



**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: Processional: 427 Sequence: 137 Offertory: 490 Communion: 333, 383 Closing: 135

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

O God, who before the passion of your only begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The First Reading

Exodus 24:12-18

The LORD said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction." So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. To the elders he had said, "Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them." Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights..

Psalm 2

- 1 Why are the nations in an uproar? *
Why do the peoples mutter empty threats?
- 2 Why do the kings of the earth rise up in revolt, and the princes plot together, *
against the LORD and against his Anointed?
- 3 "Let us break their yoke," they say; *
"let us cast off their bonds from us."
- 4 He whose throne is in heaven is laughing; *
the Lord has them in derision.

- 5 Then he speaks to them in his wrath, *
and his rage fills them with terror.
- 6 "I myself have set my king *
upon my holy hill of Zion."
- 7 Let me announce the decree of the LORD: *
he said to me, "You are my Son; this day have I begotten you.
- 8 Ask of me, and I will give you the nations for your inheritance *
and the ends of the earth for your possession.
- 9 You shall crush them with an iron rod *
and shatter them like a piece of pottery."
- 10 And now, you kings, be wise; *
be warned, you rulers of the earth.
- 11 Submit to the LORD with fear, *
and with trembling bow before him;
- 12 Lest he be angry and you perish; *
for his wrath is quickly kindled.
- 13 Happy are they all *
who take refuge in him!

The Second Reading

2 Peter 1:16-21

We did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain. So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 17:1-9

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

The Prayers of the People

Let us pray to God who commanded the light to shine out of darkness and whose glory is like a devouring fire, saying: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

That the church may be continually uplifted by the vision of the king in all his beauty, be rescued from all fear, and in confidence face the future: Lord, in your mercy,

That the church may be conformed to Christ the Son of God, share his sufferings, become like him in his death, and know the power of his resurrection: Lord, in your mercy,

That your people may hear the prophets' testimony, see you clearly in the records of those who were eyewitnesses of your majesty, and do your will, preparing for your glorious coming on the Last Day: Lord, in your mercy,

That the nations of the earth may more and more perfect the rule of law and administer justice after the example of Moses, the lawgiver and judge of your people: Lord, in your mercy,

That the church may heed the call of God in Christ Jesus to descend from the heights of vision and to serve those who are needy, desolate, and forgotten: Lord, in your mercy,

That the suffering, the lonely, the disconsolate, the dying, and those who mourn [especially N.] may know the transforming light of your presence: Lord, in your mercy,

That the whole church may persevere in the proclamation of the gospel until the day dawns and Christ, the morning star who knows no setting, arises, that all the world may walk in his light: Lord, in your mercy,

[Here other intercessions may be offered.]

Arise, O Morning Star, and in your rising lift us to behold with all the saints the majestic glory of God, so that through the shadows and darkness of this world we may ever press toward the glory of the world to come, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, God forever.

Birthday's: 27 - Vincent Garone 2 - Cherise (Bailey) Lutz, Gianna DiBattista 3 - Holly Cross

Announcements

EPIPHANY STAR NEWSLETTER: As we move more heavily into this electronic age Epiphany is going to try something new. Because of the time commitment (**Thank You so much Linda**) it takes to put the Newsletter together we are going to put what we currently do on Hiatus. Don't worry you will still get all your information and news just in different ways. Since almost all the the information in the newsletter can be found in the weekly bulletins we only need to create space for special articles etc.. that come in. Those articles as well as all the normal information will be available on the Web Site. For those that do not get things electronically we will make sure there are hard copies available in the back of the church. We will also make sure we have hard copies for our homebound parishioners that need it. The NEW DEADLINE for Monthly articles will be the **4th Sunday of the Month**. If you have questions about anything please see either Paul Exley or Beth. This will start in April, there will be a March Newsletter.

UPCOMING PARISH GATHERINGS IN LENT: This Sunday is the Last Sunday in Epiphany which means that Wednesday is *Ash* Wednesday and the beginning of the season of Lent, a traditional time parishioners come together for focused study and devotion. Since I am aware it's difficult for many of us to gather on weekday evenings, I will be offering a series of forums on *Prayer*. Following the 10 am service across the five Sundays of Lent (March 5,12,19,26 & April 2) let us come together with our refreshments in hand and explore ways we can actively nurture our relationship with the Holy One in our midst.

BOOK CLUB --- The next gathering of the book club will be on Saturday, March 4th in the parish office at 9:30AM. The work we will be reviewing is *The Wright Brothers* by David McCullough. All are welcome at any time to join us in the discussions concerning the books we are reading. Do come. The April reading will be *Flight Behavior* by Barbara Kingsolver.

POT PIE SALE! POT PIE SALE! ----Yes, it is that time of year for our annual pot pie sale. The pick-up date is set for Sat., April 8th. So be thinking about those delicious treats you and your friends will want to order. Further details will be forthcoming in the newsletter and in the Sunday bulletins. No new entrees on the menu this year. Questions? See Bill Hummer.

ROOTS MATTER CONFERENCE: Ever wonder how or why history tends to repeat itself in families... families of origin, parish families, nations? On Saturday, March 18th, the Institute for Christian Healing and Christ Church, Pottstown is offering a day-long workshop (8:30-4:30) designed to help participants explore generational healing from a Christian perspective. I have, for years, been a student and practitioner of this work and highly commend this conference to you. The Rev. Dr. Paula Owens Parker will guide us through the day, and I will preside at the closing Eucharist. The cost for the day including lunch is \$65. Scholarships are available. For more details, please pick up a green brochure and let me know if you have any questions. Beth+

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

February 27 Day 57 – Numbers 21-23, Psalm 47, Luke 5

February 28 Day 58 – Numbers 24-26, Psalm 48, Luke 6

March 1 Day 59 – Numbers 27-29, Psalm 49, Luke 7

March 2 Day 60 – Numbers 30-32, Psalm 50, Luke 8

March 3 Day 61 – Numbers 33-35, Psalm 51, Luke 9

March 4 Day 62 – Numbers 36, Psalm 52, Luke 10

Sunday 3/5 Day 63 – 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

SCRIP: Scrip order dates: **TODAY**. March dates are the 12th and 26th. Contact Susan Garone with any questions proutygarone@verizon.net or 610-415-9233. Thank you for your support.

SAVE THE DATES:

3/1/17 Ash Wednesday Services (Liturgy of the Day: Noon and 7 pm)
3/18/17 Roots Matter: Healing History, Honoring Heritage, Renewing Hope (8:30-4:30)

ASSISTING IN TODAY'S WORSHIP

	8am	10am
Eucharistic Minister:	Paul Atlee	Bill Hummer
Lectors:	Volunteer	Larry Way & Helen Warner
Acolyte:		Marie Kearns
Greeter:		Kitty DiBattista
Usher:		Ben Millet & Chris Schmitt
Counters:		Tom Bailey & Frank Borst
Altar Guild		Julie Dattilo, Joanne Arnold, Cathy Bailey, Tanya Millet
Godly Play Greeter		Trish Atlee
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	12:00 Noon	Ash Wednesday Service
	6:00pm	TBMP Weight Loss Program (Office)
	7:00pm	Ash Wednesday Service
Thursday	7:30pm	Choir Rehearsal
Sunday 3/5	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
		Lenten Forum on Prayer following 10am Service

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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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