

Trinity Church
May 19, 2024
Pentecost Sunday

WELCOME AND LITURGY OF GATHERING

Leader: Pentecost is coming.

ALL: It will be an end and a beginning.

It will bewilder and confuse.

Leader: Though some will fight it,
the aching world calls it forth with urgency.

ALL: Come, Spirit, come.

Leader: The Spirit who moves like “a rush of violent wind...”

Who appears like fire...

Who is the breath of God...

**ALL: She comes to us unconcerned with order,
wild with freedom,**

turning over anything and everything that stands in Her way.

Leader: Let Her come and fill our mouths with words we didn't know we could speak.

Let Her come and help us hear in languages we once could not understand.

ALL: She is being poured out.

Leader: The people will prophesy.

The heavens will draw near.

The chorus of voices-past will join in

and proclaim the truth of God.

ALL: Justice will come.

Leader: Do not be like the ones who sneer and ask, “are they drunk?”

Do not be surprised by what's happening as if
the scriptures and history and the prophets have not foretold...

You've heard it said –

The sun will burn out and the moon turn to blood

before the day of Justice arrives.

Instead, open your hearts

and pray that God's grace

may carry you into the Kingdom.

ALL: Let courage rise up.

Let passion enflame.

Let love transform.

Let weeping fill the land.

Leader: There will be no peace until there is justice.

No healing until wrongs are made right.

ALL: Come, Spirit, Come.

And turn the world of evil upside-down.

*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 Who Are Thirsty

All who are thirsty, all who are weak
Come to the fountain, dip your heart in the stream of life
Let the pain and the sorrow, be washed away
In the waves of His mercy, as deep cries out to deep (we
sing)

Come, Lord Jesus, come
Come, Lord Jesus, come

Holy Spirit, come
Holy Spirit, come

Holy Forever

A thousand generations falling down in worship
To sing the song of ages to the Lamb
And all who've gone before us
And all who will believe
Will sing the song of ages to the Lamb

Your name is the highest
Your name is the greatest
Your name stands above them all
All thrones and dominions
All powers and positions
Your name stands above them all

And the angels cry Holy
All creation cries Holy

You are lifted high Holy
Holy forever

If you've been forgiven and if you've been redeemed
Sing the song forever to the Lamb
If you walk in freedom and if you bear His name
Sing the song forever to the Lamb
We'll sing the song forever and amen

Hear Your people sing Holy
To the King of Kings Holy
You will always be Holy
Holy forever

You will always be Holy
Holy forever

COMMUNITY CONFESSION

Leader: God of Justice,
God of Compassion,
God of Sacred and Scandalous ways,
We have so much still to learn.

By your grace, we have come to know love more deeply than once before –

ALL: its mess, its complexity, its stubborn and tender truths transform us more each day.

Leader: Through fires that refine and valleys of death, you have guided us.

ALL: You draw us into the heart of Wisdom,

Leader: Saving us from the lies of destruction.

ALL: Turning us towards hope that liberates.

Leader: But still, O God, we struggle to trust in you..

And so, when we are afraid. Or hurt. Or weary...

We betray the very One who brought us thus far.

ALL: We confess, we still shame Jesus, when he turns over tables.

Leader: We confess, we still condemn Jesus, when he breaks the rules to which we are loyal.

ALL: We confess, while Jesus is torn from the arms of his mother by ICE,

Leader: killed by his own lovers – so afraid of desiring trans women,

ALL: and sitting lonely on the street with no family to welcome them home,

Leader: our loyalties are often elsewhere.

ALL: Our priorities are not your own.

Leader: Search our hearts, O God, and see if there is any fear within us.

Meet us there with your good news that sets the captives free.

Forgive us from the harm we have done as we seek to harm no more.

Silent prayer

Leader: Beloveds, God does not abandon us to the systems that destroy.

ALL: God does not bind us to our regrets.

Leader: Or forever hold us to what we once believed.

ALL: God says, come and follow!

