

Trinity Church
January 14, 2024

WELCOME AND LITURGY OF GATHERING

Leader: Reading of [Psalm 29](#). This is the word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Trinity is fostering a haven of belonging where wanderers and wonderers gather to discover and embody the love of Jesus in the world.

COMMUNAL SINGING

God Our Mother

God our Father
Giver of daily bread
Blessing our hands and covering our heads

God our Mother
Leading us into peace
Drawing and comforting all those in need

Hallowed, hallowed be thy name
Hallowed, hallowed be thy name
Hallowed, hallowed be thy name in all the earth

Jesus, brother, guiding our every step
Deliver us and grant places of rest
Jesus, savior, grabbing us from the grave
Cheating the fall and bringing the light of day

I Need Thee Every Hour

I need Thee every hour, most gracious Lord;
No tender voice like Thine can peace afford.

I need Thee, oh, I need Thee;
Every hour I need Thee;
Oh, bless me now, my Savior,
I come to Thee.

I need Thee every hour, stay Thou nearby;
Temptations lose their pow'r when Thou art nigh.

I need Thee every hour, in joy or pain;
Come quickly and abide, or life is vain.

I need Thee every hour; teach me Thy will;
And Thy rich promises in me fulfill.

COMMUNITY CONFESSION

Leader: We find it so easy to walk down the familiar roads of foolishness, turning our backs on those God would have us love, and ignoring the map God gives us. As we speak of our choices, let us open our hearts to the One who offers us the hope and grace we seek, even if we don't realize it.

ALL: If we turned toward the Light you offer, Creator of stars, we would find the road you want us to travel. But we are more comfortable on those shadowed streets of seduction we know all too well. We can drive down the roads of rebellion with our eyes closed. We continue to play hopscotch with hate and fear on the sidewalks placed along the paths of prejudice. Have mercy on us, Shaper of universes as well as our lives.

Leader: How foolish we are to continue to take the easy paths, rather than that road of justice, that road of hope, that road of forgiveness that are less traveled in these days. May we be like those wise ones of so long ago, who found grace, salvation, and you by following that different road of faith which led them to that Child called Jesus, who would guide them and the rest of us, from that moment on. Amen.

Silence is kept

Leader: Open your eyes! The Light has come to all of us, to each of us. The Light of justice, the Light of love, the Light of life.

ALL: This Light is not just for us, so we will carry it to everyone we meet, as we travel down the different road of faith in our lives. Thanks be to God, we are forgiven! Amen!

BLESSING AND PASSING THE PEACE

Adults: The Lord be with you!

Children and Kids Ministry Leader: And also with you!

During this time we greet one another, recognizing that we are all a part of the body, as PreK-5th grade children are led to their ministry space. Younger children and youth remain, and are welcome, in the Gathering. Materials for toddlers are available and we understand that their presence means they will be heard, no need to worry about their vocal contributions.

SERMON NOTES

Finding Identity in Wisdom: *Genealogy + Seekers of Wisdom/Jesus*

Matthew (1.1-17) 2.1-9

- What piece of Wisdom stands out to you in this text?
- How does this passage speak to your/our identity?
- Storytelling: What are the stories of our particular faith community identity that come to mind - or might be remembered through sharing - when reading this text?

**[For discussion prompts visit the series page here.](#)*

LORD'S TABLE LITURGY

Leader: We come to the table today, praying a bit different prayer as followers of Jesus:

**ALL: Mother of us all,
who dwells within and beyond,**

Leader: Sacred is your name.

May your holy vision for collective flourishing

ALL: come to fruition among us.

Leader: May your dreams of justice, love, compassion, and connection be enfolded on earth.

ALL: Provide us today with what we need to be nourished in body, soul, and heart.

Forgive us for the harm we cause as we seek to forgive those who have harmed us.

Lead us away from everything that destroys and liberate us from the hands of evil.

Leader: For you are the ultimate source of hope.

Your power-with exceeds all power-over.

Your presence incites eternal wonder.

ALL: All praise to you, our comfort and strength as we gather around your table. Amen.

**communion elements are gluten free, not allergen free*

RESPONSE & OFFERING OF WORSHIP

The [Offering Basket](#)

Prayer requests may be posted in the Zoom chat (Zoom participants) or written and placed in the offering basket.

