

Trinity Church
March 31, 2024
Easter Sunday

WELCOME AND LITURGY OF GATHERING

Leader: Reading of [Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24](#). 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

I Know That My Redeemer Lives

I know that my Redeemer lives;
what comfort this sweet sentence gives!
He lives, He lives, who once was dead;
He lives, my everlasting Head.

He lives triumphant from the grave,
He lives eternally to save,
He lives all-glorious in the sky,
He lives exalted there on high.

He lives to bless me with His love,
He lives to plead for me above,
He lives my hungry soul to feed,
He lives to help in time of need.

He lives to grant me rich supply,
He lives to guide me with His eye,
He lives to comfort me when faint,
He live to hear my soul's complaint.

He lives to silence all my fears,
He lives to wipe away my tears,
He lives to calm my troubled heart,
He lives all blessings to impart.

He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly Friend,
He lives and loves me to the end;
He lives, and while He lives, I'll sing;
He lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King.

He lives and grants me daily breath;
He lives and I shall conquer death;
He lives my mansion to prepare;
He lives to bring me safely there.

He lives, all glory to His name!
He lives, my Jesus, still the same.

Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives,
"I know that my Redeemer lives!"

It Is Well With My Soul

When peace like a river attendeth my way,
When sorrows like sea billows roll;
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say,
"It is well, It is well, with my soul."

It is well (It is well)
with my soul (with my soul)
It is well, it is well with my soul.

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
Let this blest assurance control,
That Christ hath regarded my helpless estate,
And hath shed His own blood for my soul.

My sin O, the bliss of this glorious thought,
My sin not in part but the whole,
Is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more,
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!

And, Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
The trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend,
"Even so," it is well with my soul.

COMMUNITY CONFESSION AND LENTEN CANDLE READING

Leader: God is in the business of resurrection – making life from what was left for dead. But we're easily overcome by the pain and death around us. Let us cry out to God.

ALL: God of new life, our vision for your world is too small. In the face of hurt, we get cynical. In the face of injustice, we become overwhelmed. In the face of uncertainty, we grasp for control. Give us an imagination inspired by resurrection, so that we may accept your invitation and join you in bringing about new life.

Leader: Friends, God is never done resurrecting our lives, our communities, and all of creation. We know this because Christ is risen!

ALL: He is risen, indeed! Thanks be to God! We will pursue the life God so deeply desires us to live.

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

The Sun Began to Rise

Matthew 28

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

LORD'S TABLE LITURGY

Leader: Holy One, your Strange ways, they astound us.

Among the mighty, your Wisdom is called foolish.

**ALL: While others assert their power with force,
Yours unfolds like an invitation.**

You never resort to weapons.

You turn from all paths of domination.

Leader: Beauty and truth are your means of persuasion.

Freedom is your promise.

**ALL: While empire shouts false promises of security,
using fear to turn us against each other,
You whisper things of vulnerability,
of meals at table and sharing what we have,
of solidarity and new life.**

Leader: When you, the Sacred, took on flesh,

You sought neither thrones nor prestige,

but made your friends among the outcast.

Sex workers.

The imprisoned.

The hungry and the ill.

The fed up and the weary.

**ALL: Though you were presented with every opportunity
to seek importance among the elite,
to the end, you choose the edges,
making your home among the vulnerable,
living in solidarity with the criminalized and despised.**

Leader: We hope to be strange like you.

Strangers to all that normalizes evil,

to power that corrupts,

to practices that demean or neglect.

**ALL: Make us faithful to the peculiar calling of Christ.
Unafraid to bear the names of the despised.**

**Firmly planted in the confidence of your Holy Mystery –
the strange love that calls us to fight with and for each other,
and awakens us to the joy you set before us, beginning here at Your table.**

Leader: For all who seek to experience new life in Christ - eat and drink –
the body of Christ broken for you and the cup of the new covenant shed for you.

**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.

What Wondrous Love Is This

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul
What wondrous love is this, O my soul
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul

To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing
To God and to the Lamb, I will sing

To God and to the Lamb, who is the great I Am
While millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing
While millions join the theme, I will sing

And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be
And through eternity, I'll sing on, I'll sing on
And through eternity, I'll sing on

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our upcoming sermon series, *One Heart, One Soul* that will take us through Pentecost will be [posted online](#) later today.

Community Conversation on April 14th. We'll be holding a conversation after the Gathering on the 14th around navigating uncertainty (as well as fear and anxiety) and loving our neighbors/enemies, particularly as political tensions rise this election year.

Where the Money Went Q4 2023 and Year End Financials are now posted online [here](#) and under "Church Documents". Please check your email for more details. If you need access to either of these, please let us know (contact@indytrinity.org). Any questions about numbers may be directed to Steve Edinger at finance@indytrinity.org and questions about the investments may be directed to Jay Howard at jay@indytrinity.org.

Equity Funds. 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 14th** and November 12th. 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.

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.

THE BENEDICTION

Leader: And now, may the God of peace

ALL: who brought back again from the dead our Lord Jesus

Leader: make us complete in everything good

ALL: so that we may participate in the Kingdom,

Leader: as the Spirit works among us that which is pleasing in the Lord's sight,

ALL: through Christ, to whom the glory be forever and ever. Amen.

Leader: Go in peace!

(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