

Trinity Church: Second Sunday of Advent

December 4, 2022

WELCOME AND LITURGY OF GATHERING

Leader: Reading of [Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19](#). 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 SINGING

O Come O Come Emanuel

O come, O come Emmanuel
And ransom captive Israel
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appears
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee O Israel

And death's dark shadow put to flight
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee O Israel

O come, Desire of nations, bind
all peoples in one heart and mind
bid envy, strife, and quarrels cease
fill all the world with heaven's peace
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee O Israel

O come, Thou Dayspring, come and cheer
our spirits by Thine advent here
Disperse the gloomy of night

Beautiful Things

All this pain
I wonder if I'll ever find my way
I wonder if my life could really change at all

You make beautiful things
You make beautiful things out of us

All this earth
Could all that is lost ever be found?
Could a garden come up from this ground at all?

All around
Hope is springing up from this old ground
Out of chaos life is being found in You

You make beautiful things
You make beautiful things out of the dust

You make me new, You are making me new
You make me new, You are making me new

COMMUNITY CONFESSION & ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

Leader: Today marks the second Sunday of Advent, the season in which we anticipate celebrating the birth of Jesus. For unto us, a child is born - the reorienting presence of God With Us - will show us the way. This Advent, we pause. We breathe. We pray. We dig deep. We reach out. We rise up. We remember. We vision. We sit with the pain. We stay with the trouble. We wait, expectant. We light candles. We labor. We open to You, and to one another, and to the Sacred Mystery that is Emmanuel, God-With-Us, Love Incarnate, Divinity Enfleshed.

Reading - [Matthew 3:1-12](#)

Prayer & Candle Lighting: The Peace of God-With-Us does not come as law and order, or enforcement and control. Peace cannot be imposed from on high. Peace cannot be commanded. The Peace of God-With-Us is chaotic, wild, unruly, unpredictable. The Peace of God-With-Us is collective, liberating us from deadly complicity. Peace is gestating in darkness; it comes unexpectedly. Peace invites our expectation, and demands our participation. Prepare the way, for peace with justice. May Peace be birthed among, within, and through us, this Advent.

ALL: Always present God, forgive us, not for the ways in which we may doubt, but for how we show that doubt in self-absorbed lives. Open our eyes to your presence with us, so we may live lives of greater mercy and love, of faith and peace.

Leader: Friends, this is good news: out of deep love for us, God refines our faith, forming us more and more into God's image.

ALL: Thanks be to God! We will embrace the presence of God as it refines us through love and moves us toward peace!

BLESSING AND PASSING THE PEACE

Adults: The Lord be with you!

Children and Kids Ministry Leader: And also with you!

PreK-5th grade children may now move 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.

ADVENT REFLECTION

Reorienting Presence

Until the Moon is No More - [Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19 & Romans 15.4-13](#)

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

LORD'S TABLE LITURGY

Leader: As we draw closer to the celebration of his birth, as we long to follow Jesus beyond Bethlehem, we proclaim that mystery we call faith:

ALL: Christ died, to scatter the arrogance of death; Christ was raised, picking up resurrection and carrying it into the new dawn; Christ will return, as your love stretches to the end of time.

Leader: Life takes place here and now, as you, Holy One, pour out your Spirit upon those gathered around the Table, and on the gifts prepared for the meal.

ALL: The bread which is broken, not only feeds us, but gives us the compassion to hear the voices of those crying out in despair and fear. The cup of grace touches us so we will not douse the Spirit, but be voices of justice, repairers of poverty's potholes, lock-pickers of addiction's cells, weavers of garments of kindness.

Leader: The Table of the Lord is open for all who put their faith in Christ.

RESPONSE & OFFERING OF WORSHIP

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

Be Thou my battle Shield, Sword for the fight;
Be Thou my Dignity, Thou my Delight;

Thou my soul's Shelter, Thou my high Tower:
Raise Thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Advent. The sermon series and resources for observing Advent are posted online at www.indytrinity.org/advent.

