

Trinity Church
March 17, 2024
Fifth Sunday of Lent

WELCOME AND LITURGY OF GATHERING

Leader: Reading of [Psalm 40.5-10](#). 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 the Poor and Powerless

All the poor and powerless
And all the lost and lonely
All the thieves will come confess
And know that you are holy
Will know that you are holy

All will sing out, Hallelujah
We will cry out, Hallelujah

All the hearts who are content
And all who feel unworthy
All who hurt will nothing left
Will know that you are holy

Shout it, go on and scream it from the mountains
Go on and tell it to the masses
That He is God

We will sing out, Hallelujah
We will cry out, Hallelujah

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: Plant in us, O God, your visions of restoration.

We long to be a field where all your hopes blossom;

**ALL: Make our hearts a place of refuge,
for every shattered dream of peace.**

**Let our imaginations run wild,
as dreams of Justice are birthed from within.**

Leader: We don't want to waste this life shackled by despair, confined by fear,
a stranger to the miracle of being alive.

ALL: We want to be fully awake to all the beauty that surrounds.

We want to be determined in hope – a relentless pursuer of what could be.

**We want to be messengers of belonging, to every soul that weighs heavy
under narratives of bigotry or hate.**

We have known what it is to be a stranger to joy.

Leader: But this ancient story of love,
sustaining generation after generation,
in labors of liberation –
it frees us from our fear.

**ALL: No longer will we view life on evil's terms.
No more will we submit to rules of dominance.**

But in the freedom of Christ, you make our spirits rise.

Leader: In the depths of darkness and despite our slowness to change, God has only love for us.

snuff out the Lenten candle

ALL: Thanks be to God!

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: *You Have Said So, But I Tell You*

Matthew 26.57-68

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

LORD'S TABLE LITURGY

Leader: Benevolent God, we come before you at the four year anniversary of our lives altered by a pandemic. Our world continues to be filled with all kinds of plagues, so we lift our prayers alongside aching hearts across the world.

ALL: For all that we grieve and for the uncertainties that continue to plague our hearts and minds, we pray.

Leader: For those around the world caught in warring, kidnappings, and deadly clashes.

ALL: We lift prayers for those who continue to face the unimaginable and suffer much loss.

Leader: Lord, we give thanks for women all over the globe

ALL: who have come before us, who have used their skills and voices to show us a better way, giving of themselves for the good of the world.

Leader: For our LGBTQ+ neighbors who are recipients of hate because of who they are in their bodies, targeted and put in harm's way by unjust legislation, and are often unsafe in our community and world.

ALL: Lord, help us to affirm the fullness of who you have created each one of us to be and show us how to embody love with creativity, imagination, and great care as we put our bodies on the line, standing in solidarity with each sibling.

Leader: For our neighbors who are seen as a threat because of the color of their skin, are targets of police brutality, and remain in danger because of the ongoing silencing of their experiences.

ALL: Lord, confront our biases, help us to see and repent of the racism that lives within each of us, move us to action, and heal our lives.

Leader: For our neighbors who are disabled and ignored in this world intoxicated with ableism.

ALL: Lord, help us to see one another and repent of this evil that lives within each of us, move us to advocacy, and bring wholeness in our communities.

Leader: For the elected officials in our local and federal government.

ALL: May the Holy Spirit provide wisdom so they may lead humbly, with integrity, and with the whole of creation's best interest in mind.

Leader: We lift prayers for your Kin(g)dom, Lord.

ALL: For all whom the sun touches, for all who breathe the air, for all whose hearts beat, for all things of your creation. Through the shadows of these days, may we enfold the love of Christ so that the world might experience you.

Leader: As we remember God's constant presence with us, we choose to respond - to lean in, to worship. As we remember God's persistence in offering grace to us, and celebrate the joy of following Jesus, we speak of the mystery we know as faith:

ALL: Christ died for all our sins; Christ was raised for all; Christ comes, to lead us into God's presence. Lord, we ask that as we partake of the bread and the cup, your Holy Spirit bless these gifts and transform us, your gathered people, to faithfully love you and our neighbors with all our being.

Leader: Let us commune at the table of the Lord; it is open to all who seek life with God.

**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.

You Say

I keep fighting voice in my mind that say I'm not enough
Every single lie that tells me I will never measure up
Am I more than just the sum of every high and every low?
Remind me once again just who I am, because I need to know

You say I am loved when I can't feel a thing
You say I am strong when I think I am weak
You say I am held when I am falling short

When I don't belong, oh You say that I am Yours
And I believe, oh I believe
What You say of me
I believe

The only thing that matters now is everything You think of me
In You I find my worth, in You I find my identity

Taking all I have and now I'm laying it at Your feet
You have every failure God, and You'll have every victory

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

Equity Funds. Rolling submissions for 2024 Equity Funds will be accepted in phases: through May 5th and then again through November 3rd. This [form](#) is to be used to submit proposals and taken to Community Conversations scheduled for May 12th and November 10th. After those conversations, more solidified proposals (discerned through the larger group conversation) will then be taken to the Leadership Team for final disbursement requests. We ask that you use this form to prepare for presenting at a Community Conversation or if you are unable to attend those Equity Funds conversations the proposal will be taken to the group in your absence. Please refer to your emails for additional information. If you didn't receive an email and would like to be on the list, please send an email to contact@indytrinity.org.

THE BENEDICTION

Leader: Goodness and mercy go with us from here.

ALL: Relentlessly, they pursue us.

Leader: Even in the midst of valleys that make us tremble,

ALL: even when evil draws near,

Leader: still the gifts of God will not yield.

ALL: Sacred provisions surround us.

Leader: Let us go in the confidence of God's care for us as we follow Christ wherever Love leads.

(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