priest        The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew  
People        **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

After the reading of the Gospel

Priest        The Gospel of the Lord.  
People        **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## THE HOMILY

## The Renewal of Baptismal Vows

*Presider* Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

*People* **I do.**

*Presider* Do you believe in God the Father?

*People* **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

*Presider* Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

*People* **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

*Presider* Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

*People* **I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

*Presider* Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Presider* Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Presider* Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Presider* Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Presider* Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*The Presider concludes the Renewal of Vows as follows*

May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Cleansed in the blood of the Lamb, and one in communion with all the saints of every time and place, let us offer our prayers to the God who loves us, saying: Lord, hear our prayer.*

For the holy church of God throughout the world, that the Lord may confirm it in faith, sustain it in hope, and deepen its communion in charity, let us pray to the Lord.

For those who wield earthly power, that they may recognize in the disciples of Jesus children of God anxious to serve in building up the earthly city, let us pray to the Lord.

For those beset by persecution for righteousness' sake and those weighed down by trial and distress, that the example of the saints may give them courage and the help of believers give them hope, let us pray to the Lord.

For this assembly gathered to celebrate the eucharist in communion with the church in heaven and throughout the world, that nourished by the word of truth and the bread of life we may bear witness in our own generation to the timeless gospel of Christ, let us pray to the Lord.

*[Here other intercessions may be offered.]*

For those who departed this life in faith and in the fear of God [especially N.], that they may join the innumerable throng of holy ones gathered before the throne and the Lamb, let us pray to the Lord.

*Holy God, mighty God, immortal God, adored by angels and praised by the saints, receive the prayers of your holy church, and grant them in accordance with your gracious will, through Christ our Lord.*

**BIRTHDAY'S:** 6 - Katherine Garone 8 - Kaylee Boggust 10 - Jean Chernesky, John Cory, Carmine (CJ) DiBattista 11 - Christopher DeMont

**ANNIVERSARIES:** 8 – Jamie & Liz Leary, Jason & Kate (Cobbs) Hall

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** Given To the glory of God and in honor of all the dear ones of the Hummer, Mekeel, & Matthews families who have passed through the heavenly gate to the larger life, and in grateful appreciation for the gift of all our grandchildren.

## THE CONFESSION OF SIN

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence.*

*Minister and People*

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

*The Priest stands and says*

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.*

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

*The People greet one another in the name of Christ*

# THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

## THE OFFERTORY SENTENCE AND HYMN

(sung acapella)

## HYMN 293



1 I sing a song of the saints of God,  
2 They loved their Lord so dear, so dear, and  
3 They lived not on - ly in a - ges past, there are



pa - tient and brave and true, who toiled and fought and  
his love made them strong; and they fol - lowed the right, for  
hund - reds of thou - sands still, the world is bright with the



lived and died for the Lord they loved and knew. And  
Je - sus' sake, the whole of their good lives long. And  
joy - ous saints who love to do Je - sus' will. You can



one was a doc - tor, and one was a queen, and one was a shep -  
one was a sold - ier, and one was a priest, and one was slain  
meet them in school, or in lanes, or at sea, in church, or in trains,



herd - ess on the green: they were all of them saints of  
by a fierce wild beast; and there's not an - y rea - son -  
or in shops, or at tea, for the saints of God are just



God - and I mean, God help - ing, to be one too.  
no, not the least, why I should - n't be one too.  
folk like me, and I mean to be one too.

At the presentation of the Gifts:

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;**

**Praise God, all creatures here below;**

**Praise God above, ye heavenly host:**

**Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**



Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new. And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he 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."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

Presider and People  
**We praise you, we bless you,  
we give thanks to you,  
and we pray to you, Lord our God.**

*The Presider continues*

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name. Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

Remember Michael Curry, our Presiding Bishop, and all who minister in your Church. Remember all your people and those who seek your truth. Remember all who have died in the peace of Christ, especially \_\_\_\_\_.

Also remember those whose faith is known to you alone. Bring them all into the place of eternal joy and light. And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs and matriarchs, prophets, apostles, martyrs, and with all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

(Sung) Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, forever and forever.



As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**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**

*A period of silence is kept.*

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

### **The Invitation to Holy Communion**

The Gifts of God for the People of God

*This is the Lord's Table, God's feast for all of God's people. There is always Abundance here and a place for you.*

*You are invited and encouraged to join us at the altar rail.*

*If you wish to receive a blessing instead of the bread or wine, you are welcome;  
please come forward and cross your arms over your chest.*

*Presider*

Let us pray.