Holiday Schedule:

Christmas Eve Gathering @ 5:30pm
No Gathering December 25th
January 1st Brunch Gathering @ 10am

Morning Prayer weekday mornings during Advent. We will make our way through the Advent season together by gathering virtually on weekday mornings to center ourselves around the anticipation of the incarnation of the Christ as well as support one another during this joyous, contemplative, and sometimes difficult time. Each morning go through the morning prayers of the Divine Hours by Phylis Tickle, reflecting on poems from Mary Oliver, and listening to music that Trinity 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

Morning Prayer Help. Advent begins on this Sunday (11/27) and Morning Prayer for Advent begins Monday (11/28). This year I am asking folks from the Trinity community to sign up to help with the reading of scripture and poetry for these mornings during Advent. Morning prayer is at 7am and if you are interested in reading the scripture or poetry for the morning you can do so live or you can send a video or audio recording of you or your children reading to be included. Please sign up for a day and reading, [here](#). Contact Joel at joel@indytrinity.org with questions. [Sign up sheet](#)

Our next **Community Conversation** will take place on Sunday, December 11th after the Gathering. Whether you've participated in seasonal small groups this fall or not, the conversation will provide an opportunity to share highlights, learn, and communally process the Evolving Faith Conference content. More details will be shared via email the week prior.

2023 Trinity Retreat. One of the congregational renewal activities supported through the Clergy Renewal Grant is a retreat. Mark your calendars for August 25-27, 2023 and check your emails for the invitation to RSVP. Please indicate on the form if you're interested in serving on a small planning team in the spring and summer to help finalize retreat details.

Benevolence Fund: Given the previous requests this year, *the budgeted benevolence fund has been used*. Which is great because that also means we've been able to extend care to folks! As a way to provide an opportunity to respond to a new financial need within the Trinity family, we are asking for special contributions to the benevolence fund (\$2,000 - \$5,000 is the current need). This fund will be open for a bit. We invite you to consider giving as an act of care. Contributions may be made at Gatherings or [online](#). Please, please, please make a memo on checks or send an email to contact@indytrinity.org and let us know you've contributed to the fund so they can be appropriately allotted.

THE BENEDICTION

Leader: We will go now, as faithful people, so others might know God.

ALL: We will seek to invite others into this community of grace.

Leader: We will go now, as seeds of justice, so others might know Jesus.

ALL: We will seek to welcome all who have been rejected by the world.

Leader: We will go now, to be lights of hope, so others might know the Spirit.

ALL: We will seek to illuminate the shadows of brokenness with peace and life.

(Some liturgies adapted from lectionarylitanies.blogspot.com and enfleshed.com)

COMMUNAL CONNECTION

Guide Dog Training. With a Guide Dog at Gatherings, please familiarize yourself with resources under "Blindness and Guide Dog Etiquette" and discuss main points with those in your household. Additional FAQs may also be found [here](#). If you or anyone in your household has severe allergies or any fear of dogs, etc. please contact us so we can do our best to keep Gathering spaces welcoming for all.

Gathering Guidelines leveled and by metrics. Guidelines are [linked on the homepage](#) of Trinity's website (www.indytrinity.org). Please be prepared to adhere to the guidelines by metrics outlined by the CDC Covid Dashboard for [Marion County and Hamilton County](#). Additionally, we'll do our best to communicate with visuals (on the doors of COhatch) and with verbal announcements when we shift between levels (and therefore adjustments to Gatherings tighten or loosen). Questions? Email us at contact@indytrinity.org.

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!

December

4th: Fishers

11th: Broad Ripple

18th: North/Carmel

24th (Saturday, Christmas Eve): Elders

January:

1st (Brunch): Fishers
8th: Midtown/Downtown
15th: Broad Ripple
22nd: North/Carmel
29th: Fishers