



**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.*

**A Service of Morning Prayer**

*Enriching Our Worship:  
An Authorized Liturgical Supplement of The Episcopal Church*

**Opening Hymn**

**51**

1 We the Lord's peo - ple, heart and voice u - nit - ing, praise him who  
2 This is the Lord's house, home of all his peo - ple, school for the  
3 This is the Lord's day, day of God's own mak - ing, day of cre -  
4 In the Lord's ser - vice bread and wine are of - fered, that Christ may  
called us out of sin and dark - ness in - to his own light,  
faith - ful, ref - uge for the sin - ner, rest for the pil - grim,  
a - tion, day of re - sur - rec - tion, day of the Spi - rit,  
take them, bless them, break, and give them to all his peo - ple,  
that he might a - - noint us a roy - al priest-hood.  
ha - ven for the wea - ry; all find a wel - come.  
sign of hea - ven's ban - quet, day for re - joic - ing.  
his own life im - par - ting, food ev - er - last - ing.

Words: John F. Downer (c. 1833); alt. Copyright © by permission of John F. Downer

*The Officiant says*  
God is Spirit, and those who worship must worship in spirit and in truth.

*John 4:24*

**The Confession**

*The Officiant then says*  
Let us confess our sins to God.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Officiant and People*

**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 Officiant stands and says*

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

## **The Invitatory and Psalter**

*All stand.*

*Officiant* O God, let our mouth proclaim your praise.  
*People* **And your glory all the day long**

*Officiant and People*

**Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

*Officiant* The Holy One is in our midst  
*People* **O come let us worship**

*Venite Psalm 95:1-7*

**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!**

All your works praise you, O Lord, \*  
and your faithful servants bless you.  
They make known the glory of your kingdom \*  
and speak of your power;  
That the peoples may know of your power \*  
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.  
Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; \*  
your dominion endures throughout all ages.  
The Lord is faithful in all his words \*  
and merciful in all his deeds.  
The Lord upholds all those who fall; \*  
he lifts up those who are bowed down.  
The eyes of all wait upon you, O Lord, \*  
and you give them their food in due season.  
You open wide your hand \*  
and satisfy the needs of every living creature.  
The Lord is righteous in all his ways \*  
and loving in all his works.  
The Lord is near to those who call upon him, \*  
to all who call upon him faithfully.

## The First Reading

2 Kings 4:42-44

*The people remain seated.*

A Reading from the Second Book of Kings.

A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing food from the first fruits to the man of God: twenty loaves of barley and fresh ears of grain in his sack. Elisha said, "Give it to the people and let them eat." But his servant said, "How can I set this before a hundred people?" So he repeated, "Give it to the people and let them eat, for thus says the LORD, 'They shall eat and have some left.'" He set it before them, they ate, and had some left, according to the word of the LORD.

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

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

Canticle G     **A Song of Ezekiel**     *Ezekiel 36:24-28*

**I will take you from among all nations; \***  
**and gather you from all lands to bring you home.**  
**I will sprinkle clean water upon you; \***  
**and purify you from false gods and uncleanness.**  
**A new heart I will give you \***  
**and a new spirit put within you.**  
**I will take the stone heart from your chest \***  
**and give you a heart of flesh.**  
**I will help you walk in my laws \***  
**and cherish my commandments and do them.**  
**You shall be my people, \***  
**and I will be your God.**

## **The Second Reading**

Ephesians 3:14-21

*The people are seated.*

A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Church in Ephesus

I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

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

**I will sing a new song to my God, \***  
**for you are great and glorious, wonderful in strength, invincible.**  
**Let the whole creation serve you, \***  
**for you spoke and all things came into being.**  
**You sent your breath and it formed them, \***  
**no one is able to resist your voice.**  
**Mountains and seas are stirred to their depths, \***  
**rocks melt like wax at your presence.**  
**But to those who fear you, \***  
**you continue to show mercy.**  
**No sacrifice, however fragrant, can please you, \***  
**but whoever fears the Lord shall stand in your sight for ever.**

*The people are seated.*

The Gospel Reading

John 6: 1-21

A Reading from the Gospel of John.

Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, "Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world." When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself. When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. But he said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid." Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.

Reader  
People

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.  
Thanks be to God.

All stand.

### The Apostles' Creed

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.

### HYMN

635

*Unison or harmony*

1 If thou but trust in God to guide thee, and hope in him through  
2 Sing, pray, and keep his ways un - swerv - ing; so do thine own part

all thy ways, he'll give thee strength what - e'er be - tide thee,  
faith - ful - ly, and trust his word, though un - de - serv - ing;

and bear thee through the e - vil days, Who trusts in God's un -  
thou yet shalt find it true for thee; God nev - er yet for -

chang - ing love builds on a rock that nought can move.  
sook in need the soul that trust - ed him in - deed.

