

Trinity Church
March 3, 2024
Third Sunday of Lent

WELCOME AND LITURGY OF GATHERING

Leader: Reading of [Psalm 95](#). 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

Great Are You Lord

You give life, You are love
You bring light to the darkness
You give hope, You restore
Every heart that is broken
Great are You, Lord

It's Your breath in our lungs
So we pour out our praise
We pour out our praise
It's Your breath in our lungs
So we pour out our praise to You only

And all the earth will shout Your praise
Our hearts will cry, these bones will sing
Great are You, Lord

Be Thou My Vision

Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art.
Thou my best Thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.
Be Thou my Wisdom, and Thou my true Word;
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son;
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

Be Thou my battle Shield, Sword for the fight;
Be Thou my Dignity, Thou my Delight;
Thou my soul's Shelter, Thou my high Tower:
Raise Thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
Thou mine Inheritance, now and always:
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,
High King of Heaven, my Treasure Thou art.

High King of Heaven, my victory won,
May I reach Heaven's joys, O bright Heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all

COMMUNITY CONFESSION AND LENTEN CANDLE READING

Leader: Romans 5:21 says, "Sin ruled because of death. So also grace rules in the lives of those who are right with God. The grace of God brings eternal life because of what Jesus Christ our Lord has done." In Jesus, we find ourselves free from judgment. Knowing this, let us confess how often we do not see God in our lives, especially in how we live them.

ALL: God of eternity, you know how often we travel down the rocky roads of doubt and fear. We pester others with our worries; we hurl bitter words at those we love. We have chances to offer ourselves in service, but only give our contempt to those in need. We could share the living waters with the world, but want to store it in jars for safe-keeping. Forgive us, Fountain of Grace; turn towards us and meet us wherever we are.

Leader: In every moment, God seeks to break open our rock-hard sin, so we might be made whole. In Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, our thirst for hope and joy is quenched.

Snuff out Lenten candle

ALL: Through the power of the Holy Spirit, living water breaks through the roof of our hearts, in such abundance that we don't have enough buckets to hold it all. Thanks be to God! 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

Wrestling in the Shadows: A Family Member Wrongs You

Matthew 18.15-22

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

LORD'S TABLE LITURGY

Leader: Gracious Lord, pour out your Spirit upon the gifts of this table and upon the gathered people who seek to faithfully follow you.

ALL: The bread symbolizes that Life, though given, can reshape brokenness into the peace which a warring world needs, the hope which can bring healing to others. The cup which is filled with grace can strengthen us to be new people, who go forth to speak truth to power, who bring freedom to all the oppressed.

Leader: Come to the table of the Lord; it is open to all who seek to follow Jesus.

**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.

Lord, I Need You

Lord I come, I confess
Bowing here, I find my rest
Without You, I fall apart
You're the one that guides my heart

Where sin runs deep, Your grace is more
Where grace is found is where You are
And where You are, Lord, I am free
Holiness is Christ in me

Lord, I need You, oh, I need You
Every hour, I need You
My one defense, my righteousness
Oh God, how I need You

So teach my song to rise to You
When temptation comes my way
And when I cannot stand, I'll fall on You
Jesus, You're my hope and stay

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Finance role and Leadership Team officer roles update. Please join in thanking Matthew Pierce for his years of service in handling Trinity's finances and accounting! He has now transitioned out of this role and it has been transferred to Steve Edinger, who may be reached at finance@indytrinity.org with any Trinity accounting questions. Given the transition to Steve, he is no longer the Leadership Team president, though he will remain on the Leadership Team as an Administrative Elder. Officer roles on the Leadership Team are now as follows. Emily Yarman, President. Michelle Bell, Treasurer. Autumn Schulze, Secretary. Any questions about these changes in roles may be sent to contact@indytrinity.org.

Community Conversation after the Gathering on March 10th. In conjunction with, and follow up to, our seasonal small groups, we'll be conversing about aspects of sacred self-care as they apply to communal care. Please see your email for more details and preparation.

Sermon Series. The sermon series and resources for our new year series are posted online at www.indytrinity.org/sermon-series.

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.

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 with any questions.

THE BENEDICTION

Leader: The Spirit sends us from this place with power:

**ALL: to disrupt cycles of violence,
to practice healing within and around,
and to create bold alternatives to norms that harm and destroy.**

Leader: With the knowledge and assurance of Christ with us,

ALL: may we go and make it so.

Amen.

(Some liturgies adapted from lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com and enfleshed.com - Rev. M Barclay)

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](#))

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!

March

3rd: North/Carmel

10th: Fishers

17th: Midtown/Downtown

24th/Palm Sunday: Broad Ripple

31st/Easter: North/Carmel

April

7th: Fishers

14th: Midtown/Downtown

21st: Broad Ripple

28th: North/Carmel