

Trinity Church:
January 23, 2022

WELCOME AND LITURGY OF GATHERING

Leader: Reading of [Psalm 19](#) 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 WORSHIP

Stranger

Oh, the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus

COMMUNITY CONFESSION & BLESSING

Leader: When we seek God's mercy, we draw close the mystery of faith: love that cannot be undone by our sin. Trusting that God is grace, let us offer to God the truth of our lives, first in silent prayer.

Silent Prayer

Leader: Holy Lord, God of Life, hear our prayer:

ALL: Forgive us when we follow those paths that do not lead to life,

That lead instead to violence, or hate, or fear,

Paths that lead to dread and death.

Forgive us when we forget that you offer us life,

Life that is abundant and eternal,

Life that began at the creation of all things.

Forgive us, turn us to the right path,

and let your love and grace flow over us and the world.

We pray in Jesus' name and for his sake.

Leader: Amen, amen. God of Life extends forgiveness, love, and belonging to us that we might truly live. We are forgiven!

ALL: Thanks be to God!

Adults: The Lord be with you!

Children and Kids Ministry Leader: And also with you!

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

Following Jesus Under Colonizer Rule - His Own Village Rejects Him

[Luke 4.14-30](#) (First Nations Version)

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

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE & LORD'S TABLE LITURGY

Leader: Loving God, we pause to breathe you in - to welcome you among us.

ALL: We welcome you into our homes, into our lives, into our hearts, asking that you would make your presence known to us both today and throughout the coming week.

Leader: We thank you, Lord, for another day of life, for this new year, for the promise of a miraculous, persistent, "won't-abandon-us-no-matter-what" eternal hope, despite the chaos, the disorder, the destruction we face.

ALL: Gracious God, we humbly offer prayers of support to the many suffering and hurting in our world.

Leader: For the lonely and heartbroken,

ALL: we pray for your comfort and your peace.

Leader: For the sick and the tired,

ALL: we pray for your grace and your strength.

Leader: For the persecuted and defenseless,

ALL: we pray for your stamina and your justice.

Leader: For the confused and the disoriented,

ALL: we pray for your wisdom and guidance.

Leader: Mysterious Creator, we're standing on the brink of what has been a full year - emotionally, physically, financially, spiritually demanding. Every day the news, the notifications, the tweets - moments of anxiety around politics and pandemic so thick, so intense, it's hard to breathe. There are moments, dear Lord, when many of us feel as if we're left with nothing. No more patience, no more energy, no more fight, no more hope and even sometimes no more love.

ALL: And God we need you to sustain us, to revive us, to hold us, to reorient us, to call us to your marvelous service in love of neighbor and in bringing about your kingdom which knows no sickness, no suffering, no delusion, no injustice, no end.

Leader: Patient God, in this troubling time of political division, uncertainty, amid the shouts, the name-calling, the retorts, the blaming, we ask that you would teach us to listen.

ALL: Teach us to listen to those far from us - the whisper of the hopeless, the plea of the forgotten, the cry of the anguished.

Leader: Teach us to listen, O God, to ourselves.

ALL: Help us to be less afraid to trust the voice inside.

Leader: Teach us to listen, Holy Spirit,

ALL: for your voice — in busyness and in boredom, in certainty and doubt, in noise and in silence.

Leader: Now, as we come to your ever-expanding table, teach us, oh Lord,

ALL: to listen, to hear, to live the words that Christ himself taught us when he prayed...

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever.

Leader: Here at the table, we are reminded that you are the Bread of Life, pouring out love upon all Creation. The table of the Lord is open to all who seek the life Christ offers us.

RESPONSE & OFFERING OF WORSHIP

The [Offering Basket](#)

Prayer requests may be posted in the Zoom chat.

COMMUNAL WORSHIP REFLECTION

Good Trouble

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ordination and Celebration: We celebrated the ordination and installation of Britney Yount as co-pastor on the 16th. **Please pick up a note card to leave a blessing or word of affirmation for Britney after the Gathering (or bring it back or email it to contact@indytrinity.org to be added to the collection).**

The sermon series, *Following Jesus Under Colonizer Rule & Creator's Good Road*, that will take us through Easter is now [posted online](#). In conjunction with the sermon series, **seasonal small groups around *Subversive Witness* by Dominique Dubois Gilliard are forming! If you're interested in joining, pick up (or download) the book and begin reading/listening. Send an email to contact@indytrinity.org if you'd like to participate in one of these groups and we'll connect you to the appropriate group leader.**

- [Fishers/Zoom](#) group is starting on January 25th over the lunch hour (12-1pm) on Tuesdays for six weeks.
- [Midtown/Downtown](#) parish will meet Wednesday nights in person at 7pm starting February 2nd.

- [Broad Ripple](#) group will meet on Friday nights at 7pm starting on January 28th.

Community Conversation. We will hold a community conversation TODAY after the Gathering. We'll continue the discussion around the question, "what does our church family feel would be 'renewing' as we pursue sabbatical funds?" as we apply for the Lily Endowment Clergy Renewal Grant.

Civic Action meeting: There will be an introductory meeting to Civic Action held January 30th after the gathering at CoHatch and virtually. We will talk about what engaging civically can look like, where to start, and how we can support one another. This meeting is open to anyone who would be interested in Civic Action in our communities and how to do it. Questions? contact Joel at joel@indytrinity.org.

The Leadership Team has approved the 2022 budget. You will notice a few changes in the budget compared to last year. If you have questions about the 2022 budget and any changes, you may contact any member of the Leadership Team or go straight to the Treasurer - Jay Howard (jay@indytrinity.org). If you have questions about accounting, please contact Matthew Pierce (finance@indytrinity.org) who handles the finances. "Community Equity Funds" at a total of \$6000 for the year are now designated for what *we as a congregation* want to fund in the community that invests in equity building, reparations (as some might call it), etc. Before these funds are dispersed, we will hold a family meeting (**the 6th of February**; stay tuned for details about that) to begin conversations about how these funds will be invested in work that is already happening in the greater community.

Proposed Bylaw Revisions. You should have received an email outlining proposed bylaw changes for final review and adoption by the Leadership Team (on January 11th). The revisions to the Trinity Bylaws reflect the establishment of a Financial Subcommittee that will serve to advise the Leadership Team on matters related to Trinity's finances. More broadly, revisions are proposed to clarify procedures by which various Subcommittees may be established as the need arises. These changes are aimed at providing greater flexibility to form (and, as appropriate, disband) Subcommittees for various purposes without needing to formally revise the bylaws *every* time the need for a Subcommittee arises. These revisions have been adopted. Questions may be sent to Steve Edinger (steve@indytrinity.org).

THE BENEDICTION

Leader: As you were present with us through your Word, O God:

ALL: May we be present to those who will come to us this week.

Leader: As you fed us with peace, Bread of Life:

ALL: May we grace those around us with your peace in the coming days.

Leader: As you welcomed us to your Table, Spirit of hope:

ALL: May we welcome those you send us who have no hope.

(Some liturgies adapted from lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com and <https://www.fapc.org/prayers-of-the-people>)

COMMUNAL CONNECTION

Remain on the Zoom or Gathering space for general connection and prayer.

Land Acknowledgement. We acknowledge that the land on which we gather for worship was stolen from the Myaamiaki people of the sovereign Miami Nation, 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. (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!

January

2nd (Brunch, but no audio equipment): Midtown/Downtown

9th: Broad Ripple

16th: Fishers

23rd: North/Carmel

30th: Midtown/Downtown

February

6th: Broad Ripple

13th: Fishers

20th: North/Carmel

27th: Midtown/Downtown