



Announcements

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LENTEN STUDY AND GATHERINGS: We meet today after the 10 am service! It's not too late to buy a book and join in the conversations! Two more Sundays to go... March 11 & 18. The book title is *Wondrous Encounters*, Richard Rohr's collection of daily Lenten meditations. **If you would like a copy, they are available for purchase after the service for \$9.30.**

EASTER FLOWERS: Order forms for Easter flowers are now available in the back of the church. Orders must be received by March 18th. Any questions please see Helen Warner.

COFFEE HOUR SIGN-UP: We still have openings for coffee hour sign ups. Remember, it can be as simple as juice, cookies, pretzels; or coffee, juice, baked goods, or veggies or fruit... or surprise us. There is a signup sheet on the bulletin board in undercroft. Any questions talk to Kitty DiBattista or Ben Millet.

SCRIP: The next scrip order date is March 18. The dates for April are April 8 and 22 (note that there is no order on April 1, Easter Sunday). If you have questions or would like to help with the program, please contact Susan Garone.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER WORSHIP AND:

3/29 – 7pm - **Maundy Thursday Liturgy of the Day /** A Service of Foot Washing and Holy Eucharist followed by **Vigil in the Church or at Home / "Stay Awake with Me One Hour"**

3/30 - **Good Friday Services /** Noon & 7pm: Liturgy of the Day; 5 pm: Stations of the Cross

3/31 - 7:30 pm **The Great Easter Vigil:** Lighting of the New Fire & the First Holy Eucharist of Easter followed by a Celebratory Reception in the Undercroft

4/1 - 8 & 10 am **Easter Sunday Holy Eucharist Celebrations**
(8 am: Rite 1 Spoken Rite II / 10 am: Rite 2 Choral)

Sign up for the Maundy Thursday / Good Friday Vigil and for sweet and savory contributions to the Easter Vigil Celebratory Reception on line (watch for the emailed link) or on the prayer desk at church starting week of March 18th.

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

Mar 12 Day 71 – Deuteronomy 19-21, Psalm 59, Luke 17
Mar 13 Day 72 – Deuteronomy 22-24, Psalm 60, Luke 18
Mar 14 Day 73 – Deuteronomy 25-27, Psalm 61, Luke 19
Mar 15 Day 74 – Deuteronomy 28-30, Psalm 62, Luke 20
Mar 16 Day 75 – Deuteronomy 31-33, Psalm 63, Luke 21
Mar 17 Day 76 – Deuteronomy 34, Psalm 64, Luke 22
Mar 18 Day 77 – 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

UPDATE ON FINANCES: FEBRUARY 2018

Pledge income for January was more or less on track, and we collected \$7,032 in pledges. The unusually cold weather was responsible for a higher than expected gas bill (\$800+) and 2 snow removals (\$400). Hopefully, February will be kinder. Concerns were raised at the Annual Meeting about Project Outreach contributions, whether they were sent, and where they can be found on the financial statements. We know that checks were sent, because the check stubs are in the files in the office. The amount for 2017 is \$360. The way that the contributions are recorded is confusing, and was discussed at the Finance Committee meeting. We are planning to explore a different way of accounting for the Project Outreach funds (and for other "pass-through income") that will be more transparent. If you have any questions or concerns regarding church finances, please speak to any Vestry member.

Susan Garone
Accounting Warden

SAVE THE DATE

2/18-3/18	after 10am serv.	Lenten Study on 5 Sundays in Lent
3/29	7pm	Maundy Thursday Service
3/30	Noon & 7pm	Good Friday Liturgy of the Day
3/30	5:00pm	Stations of the Cross
3/31	7:30pm	Easter Vigil Service
4/1	8am & 10am	Easter Day Service followed by Easter Egg Hunt following the 10am Service

WORTHY WORDS

Dear People of Epiphany,

As we contemplate how God is calling us to evolve as individuals and as a Christian community, please read the following Lent 2 weekly summary from the Center for Action and Contemplation (www.cac.org) and ask the following questions:

1) How am I called to participate in the birthing of the Christ mystery in the world? Am I willing to enter into the discomfort that is likely to be part of the birthing process? Ponder what that might look like / involve and how you might be called to change in order to join with those suffering on the margins.

2) Ask the same questions substituting the Epiphany parish community FOR yourself.

