



**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.*

**Morning Prayer Rite II**

**Hymn 401 (1-3)**

1 The God of A - braham praise, who reigns en-throned a - bove;  
2 He by him - self hath sworn: we on his oath de - pend;  
3 There dwells the Lord, our King, the Lord, our Right-eous - ness,  
4 The God who reigns on high the great arch - an - gels sing,  
5 The whole tri - um - phant host give thanks to God on high;

1 An - cient of ev - er - last - ing days, and God of love;  
2 we shall, on ea - gle - wings up - borne, to heaven a - scend:  
3 tri - um - phant o'er the world and sin, the Prince of Peace;  
4 and "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly," cry, "Al - might - y King!  
5 "Hail, Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost!" they ev - er cry;

1 the Lord, the great I AM, by earth and heaven con - fessed:  
2 we shall be - hold his face, we shall his power a - dore,  
3 on Zi - on's sa - cred height his king - dom he main - tains,  
4 Who was, and is, the same, and ev - er - more shall be:  
5 hail, A - braham's Lord di - vine! With heaven our songs we raise;

all might and ma - jes - ty are thine, and end - less praise.
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*The Officiant says*

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

*Philippians 1:2*

## Confession of Sin

*The Officiant then says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Officiant 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 Officiant stands and says*

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. *Amen.*

## Invitatory and Psalter

*All stand.*

*Officiant*           Lord, open our lips.

*People*           And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

*Officiant and People*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness: Come let us adore him.

## Psalm 95:1-7

*Venite*

Come, let us sing to the Lord; \*  
    let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.  
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving \*  
    and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.  
For the Lord is a great God, \*  
    and a great King above all gods.  
In his hand are the caverns of the earth, \*  
    and the heights of the hills are his also.  
The sea is his, for he made it, \*  
    and his hands have molded the dry land.  
Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, \*  
    and kneel before the Lord our Maker.  
For he is our God,  
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. \*  
    Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

*The people are seated*

## Psalm 13

- 1 How long, O LORD?  
    will you forget me for ever? \*  
    how long will you hide your face from me?
- 2 How long shall I have perplexity in my mind,  
    and grief in my heart, day after day? \*  
    how long shall my enemy triumph over me?
- 3 Look upon me and answer me, O LORD my God; \*  
    give light to my eyes, lest I sleep in death;
- 4 Lest my enemy say, "I have prevailed over him," \*  
    and my foes rejoice that I have fallen.
- 5 But I put my trust in your mercy; \*  
    my heart is joyful because of your saving help.
- 6 I will sing to the LORD, for he has dealt with me richly; \*  
    I will praise the Name of the LORD Most High.

*After the Psalms, all say together*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

## Readings

### First Reading

Genesis 22:1-14

*The people remain seated.*

A Reading from the book of Genesis.

God tested Abraham. He said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you." So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac; he cut the wood for the burnt offering, and set out and went to the place in the distance that God had shown him. On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place far away. Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come back to you." Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. So the two of them walked on together. Isaac said to his father Abraham, "Father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son."

He said, "The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" Abraham said, "God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So the two of them walked on together. When they came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac, and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood.

Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son. But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven, and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me." And Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. So Abraham called that place "The Lord will provide"; as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the Lord it shall be provided."

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

*The people stand as they are able and say in unison*

**Canticle 16      The Song of Zechariah**

*Luke 1:68-79*

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; \*  
he has come to his people and set them free.  
He has raised up for us a mighty savior, \*  
born of the house of his servant David.  
Through his holy prophets he promised of old,  
that he would save us from our enemies, \*  
from the hands of all who hate us.  
He promised to show mercy to our fathers \*  
and to remember his holy covenant.  
This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, \*  
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,  
Free to worship him without fear, \*  
holy and righteous in his sight  
all the days of our life.  
You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, \*  
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,  
To give his people knowledge of salvation \*  
by the forgiveness of their sins.  
In the tender compassion of our God \*  
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,  
To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the  
shadow of death, \*  
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.  
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

**Second Reading**

Romans 6:12-23

*The people are seated.*

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Church in Rome.

Do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace. What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness?

But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification. When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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

## Hymn 609

The musical score consists of three staves of music in G clef, B-flat key signature, and common time. The top staff begins with a dotted half note followed by eighth notes. The middle staff begins with a quarter note followed by eighth notes. The bottom staff begins with a quarter note followed by eighth notes. The lyrics are arranged in five-line stanzas, with each line corresponding to a measure of music. The first stanza is:

1 Where cross the crowd - ed ways of life, where sound the  
 2 In haunts of wretch - ed - ness and need, on sha - dowed  
 3 The cup of wa - ter given for thee still holds the  
 4 O Mas - ter, from the moun - tain side, make haste to  
 5 till all the world shall learn thy love, and fol - low

The second stanza is:

1 cries of race and clan, a - bove the noise of  
 2 thresh - olds dark with fears, from paths where hide the  
 3 fresh - ness of thy grace; yet long these mul - ti -  
 4 heal these hearts of pain; a - mong these rest - less  
 5 where thy feet have trod; till glo - rious from thy

The third stanza is:

1 self - ish strife, we hear thy voice, O Son of Man.  
 2 lures of greed, we catch the vi - sion of thy tears.  
 3 tudes to see the true com - pas - sion of thy face.  
 4 throngs a - bide, O tread the ci - ty's streets a - gain;  
 5 heaven a - bove, shall come the ci - ty of our God.

