

# Trinity Church

Shelburne Falls, Massachusetts



As an open and affirming congregation   
the Mission and Purpose of Trinity Church is to

Gather as God's people.

Grow in faith, love and service.

Go into the world as disciples and apostles.

# TRINITY CHURCH

January 26, 2025

Third Sunday after the Epiphany

10:00 AM

*We welcome all of you to our worship service this Sunday!*

*Enter in stillness...Know that the Lord is God.*

*Sing with delight...it is God who hears.*

*Depart in peace...it is God's gift for you.*

*Listen in reverence...it is God who has made us.*

*Speak with conviction...there is no other God.*

*Serve with joy...it is your gift to God!*

*Please welcome our guest preacher for today, Mick Comstock.*

PRELUDE – *Sonata in F#, K. 318, D. Scarlatti*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CENTERING HYMN #2236

***“GATHER US IN”***

CALL TO WORSHIP

OPENING PRAYER

**Oh God, in whose large and endless light all darknesses are held,  
by whose command the airs march, the days arise,  
and the seasons come and go;  
whose mercies encircle us and whose joys invite us: come to our worship.  
Be light in us, and command and mercy and joy.  
Enter us so that our hands will pray You, our tongues sing You,  
our ears hear You, and our souls desire You.  
For we gather before You in our brokenness and only You can make us whole.  
Amen!**

\*OPENING HYMN #548

***“IN CHRIST THERE IS NO EAST OR WEST”***

TIME FOR ALL AGES

FIRST READING

**GENESIS 2: 15-17; 3:1-15**

\*GOSPEL READING

**LUKE 4:1-13**

SERMON – “A More Opportune Time”

**Luke 4: 14-21**

MUSICAL INTERLUDE – *Elevation in e, op. 41 nr. 6, A. Guilmant*

JOYS AND CONCERNS

## PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

**Our loving God, who art in heaven. Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on Earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day, our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**O God, in whose mystery the world abides with all it's sundry peoples, and on whose compassion rest the hopes and fears of all people ever born, Your glory astonishes us.  
Before Your majesty we are meager sons and daughters.  
Evil is on our tongues.  
We play at faith.  
We serve You casually as it pleases our comfort;  
and even like Adam we hide from You when Your searching finds us out.  
O God, ransack the little ordered rooms of our dignity  
and spill us out into the wild and dangerous weathers of our deepest needs;  
and receive us there in Your mercy until we are wholly Yours;  
through Jesus Christ our Savior.  
Amen**

## PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.  
**And also with you.**  
Remaining in our pews, let us turn to our neighbors  
and offer each other a sign of God's peace

## INVITATION TO OFFERING

We are indeed recipients of God's grace and generosity.  
God loves us and affirms us. But, in receiving, we are also called to give, to share, and to live lives of gratitude. Our offerings of time, talent, and money will gratefully be received. You are invited now to share your gifts to further the church's work and the Spirit's mission.

OFFERTORY MUSIC – *Gelobet seist du, Jesu Christ (Praise Be To You, Jesus Christ)*, S. Scheidt

**\*DOXOLOGY**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow  
Praise God, all creatures here below  
Praise God for all that love has done;  
Creator, Christ and Spirit one. Amen**

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**Let us pray... Loving God, who guides us with your everlasting presence, we offer these gifts with grateful hearts. As Jesus stood with us in the waters of baptism, may these offerings stand as a testament to your love and grace. Use them to bring hope, healing, and transformation to our world.  
In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.**

**\*CLOSING HYMN #2246**

***"DEEP IN THE SHADOWS OF THE PAST"***

**\*BENEDICTION AND DISMISSAL**

**Look around you, beloved people. God's joy is poured out for you so that you might be a blessing to others. God will continually walk and work with you, relieving your burdens and giving you strength. Go into God's world, rejoicing!  
Amen!**

**BENEDICTION RESPONSE – HYMN #673**

***"GOD BE WITH YOU TILL WE MEET AGAIN" (V 1)***

**POSTLUDE – *Allein Gott in der Höh sei Ehr (Glory to God in the Highest)*, G. P. Telemann**

***Trinity Church Fragrance-Free Policy - Adopted by Leadership Team on 12/10/24***

*At Trinity Church, we strive to create an inclusive and comfortable environment for all. We kindly ask for your cooperation in keeping our cherished space fragrance-free. We ask that you please refrain from using strongly scented products when visiting this space. We understand that scents can evoke pleasant memories and add a personal touch to one's presence. However, it's important to remember that many individuals may have sensitivities or allergies to certain fragrances. By embracing a fragrance-free policy together, we can ensure that everyone feels welcome and can fully participate in the multitude of activities and programs we host in this space.*