

Trinity Church
May 12, 2024

WELCOME AND LITURGY OF GATHERING

Leader: All who are weary or heavy-laden, come and dwell in the presence of God

ALL: We come with our grief, our anger, our fear, and our doubt trusting all is welcome here

Leader: All who hunger for justice, the risen Christ calls, "come and follow!"

ALL: We come to hear and proclaim the Good News that sets us free

Leader: All who believe that Love is yet alive, come and feel the Spirit stirring

ALL: We come, open to the miraculous and unexpected

Leader: God has gathered us in that we might be renewed together. Let us worship with thanks and praise!

*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

Blessing 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 breathing the light of day

Continuously

I will hold your right hand

Right beside you, my word is true

I am continuously, continuously

With you

Though your flesh and heart may fail

I will uphold you beyond the veil

I'm continuously, I'm continuously

With you

Rest in my love as you sleep tonight

Rest in the song that mercy sings

Your shield and strength all through the fire

I will be your covering

I'll be your shelter where'er you go

When you wander I'll bring you home

I am continuously, continuously

with you

COMMUNITY CONFESSION

Leader: Day or night, it is always the right time to come before God,

ALL: For God already knows what lies in our hearts.

Leader: Let us offer up our hopes yet unmet:

ALL: For peace, for reconciliation, for grace.

Leader: Let us offer up the wrongs we have done:

ALL: Our greed, our apathy, our meanness.

Leader: Let us offer up the good we have left undone:

ALL: Forgiving another, offering mercy, choosing compassion.

Leader: And in silence, let us offer God the whole of our hearts.

Silence

Leader: Hear the good news: we are forgiven!

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

Everyone's Heart Known

Acts 1.15-17, 21-26

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

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE & LORD'S TABLE LITURGY

Leader: Benevolent God, we come before you today to lift our prayers for aching hearts across the world.

ALL: For all touched by the horrors of war, we pray.

Leader: For all who continue to suffer in the midst of health crises.

ALL: For the lonely, for those who continue to selflessly provide care, for those who watch loved ones die.

Leader: For Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders whose human dignity has been disregarded and rights violated.

ALL: Lord, we pray that you would illuminate hatred and weave the stories of their lives into the fabric of shared existence, moving us toward justice.

Leader: We lift prayers for all those who have been targets of police brutality and gun violence in our city and across the country.

ALL: Move us to action, pursuing justice as we join in speaking up against unjust systems and laws that perpetuate violence.

Leader: For women and transgender siblings, who always last to have a say about their bodies and whose medical care is restricted by unjust and hateful laws. For abortion providers and gender-affirming care clinic staff who take risks to care for these siblings when others will not.

ALL: Lord, we pray for their courage to tell their stories and to remember their belovedness.

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

ALL: May the Holy Spirit provide wisdom for them as they lead humbly, with integrity and with all of creation's best interests in mind.

Leader: During these times of endings and new beginnings, we lift prayers for those who are graduating.

ALL: May those who have been students not be defined by a degree, but continue to grow and be shaped into all that you intend, throughout their lives.

Leader: Lord, we give thanks for those all over the globe who love and care for our world.

ALL: We give thanks for your provisions, through those who mother us and give of themselves in birthing new life.

Leader: We lift prayers for your Kingdom, 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. As followers of Jesus, may we be a light, may we be love, may we be a different way of experiencing the world.

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 settle in the Spirit as we 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 in Christ.

**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.

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 child;
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

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 Heav'n's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Health Guidelines: Gatherings can look differently according to the needs of our leaders and community if health concerns take effect. 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. If you are experiencing fever, coughs, or other clear signs of illness, please remain home and join the Gathering via Zoom. If your symptoms are not highly contagious or you are unsure about exposing others, please wear a mask. Specifically, if you have been exposed to or have symptoms of Covid-19 or the Flu, you can follow the [guidelines from the CDC](#) to determine what are your best precautions to take.

Practices edited. We've edited our practices to more fully reflect who we are. We've added the [practices](#) of rest and receiving. As a reminder, *Trinity believes the values and beliefs we hold are best lived out in **practice** as we embody our mission and move toward our [vision](#).*

Check out the [sermon series page](#) with discussion prompts and resources.

Equity Funds CONVERSATION TODAY. Rolling submissions for 2023 Equity Funds will be accepted in phases: through May 7th and then again through November 5th. 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.

Memorial Day Weekend Brunch Gathering on Sunday, May 26th. Bring a dish or two to share as we Gather for shared liturgy and around the table in fellowship. Feel free to bring lawn games, etc.

Baptism and Family Covenants. We plan to hold baptisms and family covenants on Sunday, June 2nd as a part of the Gathering. If you are interested in either or have questions, please contact Britney Yount at britney@indytrinity.org.

Pride Brunch Gathering Sunday, June 9th. As you may know, Pride month (June) is rapidly approaching! Pride celebrations are particularly holy, as they often represent a casting off of chains and embracing of joy. A jubilee! To practice our own Pride jubilee, we will host a brunch Sunday on June 9 followed by an afternoon of tabletop games, ending at 1pm. If you would like to join in the jubilee, please bring a dish to share. A big ole Pride cake and a dozen GF Pride cupcakes will be provided in celebration of our LGBTQ family members. We will provide plenty of games, but please also feel free to bring some games you might like to play! We will have lawn games as well, weather permitting. Please, do still feel free to attend for fellowship and funzies even if tabletop games aren't your thing. If any questions, please reach out to Emily (emily@indytrinity.org).

The summer Gathering schedule with brunches, teachings, and off site Gatherings will be posted soon and more details will come via email. Mark your calendars for these special OFF SITE Gatherings:

- **Sunday, June 30th.** The Butler/Tarkington Walk and Talk with Sampson Levingston at Through2Eyes. Rain date is scheduled for Sunday, August 25th.
- **Sunday, July 14th.** Lending helping hands at Irvington Counseling Collective
- **Saturday, July 27th.** Lending a hand at Octavia's Visionary Campus (OVC) Gardens with Kheprw
- **Saturday August 17th or Sunday, August 18th.** (dates yet to be solidified) Gathering at the Avenue Coffeehouse and Cafe

THE BENEDICTION

Leader: Friends, it is Love that called us here and Love that sends us.

ALL: May we go in the assurance that this same Love

Leader: is working in and around us in miraculous and ordinary ways, binding up broken hearts,

ALL: rising up against injustice and oppression.

Leader: and stirring up new life in places unimaginable. 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.

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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!

May

5th: Fishers

12th: Midtown/Downtown

19th: Broad Ripple

26th (Brunch): North/Carmel

June

2nd: Fishers

9th/Pride Brunch: Midtown/Downtown

16th: Broad Ripple

23rd: North/Carmel

*30th: Fishers

* Indicates dates we *plan* to be off site and don't really have hosting duties. However, we'd like to have a parish scheduled in the event plans shift.