



**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: 143 Sequence: 147 Offertory: 142 Communion: 448, WLP 810
Closing: 559**

**THE ORDER OF SERVICE IS IN THE SEASONAL SERVICE BOOKLET
FOUND IN THE PEW**

The Collect of the Day

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The First Reading

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the LORD God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die." Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden'?" The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.'" But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

Psalm 32

- 1 Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, *
and whose sin is put away!
- 2 Happy are they to whom the LORD imputes no guilt, *
and in whose spirit there is no guile!
- 3 While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, *
because of my groaning all day long.

- 4 For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; *
my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.
- 5 Then I acknowledged my sin to you, *
and did not conceal my guilt.
- 6 I said, " I will confess my transgressions to the LORD." *
Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.
- 7 Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble; *
when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.
- 8 You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from trouble; *
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.
- 9 "I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go; *
I will guide you with my eye.
- 10 Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding; *
who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will not stay near you."
- 11 Great are the tribulations of the wicked; *
but mercy embraces those who trust in the LORD.
- 12 Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the LORD; *
shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

The Second Reading

Romans 5:12-19

As sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned-- sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come. But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ. Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. For just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

Sequence Hymn

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The Holy Gospel

Matthew 4:1-11

Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." But he answered, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"

Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'" Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

The Prayers of the People

Our great God has formed the dust of our being in the midst of the waters of creation. Let us adore the Righteous One, saying: O God, feed us with mercy: Lord, hear our prayer.

For the Tree of Golgotha, our true tree of life, by whose just fruit we live, the church worships you, O God. May your people ever praise and serve you and all the world's people. O God, feed us with mercy:

O God of the seas and rains, we praise you for watering and sustaining all things living. We bless you for the waters flowing from Jesus' pierced side. Give to all candidates of baptism, and to all the baptized, the sure hope of your grace. O God, feed us with mercy:

Send us to the nations where there is a famine of the word; show us those who await the bread of life; and confront us with those who suffer in hunger. May our abundance supply their need. O God, feed us with mercy:

Lord and judge of all, confirm what is good and just in the hearts of those who rule the nations. Make all in authority to govern in justice the peoples whom you have made. O God, feed us with mercy:

For all who desire wisdom, for all who need hands to bear them up, for the naked and the outcast, for the sick and the dying [especially N.], for all in need of your gift of abundant health, we pray for your mercy:

[Here other intercessions may be offered.]

For all the holy people before us who served you as their only wisdom amid life's temptations [especially N.], we give you thanks, O God. Give your holy angels charge over us, and bring us who live in the wilderness of time from the waters of baptism into the garden of your great love, where we will be no longer in hunger, but filled with your life forever, through Christ our Lord.

Announcements

PARISH GATHERINGS IN LENT: Today we begin 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.

ROOTS MATTER CONFERENCE / TIME TO REGISTER!: 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 registration form is in the green brochure at the back of the church and on the Bible table in the undercroft. If you fill it out and give it to me, I'll make sure it gets to our registrar. The cost for the day including lunch is \$65. Significant scholarship funds are available. If you're interested or just curious... don't be shy!** Beth+

WEB SITE: We now have a TAB on the Web Site labeled **Epiphany Community**. This Tab or those tabs under this will be password protected. This gives us the ability to put information on the Web Site that we do not want made public, such as the Church Directory. I have sent the password out to all those parishioners listed in the directory. Any questions please see Paul Exley.

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.

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.

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

March 6 Day 64 – Deuteronomy 1-3, Psalm 53, Luke 11
March 7 Day 65 – Deuteronomy 4-6, Psalm 54, Luke 12
March 8 Day 66 – Deuteronomy 7-9, Psalm 55, Luke 13
March 9 Day 67 – Deuteronomy 10-12, Psalm 56, Luke 14
March 10 Day 68 – Deuteronomy 13-15, Psalm 57, Luke 15
March 11 Day 69 – Deuteronomy 16-18, Psalm 58, Luke 16
Sunday 3/12 Day 70 – 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

GWEN THOMPSON wrote a note last week saying that she has “had to decide on some issues that were bothering [her] about certain things” related to doctrine. She has found a church that is the right fit for her. Let us celebrate her “find” and wish her God Speed! She expressed her thanks to everyone at Epiphany for the hospitality she was shown during her sojourn with us. If you would like to send her a note of thanks for all that she contributed to our community while she was here, notably the organization of the undercroft library, please find her address in your directory which is now available on the website. (For access, email Paul Exley for the password.)

SCRIP: Scrip order dates: March dates are the 12th and 26th. April dates are the 9th and 23rd. Contact Susan Garone with any questions proutygarone@verizon.net or 610-415-9233. Thank you for your support.

SAVE THE DATES:

3/18/17 Roots Matter: Healing History, Honoring Heritage, Renewing Hope (8:30-4:30)

ASSISTING IN TODAY’S WORSHIP

	8am	10am
Eucharistic Minister:	Volunteer	Paul Atlee
Lectors:	Volunteer	Kitty DiBattista & Karen Kreider
Acolyte:		Bill Hummer
Greeter:		Vicki Cox
Usher:		Betsy & Charles Dell
Counters:		Susan & Vincent Garone
Altar Guild		Julie Dattilo, Joanne Arnold, Cathy Bailey, Tanya Millet
Godly Play Greeter		Alicia Warner
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)
Thursday	7:30pm	Choir Rehearsal
Sunday 3/12		Scrip Sunday
	6:30am	St. Augustine’s
	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

1. You who dwell in the shel - ter of the Lord, who a -
 2. Snares of the fowl - er will nev - er cap - ture you, and
 3. For to the an - gels God's giv - en a com - mand to

bide in his sha - dow for life, say to the Lord: "My
 fam - ine will bring you no fear; un - der God's wings your
 guard you in all of your ways; up - on their hands they will

ref - uge, my rock in whom I trust!"
 ref - uge with faith - ful - ness your shield.
 bear you up, lest you dash your foot a - gainst a stone.

Refrain

“And I will raise you up on ea - gle’s wings,

The first system of the refrain features a vocal line in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a piano accompaniment in grand staff. The piano part consists of a right-hand melody and a left-hand accompaniment. The lyrics are: “And I will raise you up on ea - gle’s wings,”

bear you on the breath of dawn, make you to shine like the

The second system continues the vocal line and piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: bear you on the breath of dawn, make you to shine like the

sun, and hold you in the palm of my hand.”

The third system concludes the refrain. The lyrics are: sun, and hold you in the palm of my hand.”

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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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