

Trinity Church  
February 18, 2024  
First Sunday of Lent

### **WELCOME AND LITURGY OF GATHERING**

Leader: Reading of [Psalm 32](#). 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**

#### **All Creatures of Our God and King**

All creatures of our God and King  
Lift up your voice and with us sing  
Oh, praise Him, Alleluia  
Thou burning sun with golden beam  
Thou silver moon with softer gleam  
Oh, praise him  
Oh, praise him  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Thou rushing wind that art so strong  
Ye clouds that sail in heaven along  
Oh, praise him, Alleluia  
Thou rising moon in praise rejoice  
Ye lights of evening find a voice  
Oh, praise him  
Oh, praise him  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Let all things their Creator bless  
And worship Him in humbleness  
Oh, praise him, Alleluia  
Praise, praise the Father praise the Son  
And praise the Spirit Three in One  
Oh, praise him  
Oh, praise him  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

#### **God With Us**

You've come to bring peace  
To be love, to be nearer to us  
You've come to bring life  
To be light, to shine brighter in us  
Oh Emmanuel, God with us  
  
Our Deliverer, You are Savior  
In Your presence we find our strength  
Over everything, our redemption  
God with us  
You are God with us  
You've come to be hope  
To this world for Your honor and name  
You've come to take sin  
To bear shame and to conquer the grave  
Oh Emmanuel, God with us  
  
You are here and You are holy  
We are standing In Your glory

### **COMMUNITY CONFESSION AND LENTEN CANDLE READING**

Leader: (Reading of [Matthew 4.1-11](#)) Knowing that Jesus felt the weight of temptation and suffering, let us confess our faults to God and one another.

**ALL: The distractions around us cry out so loudly, we are not able to hear you calling to us. The longing we have to impress you blinds us to your mercy already wrapping us in its embrace. Open our hearts so we may listen to you as we follow Jesus Christ, your Beloved, into our world.**

Leader: Friends, in God's love we will always find forgiveness.

*Snuff out Lenten candle*

### **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**

**Wrestling in the Shadows: *Signs of the Times. Is Your Faith So Small?***

*Matthew 16.1-12*

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

### **PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S TABLE LITURGY**

Leader: Merciful Creator, we have so many questions, so many concerns. We see division in our own hearts, in relationships, in the community, and around the world. We are burdened by the division that comes when the road to violence, oppression, and power is chosen over your good road. As we hear news and see images of war and conflict both near and far, our hearts break, as yours does. We humbly offer prayers for those caught in violence, for those who have lost loved ones,

**ALL: we pray for your comfort and peace.**

Leader: For the defenseless, the sick, the tired,

**ALL: we pray for your stamina and your justice.**

Leader: For the confused and the disoriented,

**ALL: we pray for your wisdom and guidance.**

Leader: Creator Sets Free, guide our thoughts and actions, giving us courage,

**ALL: to respond to the needs of our siblings in the darkest of days.**

Leader: And when we are tempted to stray from your good road, renew and inspire us,

**ALL: for we know your message brings division, but also deep transformation.**

Leader: Spirit of God, when paths of transformation lead us into times of wilderness –

periods of learning and unlearning, realities winding and unruly, may your presence be our steady companion.

**ALL: If we feel afraid of the unfamiliar or unknown – a stranger to where you are leading, remind us we do not go alone.**

Leader: All who seek your Wisdom are wandering.

**ALL: When we forget, remind us this is part of Love's work.**

Leader: Help us to be patient with our journey, letting Love set the pace.

**ALL: If we feel ashamed, confronted by regrets, embarrassed by ignorance, or trapped by snares of guilt...**

Leader: may your grace be near, and let courage steady our way.

**ALL: To you, we will turn for nourishment along the way.**

**Remembering the simple pleasures of being alive.**

**Of being together.**

**Of being among the creations of your hand.**

**There is no stretch of the earth where delight cannot be found.**

Leader: All with the desire to further the common good, lead us more deeply into the heart of Love.

**ALL: In the company of your promises, faith shall be our guide, starting here at the table.**

Leader: As we come to the table and begin once more our Lenten journey, we seek to follow faithfully, remembering the life, the death, the resurrection of Jesus. We tell the story that God invites each of us into: Christ died to set us free from sin, was raised to break the power of death and will come again to bring us the wholeness for which we long. The Table of the Lord is open for all who would seek and accept the forgiveness Christ offers us.

*\*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.

## Great is Thy Faithfulness

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father;  
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;  
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not;  
As Thou hast been, Thou forever will be.

Great is Thy faithfulness!  
Great is Thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see.  
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;  
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,  
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above  
Join with all nature in manifold witness  
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth  
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;  
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Sermon Series.** The sermon series and resources for our new year series are posted online at [www.indytrinity.org/sermon-series](http://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

**Lent resources**, along with [Trinity's Guide to Lent](#), can be found at the bottom of the [sermon series page](#).

**Holy Week.** We will make our way through Holy Week together by gathering virtually on weekday mornings to center ourselves around the days leading to Christ's crucifixion (March 25-29th). Each morning we will be participating in morning prayers, reflecting on art around this season, and listening to music that Trinity Church is sharing throughout this season. Join us weekday mornings at 7am on [Zoom](#) or catch up throughout the day on [FB](#) or [YouTube](#). Questions? email [joel@indytrinity.org](mailto:joel@indytrinity.org).

**On March 29th, join us for our Good Friday service at COhatch Broad Ripple at 6:30 p.m.** Good Friday marks the betrayal of Jesus and his death at the hands of the state. In this time we will walk with Jesus in his last days on the way to the cross. Join us at CoHatch the "Big Room" as we continue to make our way through Holy Week. If you aren't able to join us in person, you may also join via [Zoom](#). Contact [joel@indytrinity.org](mailto:joel@indytrinity.org) with any questions.

**Ice Skating.** On Sunday, February 25th, after the gathering, the youth group will be eating lunch together and then heading to Holliday Park to go ice skating! We'd love for any other Trinitarians to join us. You can find details for the park here: <https://www.hollidaypark.org/rink/> You can buy tickets in advance (and we suggest that you do!). We'll plan to leave the building by 11:45am and start a skate time at noon! Reach out to Britney ([britney@indytrinity.org](mailto:britney@indytrinity.org)) if you have any questions!

## THE BENEDICTION

Leader: May the peace of the Lord Christ go with us,

**ALL: wherever he may send us.**

Leader: May God guide us through the wilderness,

**ALL: protect us through the storm.**

Leader: May the Spirit bring us home rejoicing,

**ALL: at the wonders she has shown us.**

Leader: May Christ bring us home rejoicing, gathering once again.

(Some liturgies adapted from [lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com](http://lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com) and [enfleshed.com](http://enfleshed.com) - Rev. M Barclay)

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## **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](mailto: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](#))

**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!

### February

4th: North/Carmel

11th: Fishers

18th: Midtown/Downtown

25th: Broad Ripple

### March

3rd: North/Carmel

10th: Fishers

17th: Midtown/Downtown

24th/Palm Sunday: Broad Ripple

31st/Easter: North/Carmel