



**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.*



*THE CONTEMPORARY VERSION OF THE LORD'S PRAYER  
WILL BE USED THROUGHOUT THE MONTH OF AUGUST*

# THE ENTRANCE RITE

## THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN

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1 Praise to the liv - ing God! All prais - ed be his Name  
 2 Form - less, all love - ly forms de - clare his love - li - ness;  
 3 His Spi - rit flow - eth free, high surg - ing where it will:  
 4 E - ter - nal life hath he im - plant - ed in the soul;

who was, and is, and is to be for ay the same.  
 ho - ly, no ho - li - ness of earth can his ex - press.  
 in pro - phet's word he spoke of old; he speak - eth still.  
 his love shall be our strength and stay while a - ges roll.

The one e - ter - nal God ere aught that now ap - pears:  
 Lo, he is Lord of all. Cre - a - tion speaks his praise,  
 Es - tab - lished is his law, and change - less it shall stand,  
 Praise to the liv - ing God! All prais - ed be his Name

the first, the last, be - yond all thought his time - less years!  
 and ev - ery - where a - bove, be - low, his will o - beys.  
 deep writ up - on the hu - man heart, on sea, on land.  
 who was, and is, and is to be, for ay the same.

*Presider*      Blessed be the one, holy, and living God..

*People*      **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

### 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.**

1 We will ex - tol you, ev - er - bless - ed Lord; your ho - ly  
 2 Age shall to age pass on the end - less song, tell - ing the  
 3 You, Lord, are gra - cious, mer - ci - ful to all, close to your

Name for ev - er be a - dored; each day we live our  
 won - ders which to you be - long, your might - y acts with  
 chil - dren when on you they call; and slow to an - ger,

psalm to you we raise; you, God and King, are wor - thy of all  
 joy and fear re - late; praise we your glo - ry while on you we  
 mer - ci - ful and kind, in your com - pas - sion we your bless - ings

praise, great and un - search - a - ble in all your ways.  
 wait, glad in the know - ledge of your love so great.  
 find. We love you with our heart and strength and mind.

*The first stanza may be repeated at the end.*

## THE SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider      God be with you  
 People        **And also with you.**  
 Presider      Let us pray.

**Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.**

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

### THE FIRST LESSON

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9

#### READING FROM THE BOOK OF DEUTERONOMY

Moses said: So now, Israel, give heed to the statutes and ordinances that I am teaching you to observe, so that you may live to enter and occupy the land that the LORD, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. You must neither add anything to what I command you nor take away anything from it, but keep the commandments of the LORD your God with which I am charging you.

You must observe them diligently, for this will show your wisdom and discernment to the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, "Surely this great nation is a wise and discerning people!" For what other great nation has a god so near to it as the LORD our God is whenever we call to him? And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today?

But take care and watch yourselves closely, so as neither to forget the things that your eyes have seen nor to let them slip from your mind all the days of your life; make them known to your children and your children's children.

*Reader* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

### PSALM 15

- 1   LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle? \*  
    who may abide upon your holy hill?
- 2   Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is right, \*  
    who speaks the truth from his heart.
- 3   There is no guile upon his tongue; he does no evil to his friend; \*  
    he does not heap contempt upon his neighbor.
- 4   In his sight the wicked is rejected, \*  
    but he honors those who fear the LORD.
- 5   He has sworn to do no wrong \*  
    and does not take back his word.
- 6   He does not give his money in hope of gain, \*  
    nor does he take a bribe against the innocent.
- 7   Whoever does these things \*  
    shall never be overthrown.

## A READING FROM THE LETTER OF JAMES

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing.

If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

*Reader* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

*People* **Thanks be to God**

## SEQUENCE HYMN

656

The musical notation consists of two staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The top staff begins with a common time signature. The lyrics are as follows:

1 Blest are the pure in heart, for they shall see our God; the  
 2 The Lord, who left the heavens our life and peace to bring, to  
 3 he to the low - ly soul will still him - self im - part and  
 4 Lord, we thy pres - ence seek; may ours this bless - ing be; give

The bottom staff continues the hymn with the following lyrics:

se - cret of the Lord is theirs, their soul is Christ's a - bode.  
 dwell in low - li - ness with us, our pat - tern and our King;  
 for his dwell-ing and his throne will choose the pure in heart.  
 us a pure and low - ly heart, a tem - ple fit for thee.

Words: Sts. 1 and 3, John Keble (1792-1866), alt.; sts. 2 and 4, William John Hall (1793-1861), alt.

*All stand (as they are able)*

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

## THE HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

When the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, “Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?” He said to them, “Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written, ‘This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines.’ You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.”

Then he called the crowd again and said to them, “Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.” For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.”

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

## THE HOMILY

*All stand (as they are able)*

### 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

*Knowing that God hears our prayers when they are made in sincerity and humility, we pray for our church and our world in our time of need, saying: Hear us, good Lord.*

Those who live justly will live in the presence of God. We pray for our church that its structures promote justice, its laws foster integrity of heart, and its ministry model compassion. To you we pray, O gracious God:

Those who live justly will live in the presence of God. We pray for our world that we will be freed from that hypocrisy which lurks in our hearts, when we seek the assurance of external observance without the commitment of faith. To you we pray, O gracious God:

Those who live justly will live in the presence of God. We pray for those who make and enforce laws that they may challenge us in our waywardness and be compassionate toward our weakness. To you we pray, O gracious God:

Those who live justly will live in the presence of God. We pray for those who teach the word of God that they may embrace the justice of God in their own hearts as they call us into the life of God. To you we pray, O gracious God:

