# Trinity Church: February 19, 2023

# **WELCOME AND LITURGY OF GATHERING**

Leader: Reading of a modern translation: Psalm 37.1-11, 39-40. 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**

# **Come Ye Sinners**

Come ye sinners, poor and needy; Weak and wounded, ick and sore Jesus ready stands to save you Full of pity, love and power

Come ye thirsty, come and welcome God's free bounty glorify True belief and true repentance, And every grace that brings you nigh

I will arise and go to Jesus He will embrace me in His arms And in the arms of my dear Savior Oh, there are ten thousand charms

Come ye weary, heavy laden Lost and ruined by the fall If you tarry until you're better, You will never come at all

## I Love You, Lord

I love you, Lord
And I lift my voice
To worship You
Oh, my soul rejoice!
Take joy my King
In what You hear
Let it be a sweet, sweet sound in Your ear

# **COMMUNITY CONFESSION**

Leader: Christ has set us free from everything that might detain, oppress, derail us. But we should not confuse this with the right to do whatever we wish. No, we are called to serve others, to share God's hope and joy with everyone we meet. Let us confess how we have misused this wonderful gift of grace, as we pray, saying,

ALL: Redeeming God, how easily we say we would follow you, but how often we live as if we don't have a clue as to what that means. We choose to gossip about our friends and neighbors, rather than surrounding them with love. Our competitive nature wills us to win at all costs, when we could be engaged in costly service. We expect others to do for us and rarely ask what we might do for them. Forgive us, Holy One. Set us free to serve in love and compassion; help us to feast on the fruit the Spirit offers to us; put us on the path of faithful discipleship, as we walk with our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Silence is kept

Leader: Friends, call to mind what God has done for you; think about how God's love comes in fresh and surprising ways; reflect on the fruit of the Spirit poured out upon you.

ALL: We will remember all the wonder, all the joy, all the mercy which is ours. From the rich abundance of the Spirit's fruit, we will serve others. Thanks be to God! Amen.

# **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.

#### **SPOTLIGHT**

Kheprw - <a href="https://kheprw.org/">https://kheprw.org/</a> and subscribe to the newsletter <a href="here">here</a>.

#### **SERMON NOTES**

#### **Queering Identity**

Weeping - John 11.28-45 (FNV)

\*For discussion prompts visit the series page here.

#### LORD'S TABLE LITURGY

Leader: Gracious Lord, pour out your Spirit upon the gifts of this table and upon the gathered people who seek to faithfully follow you.

ALL: The bread symbolizes that Life, though given, can reshape brokenness into the peace which a warring world needs, the hope which can bring healing to others. The cup which is filled with grace can strengthen us to be new people, who go forth to speak truth to power, who bring freedom to all the oppressed.

Leader: Come to the table of the Lord; it is open to all who seek to follow Jesus.

# **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.

# The Table

I will feast at the table of the Lord I will feast at the table of the Lord I won't hunger anymore At His table

Come all you weary; come and find His yoke is easy; His burden light He is able; He will restore At the table of the Lord

There is peace at the table of the Lord There is peace at the table of the Lord I won't worry anymore At His table

There is healing at the table of the Lord There is healing at the table of the Lord I won't suffer anymore At His table

<sup>\*</sup>communion elements are gluten free, not allergen free

I know He has a place for me
Oh, what joy will fill my heart
With the saints around the mercy seat of God

I'm invited to the table of the Lord I'm invited to the table of the Lord He says, "Come just as you are" To His table

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The next **Civic Action** meeting will be held on February 26th after the gathering at CoHatch and virtually. We will talk about what engaging civically can look during this legislative session, run through our values assessments, 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.

We've been invited to the private soft opening of The Avenue Coffeehouse. RSVP's are appreciated. Please see the flyer in your emails. If any accessibility issues arise in opening the invite, please contact Melissa (melissa@indytrinity.org).

Lent resources, along with Trinity's Guide to Lent, can be found at the bottom of the sermon series page.

**Ash Wednesday** marks the beginning of the season of Lent, a season of reflection which prepares us for Easter Sunday. On Feb 22nd, join us for an Ash Wednesday service at COhatch Broad Ripple at 6:30 p.m. If you aren't able to join us in person, you may also join via Zoom.

Our sermon series, *The Book of John: Queering Identity & Composting* that will take us through Easter is <u>posted online</u>. Additionally, resource papers have also now been posted to the <u>www.indytrinity.org/resource-papers</u> page. In conjunction with the sermon series, we'll be gearing up for seasonal small groups around the book *This Here Flesh* by Cole Arthur Riley and beginning part of our congregational renewal activities! The following seasonal small groups are starting. Please RSVP to your chosen group's facilitator for exact details or with any questions pertaining to that group.

Broad Ripple - Every other Friday night with pitch-in dinner starting January 20th Queer Affinity Group (meeting in Irvington) - Wednesday nights starting February 8th Midtown/Downtown Group - Wednesday starting February 8th Zoom/Fishers - Mondays at noon starting February 13th

**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. <u>Cleaning up on the back end should only take 10-15 minutes and is the greatest need.</u> The hosting checklist is in the Trinity office. Thank you!

<u>February</u> <u>March</u>

5th: Midtown/Downtown5th: Midtown/Downtown12th: Broad Ripple12th: Broad Ripple19th: North/Carmel19th: North/Carmel26th: Fishers26th: Fishers

**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.

## THE BENEDICTION

Leader: If we do believe that Love remains,

ALL: let us not grow weary in seeking its presence -

searching all the world for signs of life we might nurture together.

Leader: Through weeping and singing, protesting and praying,

we accompany the living Christ in one another.

ALL: In this way, we find the strength and courage to carry on the witness of the faithful.

Leader: Rejoicing in the assurance of God with us, go in peace.

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

#### **COMMUNAL CONNECTION**

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

**Guide Dog Training.** With a Guide Dog at Gatherings, please familiarize yourself with resources under "<u>Blindness and Guide Dog Etiquette</u>" and discuss main points with those in your household. Additional FAQs may also be found <u>here</u>. 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 <u>linked on the homepage</u> of Trinity's website (<u>www.indytrinity.org</u>). Please be prepared to adhere to the guidelines by metrics outlined by the CDC Covid Dashboard for <u>Marion County and Hamilton County</u>. 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 disposession. (ref: Repudiation of the Doctrine of Discovery, Trinity Church)