Leader: Know forgiveness and sin no more.

ALL: Love abounds. And Justice shall be manifest!

Leader: Wherever new life is desired,

may the peace of Christ be welcomed among us.

ALL: Thanks be to God who leads us on paths of resurrection.

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

All Together, Not Drunk

Acts 2.1-21

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

LORD'S TABLE LITURGY

Leader: Holiness is the melody of who you are, Gentle God, and blessed is the Song of your heart, Jesus Christ. As he loved you, so he loved us: keeping your word close in his heart, he came singing of your gracious love; abiding in your promises of hope, he came bringing the harmony of peace for our fragmented lives; coming to judge the world with righteousness, he laid down his life for his friends, trusting and believing that the funeral dirges they sang on that sad Friday, would be rearranged as Easter cantatas on that first morning of the new creation.

ALL: As we remember his life, death and resurrection, as we seek to follow his command to love, we sing of that mystery we call faith: The Singer was not silenced by death; the Singer was raised to new life; the Singer will come to lead us home to God.

Leader: Pour out your joyful Spirit upon the gifts of the bread and the cup and on your children gathered at your feast. We would open our hearts to receive the bread of life, not with silenced gratitude, but with glad songs of joy. We would empty ourselves to be filled with the cup's compassion, not with speechless thanks but with shouts of praise. As we learn the new song of sacrifice on behalf of others, we would go to serve the brokenhearted; as we are given the instruments of praise, we would turn them into the means to transform the lives of the hungry, the homeless, the forgotten, the outcast.

ALL: And when our music has ended, and there is only the plainsong of life forever in the tender embrace of your peace, we will gather at the Table once again, hands and hearts, brothers and sisters, joining in the never-ending praise to you, God in Community, Holy in One. 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.

Your Love, Oh Lord

Your love, oh Lord reaches to the heavens

Your faithfulness stretches to the sky

Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains

Your justice flows like the ocean's tide

I will lift my voice to worship You, my King

I will find my strength in the shadow of your wings

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Equity Funds Disbursed for round one of 2024. After the Equity Funds discussion, we've disbursed \$1000 to each the Irvington Counseling Collective, Indiana Youth Group (IYG), and The Avenue Foundation. Any questions may be directed 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.

Indy Pride Parade/Festival, June 8th @ 9:30 am at Mass Ave. Parade - 10:00 am

<https://indypride.org/event/indy-pride-parade/> Everyone is invited to join folks from Trinity at the Pride Parade! We will arrive early with coolers of water and snacks to help folks stay hydrated and fueled as they enjoy the Pride Festivities downtown. Carpool: Meet at Joel and Emily's at 8:30 AM (Email [joel@indytrinity](mailto:joel@indytrinity.org) for address and to RSVP for the carpool) **Parade Meet up:** We will aim to set up under the trees in front of Bru Burger again this year. Call/Text Joel the day of the parade with questions (419-889-9570). The festival starts right after the parade at Military Park and goes the rest of the day (tickets/admission required). You do not have to participate in both. This is a choose your own adventure with friends and supporters! <https://indypride.org/indy-pride-festival/>

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 ([sermon series page](#)) 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

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.

SHARE THE LOVE

At this time we would like to recognize the diverse ways in which those in the Trinity family serve. We are grateful for each of you! Join in spreading the love and gratitude as we name the various areas of service. Please stand as your area of service is called out and remain standing. Our children will be coming around with a small token of appreciation for the care you have offered us all.

THE BENEDICTION

Leader: The shutters of our hearts have been flung open
by the fresh breath of God!

ALL: We will go to offer God's love to everyone around us.

Leader: Our souls have been set on fire
by the justice of the Brother of the poor.

**ALL: We will go to share visions of hope,
to listen to the dreams of the oppressed**

Leader: Our loneliness and fears will be set aside

by the Spirit of inclusion creating community.

**ALL: We will speak words of peace to all we meet,
we will open ourselves to the gifts of others.**

(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.