Those who live justly will live in the presence of God. We pray that we may be delivered from all the wicked designs in the deep recesses of our hearts and so live justly with God and one another. To you we pray, O gracious God:

*[Here other intercessions may be offered.]*

Those who live justly will live in the presence of God. We pray for those who have died that they may dwell with the saints and remember us who struggle to live in justice and peace. To you we pray, O gracious God:

*All just and merciful God, you know our wants, and you know our true needs. May you attend to our prayers, direct our hearts in the way of justice and mercy, and enlighten our minds that we may know your holy will. We ask this through the just one, Jesus Christ, your servant and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the power of the Holy Spirit, our God, forever and ever.*

**BIRTHDAYS:** 2 – Allison & Andrew Tosco, Will Wilson 4 - June Blauser  
5 - Patricia Bailey, Taylor Bielicki

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** Given in memory of Ralph and Dorothy Garber and Carrie Pennypacker Wagner by Marge Kabak"

## THE CONFESSION OF SIN

Let us confess our sins to God.

**God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.**

## THE ABSOLUTION

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of 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 as you are able.*

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

*The Ministers and the People greet one another ("Peace be with you")*

## THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

### THE OFFERTORY SENTENCE

### OFFERTORY HYMN

423

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,  
2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,  
3 To all life thou giv - est, to both great and small;  
4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry, thou rul - est in light,

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,  
nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;  
in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;  
thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;

Words: Walter Chalmers Smith (1824-1908) alt

*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.**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*The people remain standing*

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

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life. Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing (say):

Holy, holy, ho - ly, - ly, Lord God of  
 Hosts: Hea - ven and earth are full - of thy glo - ry. Glo -  
 ry be to thee, O Lord Most High. Bless - ed is he that com - eth  
 - in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*The People may stand or sit*

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace. But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people. Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation.

Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Presider and People*

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

*People and Presider*

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.**

*Presider* Alleluia, Christ our passover is sacrificed for us

*People* **Therefore let us keep the feast, Alleluia**

**S171**

**FRACTION**

*This setting is not used in Lent.*  
*Antiphon: Cantor; then All*

Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread.

*Cantor*

1. The bread which we break, al - le lu - ia,

is the com - mun - ion of the bo - dy of Christ. [Ant.]

*Cantor*

2. One bo - dy are we, al - le lu - ia,

for though man - y we share one bread. [Ant.]

The Invitation to 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 an abundance here and a place for you.*

*If you wish to receive a blessing instead of the bread or wine, you are welcome;*

*Please cross your arms over your chest.*

The musical score consists of two staves (treble and bass) in common time, with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The music is divided into four systems by vertical bar lines. The lyrics are integrated into the music, appearing below the notes in two-line stanzas.

**System 1:**

1 Take my life, and let it be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;  
 2 Take my voice, and let me sing al - ways, on - ly, for my King;

**System 2:**

take my mo - ments and my days, let them flow in cease - less praise.  
 take my in - tel - lect, and use ev - ery power as thou shalt choose.

**System 3:**

Take my hands, and let them move at the im-pulse of thy love;  
 Take my will, and make it thine; it shall be no long - er mine.

**System 4:**

take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy roy - al throne.  
 Take my - self, and I will be ev - er, on - ly, all for thee.

1 King of glo - ry, King of peace, I will love thee;  
 2 Where - fore with my ut - most art, I will sing thee;  
 3 Seven whole days, not one in seven, I will praise thee;

*Tenor or soprano ad libitum*

3 Seven whole days, not one in seven, I will praise thee;

and that love may nev - er cease, I will move thee.  
 and the cream of all my heart, I will bring thee.  
 in my heart, though not in heaven, I can raise thee.

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Thou hast grant - ed my re - quest, thou hast heard me;  
 Though my sins a - gainst me cried, thou didst clear me;  
 Small it is in this poor sort to en - roll thee;

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thou didst note my work - ing breast, thou hast spared me.  
 and a - lone, when they re - plied, thou didst hear me.  
 e'en e - ter - ni - ty's too short to ex - tol thee.

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*After Communion, the Presider says*

Let us pray.

*Presider and People*

**God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

## THE BLESSING

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

### THE DISMISSAL

*Presider*

*People*

**Thanks be to God**

## THE SENDING HYMN

WLP 778

1. We all are one in mission, we all are one in call,  
 2. We all are called for service to witness in God's name.  
 3. We all behold one vision, a stark reality;  
 4. Now let us be united and let our song be heard.

our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.  
 Our min - is - tries are dif-f'rent, our pur - pose is the same:  
 the stew - ard of sal - va - tion was nailed up - on a tree.  
 Now let us be a ves - sel for God's re - deem - ing Word.

A sin - gle, great com - mis - sion com - pels us from a - bove  
 to touch the lives of oth - ers by God's sur-pris-ing grace,  
 Yet res - ur - rect - ed Jus - tice gives rise that we may share  
 We all are one in mis - sion, we all are one in call,

to plan and work to - geth - er that all may know Christ's love.  
 so peo - ple of all na - tions may feel God's warm em - brace.  
 free re - con - cil - i - a - tion and hope a - mid de - spair.  
 our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.

**ASSISTING IN TODAYS WORSHIP**

**9am**

Eucharistic Minister:

William Hummer

Lectors:

Helen Warner & Larry Way

Greeter:

Kitty DiBattista

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Sherri Quinlan

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## **WORSHIP**

### **2018 SUMMER SUNDAY SERVICE**

June 17 – September 2

9 AM HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II (MUSIC)

### **MIDWEEK HOLY EUCHARIST WITH HEALING LITANY**

10:15AM WEDNESDAYS

*IN THE AIRCONDITIONED UNDERCROFT*

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