*All*

**Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Blessing

Announcements

Dismissal

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**ASSISTING IN TODAY'S WORSHIP**

	<b>10am</b>
Eucharistic Minister:	William Hummer
Lectors:	Helen Warner & Larry Way
Acolyte:	TBD
Greeter:	Kitty DiBattista
Usher:	Kathy Cobbs & Julie Datillo
Counters:	Tom Bailey & Frank Borst
Altar Guild	Julie Dattilo, Joanne Arnold, Cathy Bailey, Tanya Millet
Godly Play Teacher	Marti Wilson
Godly Play Greeter	

**EPIPHANY SAINTS 2017**

Ruth Ackerman	Dorothy Borst	Charles & Lynn DeMont
P. Evans Adams	Jean & Ken Carroll	Andrew Denver
Emily, Genny & Gilbert Aitken Sr.	John & Phyllis Cobbs	Steven & Randi DiBattista
Bob Arnold	Shane Collins	Marge Dillman
Mary & William Atlee	Larry Cox	David Dudas
Marion Barrow	Mary & Howard Custer	Alberta Eardley
Arlene Barton	Michael D'Agostino	William & Helen Eaton
Cindy Bean	Richard Dahl	Floyd & Jane Elliot
Anita Bolling	Geoff & Bob Dailey	Randy Evans
Steve Bonetz	Margaret Davis	Jim & Beth Exley
	Norman, Ruth & Sally Dean	Orin & Eula Exley

Grace Finkbiner	Jim Kinney	John Prouty
Jack Fitzsimmons	Bess & Fletcher Kitchen	William Quinlan
Alan & Kay Fox	John Kolb	Ben, Hedwig, Dixie & Leon Robinson
Bill & Rusty Fozard	John Legosky	Andrew & Elizabeth Sabot
Doug & Lois Fray	Mike Lind	Chris Schmitt
Nancy & Mary Fray	Dick & Ginny Mallatratt	Skip & Bea Schofield
Ralph & Dorothy Garber	Joseph Marrella	Ernest & Lily Scott
Ralph Allen Garber	Alexander & Myrtle Matthews	Ellen & Don Seaman
Joan Gardner	Oliver & Wilma Mekeel	Ralph & Clarice Shaner
Vincenzo Garone	Pete & Ethel Melle	Charles & Margaret Shappell
Thelma Guest	Anna Miller	Lisa Sherman
Barbara Haines	Frank Mininger	Al & Katherine Shields
Mamie Hathaway	Ray & Ruth Moore	Art Skyes
Edward & Adelaide Hill	Connie Mulcrone	Lorraine Stimeling
Stacy Hill	Lillian & Clifford Needham Jr.	Ed Stone
William & Kathryn Hinchey	Paul & Helen Nemir	Charlotte Strawhacker
Bill Hixon	Bessie Nesspor	Carla Strickland
Aaron & Marlene Holliday	Paul, Helen & Charles Noble	George & Rhoda Tay
William, Anna, Harry & Gertrude Hummer	Jules Panetta	Bill & Barbara Thomas
Rose Huttner	Stephen, John & Jeanette Patrick	Rosina, Antonio & Caterino Tosco
David Johnson	Marianne Peifer	Kent, Marguerite, Clinton & Patricia Tucker
Edward & Elizabeth Kabak	Fred & Florence Pennypacker	Al & Eleanore Underkoffler
Anastasia, Gregory, Florence & Harold Kearns	Hazel Peters	Carrie Wagner
Bill & Rose Keeler	George Philson	Dennis Warner
Carlie Kile	Elmer & Idalene Porter	

George & Lillian Watson

Anne Weir

Ernie & Leah Wells

Joe & Ginny Welsh

David White

Bill & Evelyn Widmer

Frances Williams

Fannie Wilson

Bud & Mary Louise Wilson

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Lydia Wister

Rufus & Doris Wixon

Evelyn Wright

William & Phyllis Wunderlich

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## **WORSHIP SERVICES**

### **SUNDAY**

**8AM HOLY EUCHARIST RITE I (SPOKEN)**

**10AM HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II (MUSIC)**

**MIDWEEK HOLY EUCHARIST WITH HEALING LITANY**

**10:15AM WEDNESDAYS**

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