

Trinity Church:
April 9, 2023
Easter Sunday

WELCOME & 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

Christ the Lord is Risen Today

Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!
Earth and heaven in chorus say, Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!
Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!
Once he died our souls to save, Alleluia!
Where's thy victory, boasting grave? Alleluia!

Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!
Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia!
Christ has opened paradise, Alleluia!

God With Us

You've come
To bring peace
To be love
To be nearer to us

You've come
To bring life
To be light
To shine brighter in us
Oh Emmanuel
God with us

Our Deliverer
You are Savior
In Your presence we find our strength

Over everything
Our redemption
God with us
You are God with us

You've come
To be hope
To this world
For Your honor and name

You've come
To take sin
To bear shame
And to conquer the grave

You are here and
You are holy
We are standing
In Your glory

COMMUNITY CONFESSION

Leader: Reading of John 20.1-18 (First Nations Version). 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 & 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

Composting

You Must Let Me Go - John 20 (First Nations Version)

**[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 offering basket.

Great is Thy Faithfulness

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father;

There is no shadow of turning with Thee;

Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not;

As Thou hast been, Thou forever will be.

Great is Thy faithfulness!

Great is Thy faithfulness!

Morning by morning new mercies I see.

All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;

Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,

Sun, moon and stars in their courses above

Join with all nature in manifold witness

To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth

Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;

Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,

Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our next [sermon series page](#) is now posted. Check it out to see where we're headed.

Baptism and Family Covenants. We plan to hold any baptisms this year at the retreat in August. Family Covenants will be held on Sunday, May 7th as a part of the Gathering. If you are interested in either or have questions, please contact Britney Yount at britney@indytrinity.org.

We are thrilled to announce the award of **our first Community Grant recipient of 2023**, [Community Food Box Project \(\\$500\)](#). Since 2016, Community Food Box Project has refurbished newspaper distribution boxes and turned them into little pantries for people to take food when they need. To date, CFBP has installed 74 boxes around the state of Indiana. Mark your calendars for April 30th when Sierra from Community Food Box Project will join us for the gathering and share her vision for CFBP.

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.

Renewal Year. New resources posted! Please see the newly revised, renewal webpage on Trinity's website: www.indytrinity.org/renewal-1 for resources with culture building, a copy of the grant narrative, and the timeline of events. If you need the password, please check your email. If you've not received emails about our clergy renewal grant and congregational renewal activities, please let us know (contact@indytrinity.org) so we can add you to the email list. In April & May, we will transition into more group work/facilitation/activities that coincide with the themes in Tricia Hersey's book "**Rest is Resistance.**" **You are encouraged to read this book during the upcoming season.** If you need financial assistance to acquire this resource, please contact us (contact@indytrinity.org).

Special Gathering on Sunday, June 25th. Mark your calendars as we prepare for a special Gathering to include the Irvington Walk and Talk with Sampson Levingston at Through2Eyes, Sunday, June 25th at 10am. More details to come! Rain date is scheduled for Sunday, August 13th.

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.

(Some liturgies adapted from lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com and enfleshed.com - Rev. M Barclay)

COMMUNAL CONNECTION

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

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!

April

2nd: Midtown/Downtown

9th: Broad Ripple

16th: North/Carmel

23rd: Fishers

30th: Midtown/Downtown

May

7th: Broad Ripple

14th: North/Carmel

21st: Fishers

28th (Brunch): Midtown/Downtown

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](#)).