Words: Gæro Naumark (1621-1681); tr. Catharine Winkworth (1827-1878); alt. Music: *Was nun loben Gott*, Gæro Naumark (1621-1681)

## The Prayers

*The people stand*

*Officiant* God 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*

V. Help us, O God our Savior;

**R. Deliver us and forgive us our sins.**

V. Look upon your congregation;

**R. Give to your people the blessing of peace.**

V. Declare your glory among the nations;

**R. And your wonders among all peoples.**

V. Do not let the oppressed be shamed and turned away;

**R. Never forget the lives of your poor.**

V. Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you;

**R. And your favor to those who are true of heart.**

V. Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning;

**R. So shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.**

**The Collect of the Day** (*Officiant*)

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; 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** (*Officiant*)

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.*

**A Collect for Mission** (*Officiant*)

O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you; bring the nations into your fold; pour out your Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**BIRTHDAYS:** 29 - Betsy Dell 1 - Fannie James 3 - Salvatore Taormina  
**ANNIVERSARIES:** 2 - Tom & Cathy Bailey

*Concluding Collect (Officiant)*

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.

**The Offertory Sentence (Officiant)**

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

*As the offering is collected, the assembly sings the following*

**HYMN**

**448**



1 O love, how deep, how broad, how high, how pass - ing  
2 For us bap - tized, for us he bore his ho - ly  
3 For us he prayed; for us he taught; for us his  
4 For us to wick - ed hands be - trayed, scourged, mocked, in  
5 For us he rose from death a - gain; for us he  
6 All glo - ry to our Lord and God for love so



1 thought and fan - ta - sy, that God, the Son of  
2 fast and hun - gered sore; for us temp - ta - tions  
3 dai - ly works he wrought; by words and signs and  
4 pur - ple robe ar - rayed, he bore the shame - ful  
5 went on high to reign; for us he sent his  
6 deep, so high, so broad; the Trin - i - ty whom



1 God, should take our mor - tal form for mor - tals' sake.  
2 sharp he knew; for us the tempt - er ov - er - threw.  
3 ac - tions, thus still seek - ing not him - self, but us.  
4 cross and death; for us gave up his dy - ing breath.  
5 Spi - rit here to guide, to strength - en, and to cheer.  
6 we a - dore for ev - er and for ev - er - more.

Words: Latin, 15th cent.; tr. Benjamin Webb (1819-1885), alt. Music: *Deus tourum militum*, from *Antiphoner*, 1753; adapt. *The English Hymnal*, 1906, alt.;  
harm. after Basil Harwood (1859-1949)

*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.***

**Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. *Amen.*      *(The Prayer of St. Chrysostom)***

*Officiant*      Let us bless the Lord.

*People*      ***Thanks be to God***

**Concluding Sentence** *(Officiant)*

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to God from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. Amen.

*Ephesians 3:20,21*

## **Announcements**

**Serving as Officiant Today:** Marti Wilson





# CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY

209 S. Third Avenue, Royersford, PA 19468

610-948-9655

[WWW.EPIPHANYSTAR.NET](http://www.EPIPHANYSTAR.NET)

**A PARISH**

**WITHIN THE VALLEY FORGE DEANERY OF THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF PENNSYLVANIA**

[WWW.DIOPA.ORG](http://www.DIOPA.ORG)

*THE RIGHT REVEREND DANIEL G.P.GUTIERREZ*

*DIOCESAN BISHOP*

## WORSHIP

### 2018 SUMMER SUNDAY SERVICE

June 17 – September 2

9 AM HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II (MUSIC)

### MIDWEEK SERVICE WITH HEALING LITANY

10:15AM WEDNESDAYS

**PAUL EXLEY, PARISH ADMINISTRATOR**

[churchoffice@epiphanystar.net](mailto:churchoffice@epiphanystar.net)

**MARY CAMPBELL, ORGANIST & DIRECTOR OF EPIPHANY CHOIRS**  
484-995-6110 (TEXT OR CALL) OR [SUNFLOWERANGELS@VERIZON.NET](mailto:SUNFLOWERANGELS@VERIZON.NET)

**THE REV. BETH W. HIXON, RECTOR**

215-896-0828 (TEXT OR CALL) OR [RECTOR@EPIPHANYSTAR.NET](mailto:RECTOR@EPIPHANYSTAR.NET)