Behold

Behold, we are a people of many troubles

Raised up in violence strife and war

We are a people of tears and toil

Behold, we are your people you call us home
Raised up in mercy grace and love
We are a people of life and hope

And as we gather
At your mountain

Holy holy
Glory glory
We lift our eyes, we lift our eyes
All is made new

Behold, we are a people of deep conviction
Raised up in Jesus by His grace
We are a people for time and place

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sermon Series. The sermon series and resources for our new year series are posted online at www.indytrinity.org/sermon-series. In conjunction with the sermon series, Trinity **Seasonal Small Groups** in the winter of 2024 will form around *Sacred Self-Care: Daily Practices for Nurturing Our Whole Selves* by Dr. Chanequa Walker-Barnes. If you need assistance in acquiring a copy, please contact your group's host. Please contact the group host for more details and to generally RSVP.

Fishers - Monday lunch hour (12-1pm) Zoom, starting January 22

Queer Affinity - Thursdays 7-8:30pm, starting January 25

Midtown/Downtown - Wednesdays 6:30pm, starting January 24

Broad Ripple - Thursday 6-7:30pm with pitch-in dinner, starting January 25

First Nations Version of the New Testament. Copies are now available for each household. Please pick up your copy at the Gathering and sign off that you've received one.

Clean up Today/January 14th after the Gathering . We've got some things piling up in the office and storage areas at COhatch that could use some attention. Anyone who can provide a helping hand after the Gathering to sort through stuff to get rid of (take to sell on the marketplace, drop at Goodwill or the dumpster, etc) and also organize what remains would be appreciated.

Donations to Trinity may now be made through Zelle if your banking institution provides the service. Search for "Trinity Church Inc" (enrolled as Matthew Pierce and finance@indytrinity.org). Please double check all information matches before sending funds. If you run into any issues, please [let us know](#).

Bylaw Changes. In the Fall of 2023, the Leadership Team reviewed Trinity's bylaws and proposed a couple of changes regarding the language of section 2.1 "Composition" as well as general bylaw language. After soliciting feedback from the Congregation, the Leadership Team voted to approve the proposed changes. The Bylaws have now been updated and the current version appears on Trinity's website. If you have any questions, need access to that section of the website, or would like to discuss, please contact the Leadership Team at contact@indytrinity.org.

Gathering Hosting Schedule. As an act of service and care, please join staff, leaders, and others from your parish in hosting Sunday Gatherings. These are great times to connect and welcome others to converse while serving as well. Arrival at 9:45am is great, 9:30am is super helpful for assisting with audio equipment and/or indoor set up. Cleaning up on the back end should only take 10-15 minutes. The hosting checklist is in the Trinity office. Thank you!

January

7th: (Brunch) North/Carmel
14th: Fishers
21st: Midtown/Downtown
28th: Broad Ripple

February

4th: North/Carmel
11th: Fishers
18th: Midtown/Downtown
25th: Broad Ripple

THE BENEDICTION

Leader: Now, go out into the world as God's people!

ALL: We will not be afraid to trust in God's future.

Leader: Now, go out as followers of Jesus!

ALL: We will not falter in bringing justice and hope to all.

Leader: Now, go out as those gifted by the Spirit!

ALL: We will not fear, but will journey into the days ahead.

Leader: Go in peace!

(Some liturgies adapted from lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com and enfleshed.com)

COMMUNAL CONNECTION

Guide and Service Dog Training. As we welcome Guide/Service Dogs at Gatherings, please familiarize yourself with resources under on these two websites <https://www.guidedogs.com/resources/blindness-and-guide-dog-etiquette> and <https://www.guidedogsofamerica.org/best-practices-when-around-a-service-dog/> and discuss main points with those in your household. If you or anyone in your household has severe allergies or any fear of dogs, etc. please contact us (contact@indytrinity.org) so we can do our best to keep Gathering spaces welcoming for all.

Covid Guidelines: We are in a season of preparing for possible gathering changes due to the resurgence of Covid. Gatherings may look a little different according to the needs of our leaders if Covid affects them or their teams. We ask that everyone remain flexible if and/or when this is the case. **If a gathering is going to be virtual, we will send an email by 8am on Sunday**, or earlier. We are also asking that those who have tested positive or develop symptoms not attend the gathering in person, but join online via Zoom. If you have been exposed, you can follow the guidelines from the CDC by using this [calculator](#) to determine what are your best precautions to take.

Land Acknowledgement. We acknowledge that the land on which we gather for worship was stolen from Native peoples, who were driven out of the area and of their native lands by genocide, force (through broken treaties and laws imposed upon their nation), and systematic dispossession. The Myaamiaki, Kaskaskia, and Kickapoo peoples* and their sovereign Nations have cared for, and are deeply a part of, this land - past, present, and future. (ref: [Repudiation of the Doctrine of Discovery, Trinity Church](#))