*The people are seated.*

## Gospel Reading

Matthew 10:40-42

A Reading from the Gospel according to Matthew.

Jesus said, “Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.”

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

## The Homily

### Apostles' Creed

*All stand.*

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

## The Prayers

*The people stand*

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

*Officiant and People*

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 forever. Amen.

*The Officiant and People say responsively*

**A.**

- V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;
- R. And grant us your salvation.
- V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;
- R. Let your people sing with joy.
- V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
- R. For only in you can we live in safety.
- V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;
- R. And guide us in the way of justice and truth.
- V. Let your way be known upon earth;
- R. Your saving health among all nations.
- V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
- R. Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.
- V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;
- R. And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

*The Collect of the Day*

*The Officiant then says*

Almighty God, you have built your Church upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone: Grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their teaching, that we may be made a holy temple acceptable to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

*A Collect for Guidance*

Heavenly Father, in you we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray you so to guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you, but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## Prayers of the People

*God has called us to be priests for all peoples, offering to God the world's concerns. Let us then pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs, saying: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.*

Blessed are you, our sovereign God: for you do not abandon what you have created, but continue to make your grace known among us. We thank you for those you have chosen to speak your reconciling word in this age, and we pray for the grace to receive it. Lord, in your mercy,

Blessed are you, our caring God: for you hear the cries of the poor, you see the tears in the eyes of all who mourn, you feel the pain of those in anguish, and you come to the side of the lonely. Call your church to compassion and service. Lord, in your mercy,

Blessed are you, our God of peace: for you have bid us to make warfare cease and to place our trust in you who bore us up on eagle's wings. Raise up among us peacemakers, and confound those who trust in chariots and horses. Lord, in your mercy,

Blessed are you, our God of justice: for you desire that all be one. Erase the prejudice and class divisions among us, that together we might share in your vision of harmony. Lord, in your mercy,

Blessed are you, our God of strength: for you do not desire harm, but you favor our health. Give to us [and to N.] necessary measures of health, patience, and hope. Lord, in your mercy,

*[Here other intercessions may be offered.]*

*Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through your Son, Jesus Christ.*

**BIRTHDAYS:** 2 - Justin Rakowski 3 - Jim Murphy 5 - Ann Dailey, Joe Bellissimo 7 - Bob Blauser  
8 - Tom Bailey, Bill Wilson

**ANNIVERSARIES:** 7 - Edward & Marsha Hill

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** Given in Thanksgiving for our children, Melissa, Charlton and Kile, and our grandchildren, Kaylee and the birth of Warren by Lori and Paul Exley

## OFFERTORY

Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; bring offerings and come into his courts. Psalm 96:8

## HYMN

*O beautiful for spacious skies*

Hymn 719

The musical score consists of four staves of music for two voices (SATB). The top two staves are in treble clef, and the bottom two are in bass clef. The music is in common time. The lyrics are integrated into the musical lines, with each line of text corresponding to a specific musical phrase. The lyrics are as follows:

1 O beau - ti - ful for spa - cious skies, for am - ber waves of grain,  
2 O beau - ti - ful for he - roes proved in lib - er - at - ing strife,  
3 O beau - ti - ful for pa - triot dream that sees be - yond the years

for pur - ple moun - tain ma - jes - ties a - bove the fruit - ed plain!  
who more than self their coun - try loved, and mer - cy more than life!  
thine al - a - bas - ter ci - ties gleam, un - dimmed by hu - man tears!

A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God shed his grace on thee,  
A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God mend thine ev - ery flaw,  
A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God shed his grace on thee,

and crown thy good with bro - ther - hood from sea to shin - ing sea.  
con - firm thy soul in self - con - trol, thy lib - er - ty in law.  
and crown thy good with bro - ther - hood from sea to shin - ing sea.

Words: Katherine Lee Bates (1859-1929), alt. Music: *Materna*, Samuel Augustus Ward (1848-1903)

*The offering is presented to the officiant who raises the alms basins as all say*

All things come of thee O Lord and of thine own have we given thee

*After the alms basins are set on the altar in the chancel, the officiant says*

Let us pray

*Officiant and People*

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up ourselves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

Let us bless the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

*Officiant*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. *Amen.* 2 Corinthians 13:14

## **Announcements**

*Announcements may be made at this point in the service.*

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