# Trinity Church: May 31, 2020 Pentecost Sunday

**COMMUNAL SONGS** 

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

The Source

Holy, Holy, Holy

Be My Courage

\*This song list can be found on Indy Trinity Worship Playlist on Spotify (click any song to get there)

## **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Reading of Psalm 104:24-34. Bless the Lord, O my soul. Praise the Lord! This is the word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

## **COMMUNITY CONFESSION**

Leader: Yes, we remain isolated. Yes, our hopes are shuttered. Yes, our souls are filled with fear. Yet, on this day, we remember that God comes to such people. On this day, we celebrate that the Spirit breathes new life. On this day, we affirm that Jesus restores us to new hope. Behind closed doors, hiding from our fears let us speak of our lives as we pray together, saying,

ALL: O Pentecost's Spirit – if only we could tell of your wonders in our lives, yet social media and other ways we communicate is filled with anger, bitterness, and political arguments.

Leader: If only we could share how you have transformed our lives, but we are stuck in our living spaces, hiding from what is seeking to do us harm

ALL: If only we could pour you out on all those who are lonely, and afraid, and worried about tomorrow, but we are fearful of stepping outside our doors.

Leader: Even in the closed rooms of our hearts, even with our shuttered souls, you continue to move, to live, to breathe upon us with your mercy and your grace, God of this day.

ALL: Now, in this moment, breathe your peace, upon us and a fearful world, so that we might be the balm for all the anger around us. Now, on this day, breathe your hope upon us, and a desperate world, so that we might drop it off on the porches of all huddling in their homes. Now, in the moments and days to come, continue to breathe your love upon us, and an uncaring world, so that we might transform grudges into generosity, foolishness into common sense, and rejection into being as welcoming as Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

Silence is kept

Leader: Listen! It is not an old story, but ours. It may not happen with a mighty wind, but with a soft whisper. But this is our Pentecost. This is our reminder that God forgives us and fills us with all things new.

ALL: Thanks be to God! God gives us new hope in endless days of despair, new joy in never-ending moments of grief, and new life when we seem to have lost even the simple ability to breathe – this day and in all the days to come. Amen.

## **SCRIPTURE READING & PRACTICE INTRO**

<u>1 Corinthians 12.3b-13</u>

#### **LORD'S TABLE LITURGY**

ALL: God our Maker, we gather at your Table to remember the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. In it, we discover your Spirit of grace and joy. May the bread and cup fill us now, to be bearers of your reconciliation, love, and peace toward all your beloved children.

Leader: The table of the Lord is open for all who would seek and accept the forgiveness Christ offers. Eat and drink, Christ's body broken for you and the cup of the new covenant shed for you.

# **RESPONSE & OFFERING OF WORSHIP**

The <u>Offering Basket</u> Spirit of the Living God

# **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **THE BENEDICTION**

Leader: The shutters of our hearts have been flung open by the fresh breath of God!

ALL: We will go to offer God's love to everyone around us even if only from our living room or porch.

Leader: Our souls have been set on fire by the justice of the Brother of the poor.

ALL: We will go to share visions of hope, to listen to the dreams of the oppressed, even if only through social media, a text, or a phone conversation.

Leader: Our loneliness and fears will be set aside by the Spirit of inclusion creating community.

ALL: We will speak words of peace to all we meet even while maintaining a safe distance, we will open ourselves to the gifts of others even as we cocoon in place because we love them.

# **REFLECTION & PRACTICE**

Communitas: The Spirit of Community - Communal Truth

1 Corinthians 12.3b-13

<sup>\*</sup>For discussion prompts and prayer guide, visit the series page here.