

Trinity Church :
March 26, 2023
Fifth Sunday of Lent

WELCOME AND LITURGY OF GATHERING

Leader: Reading of [Psalm 40.5-10](#). 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

Fairest Lord Jesus

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Ruler of all nature
O Thou of God and man the Son
Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor
Thou, my soul's glory, joy and crown.

Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands
Robed in the blooming garb of spring
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer
Who makes the woeful heart to sing

Fair is the sunshine,
Fairer still the moonlight,
And all the twinkling starry host;
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer
Than all the angels heaven can boast.

Beautiful Savior!
Lord of all the nations!
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration,
Now and forevermore be Thine.

I Need Thee Every Hour

I need Thee ev'ry hour,
Most gracious Lord;
No tender voice like Thine
Can peace afford.

I need Thee, oh, I need Thee;
Ev'ry hour I need Thee;
Oh, bless me now, my Savior,
I come to Thee.

3 I need Thee ev'ry hour,
In joy or pain;
Come quickly and abide,
Or life is vain.

I need Thee, oh, I need Thee;

Ev'ry hour I need Thee;
Oh, bless me now, my Savior,
I come to Thee.

COMMUNITY CONFESSION & LENTEN CANDLE READING

Leader: Plant in us, O God, your visions of restoration.

We long to be a field where all your hopes blossom;

**ALL: Make our hearts a place of refuge,
for every shattered dream of peace.**

**Let our imaginations run wild,
as dreams of Justice are birthed from within.**

Leader: We don't want to waste this life shackled by despair, confined by fear,
a stranger to the miracle of being alive.

**ALL: We want to be fully awake to all the beauty that surrounds.
We want to be determined in hope – a relentless pursuer of what could be.
We want to be messengers of belonging, to every soul that weighs heavy
under narratives of bigotry or hate.**

We have known what it is to be a stranger to joy.

Leader: But this ancient story of love,
sustaining generation after generation,
in labors of liberation –

it frees us from our fear.

**ALL: No longer will we view life on evil's terms.
No more will we submit to rules of dominance.
But in the freedom of Christ, you make our spirits rise.**

Leader: In the depths of darkness and despite our slowness to change, God has only love for us.

snuff out the Lenten candle

ALL: Thanks be to God!

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

Composting

Returning to You - John 17 (First Nations Version)

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

LORD'S TABLE LITURGY

Leader: We come to the table to remember Jesus, and the path toward wholeness he leads us down.

ALL: His life reminds us that this path is forged through radical love for all. His death shows us that it does not ignore pain and suffering, but offers solidarity in their midst. His resurrection reminds us that it is a hope-filled path we walk.

Leader: The Table of the Lord is open for all who seek to experience love, life, and hope.

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.

Beautiful Things

All this pain

I wonder if I'll ever find my way
I wonder if my life could really change, at all
All this earth
Could all that is lost ever be found?
Could a garden come out from this ground, at all?

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

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 beautiful things
You make beautiful things out of us
Oh, you make beautiful things
You make beautiful things out of the dust
You make beautiful things
You make beautiful things out of us

You make me new,
You are making me new
You make me new,
You are making me new
(Making me new)

You make beautiful things
You make beautiful things out of the dust
You make beautiful things
You make beautiful things out of us
Oh, you make beautiful things
You make beautiful things out of the dust
You make beautiful things
You make beautiful things out of us

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Holy Week. We will make our way through Holy Week (April 3-7) together by gathering virtually on weekday mornings to center ourselves around the days leading to Christ's crucifixion. Each morning we will be participating in the morning prayers, reflecting on art around this season, and listening to music that Trinity Church 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.

On April 7th, join us for our Good Friday service at COhatch Broad Ripple at 6:30 p.m. Good Friday marks the betrayal of Jesus and his death at the hands of the state. In this time we will walk with Jesus in his last days on the way to the cross. Join us at CoHatch the "Big Room" as we continue to make our way through Holy Week. If you aren't able to join us in person, you may also join via [Zoom](#). Contact joel@indytrinity.org with any questions.

Civic Action meeting MOVED to April 2nd after the gathering (11:15am-ish) at CoHatch and virtually (Google Meet). During this meeting we will discuss entering the second half of the General Assembly, 2023 Primary Elections, Pride and Juneteenth. 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.

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 March, during Lent, our culture-building facilitator is going to be preaching, so the set-up of the service will be very similar. 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).

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: Goodness and mercy go with us from here.

ALL: Relentlessly, they pursue us.

Leader: Even in the midst of valleys that make us tremble,

ALL: even when evil draws near,

Leader: still the gifts of God will not yield.

ALL: Sacred provisions surround us.

Leader: Let us go in the confidence of God's care for us as we follow Christ wherever Love leads.

(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 and is the greatest need. The hosting checklist is in the Trinity office. Thank you!

March

5th: Midtown/Downtown

12th: Broad Ripple

19th: North/Carmel

26th: Fishers

April

2nd: Midtown/Downtown

9th: Broad Ripple

16th: North/Carmel

23rd: Fishers

30th: 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](#))