Evolution

February 25 - March 2, 2018

God seems to have created things that continue to create and recreate themselves from the inside out. A fully incarnate God creates through evolution. ([Sunday](#))

The Christ Mystery is still "groaning in one great act of giving birth . . . as we ourselves groan inwardly, waiting for our bodies to be set free" (see Romans 8:22-25). ([Monday](#))

God is more and more trying to move the human race to the next stage of consciousness beyond the rational, technological, dominating worldview . . . recognizing the truth that there is only one self ultimately and this is God manifesting in us. —Thomas Keating ([Tuesday](#))

Evolutionary thinking is actually contemplative thinking. It agrees to both knowing and not knowing, at the same time. ([Wednesday](#))

To share in the divine life I must accept the vocation of consciously living in this self-creating universe. —Beatrice Bruteau ([Thursday](#))

If being the image of God is at the heart of evolution in Christ, then the spiritual life is essential to Christian evolution. . . . Change is not what happens outside us; rather, change must first take root within us. —Ilia Delio ([Friday](#))

Practice: Evolving the Contemplative Tradition

Living School alumna Teresa Pasquale Mateus rightly observes that the contemplative tradition needs to evolve. When Western Christianity revived contemplation in the 1970s, it did so primarily through the lens of white, upper-middle class, celibate men. Contemplation became synonymous with solitude and silence. Yet there are many, many ways to enter into non-dual consciousness and presence with God, self, and others. The contemplative tradition should reflect the diversity of the divine image. Teresa shares why this change is so important:

There are so many . . . people deeply yearning for what the contemplative path has to offer—but often there is a great divide between the prayer circles and the activists, the people of faith in communities of color and the contemplative retreats. The spaces seem remote and inaccessible to many who need them the most: those suffering from poverty and homelessness; those on the frontline of protests and marches for justice; those who sit in non-contemplative church contexts. . . .

Further, members of each group carry practices from their own traditions and cultures that could serve the current contemplative containers—rituals of healing from street protests, mantras of lament and hope from those in the margins, and prayers and songs from African and indigenous cultures. . . .

For people existing in the margins—who desperately need contemplative wisdom—a path of contemplation without action . . . doesn't have meaning. Because their struggles are for survival, for themselves, their loved ones, and their communities, these struggles cannot be set aside in pursuit of an individual spiritual journey. The journey is inherently communal. . . . It necessitates action, but desperately seeks contemplation. The current contemplative container was not built for them and cannot contain their hurts, their actions, their needs, their identities.

When the container is too small for the contents, it must expand. It must evolve. . . . God's great love story with us calls us into discomfort—the gateway to evolution. For the majority culture, this call is to be in the margins, alongside marginalized persons, and learn what is needed to authentically walk beside them in their suffering. It calls for the discomfort of being in spaces where the mystical path may not look like your own. . . . It calls for the discomfort of hearing God's voice through the woman of color, the queer teen, the under-heard and under-seen . . . and to reorient perspectives and actions according to the lessons taught through deep listening. . . . For people of color, like myself, and others in the margins (women, LGBTQI, and beyond), it is also a time to let our voices rise and join this conversation as vital partners in the unfolding of this new evolution in the collective soul of contemplative faith. In the process, together, we co-create the contemplative evolution and the mystical revolution. . . . In a world in pain, we are in the crescendo of birthing ourselves for this place and time. Only together can we push through to the next phase of our spiritual evolution.

Teresa Pasquale Mateus, "Mystic Love, Unbound: A Reclaimed, Reframed, and Evolving Love Story between God and the World," ["Evolutionary Thinking," *Oneing*, vol. 4, no. 2](#) (Center for Action and Contemplation: 2016), 48-51.

For Further Study:

Beatrice Bruteau, *God's Ecstasy: The Creation of a Self-Creating World* (The Crossroad Publishing Company: 1997)

Ilia Delio, *Christ in Evolution* (Orbis Books: 2008)

Richard Rohr, Teresa Pasquale Mateus, and other authors, ["Evolutionary Thinking," *Oneing*, vol. 4, no. 2](#) (Center for Action and Contemplation: 2016)

Richard Rohr, ["Falling Upward: A Spirituality for the Two Halves of Life"](#) (Jossey-Bass: 2011)

ASSISTING IN TODAY'S WORSHIP, Christian Formation, and Fellowship

10am

Eucharistic Minister: Paul Exley
Lectors: Julie Dattilo & Kathy Cobbs
Acolyte: Paul Exley
Greeter: Betty Murphy
Usher: Betsy & Charles Dell
Counters: Vincent & Susan Garone
Altar Guild: Julie Dattilo, Joanne Arnold,
Cathy Bailey, Tanya Millet
Godly Play Greeter: Kathy Cobbs
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	11:00am	Healing Litany and Anointing for Healing
	6:00pm	TBMP Weight Loss Program (Office)
Thursday	6:30pm	Bell Choir Rehearsal... TBA
	7:30pm	Choir Rehearsal
Sunday 3/18	8:00am	Holy Eucharist Rite I (Spoken)
	10:00am	Holy Eucharist Rite II (Music)

ASSISTING IN NEXT Sunday's Worship, Formation & Fellowship (3/18 10 am)

10am

Eucharistic Minister: Tanya Millet
Lectors: Helen Warner & Larry Way
Acolyte: TBD
Greeter: Bill Wilson
Usher: Betsy & Charles Dell
Counters: Bill and Marti Wilson
Altar Guild: Julie Dattilo, Joanne Arnold,
Cathy Bailey, Tanya Millet
Godly Play Greeter: Kathy Cobbs
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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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