

# 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 5, 2025

Epiphany Sunday

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!*

PRELUDE – *Das alte Jahr vergangen ist (The Old Year has Passed)*, BWV 614, J. S. Bach

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CENTERING HYMN #219

***“WHAT CHILD IS THIS”*** (vv 1 & 3)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Arise, shine; for your light has come,  
and the glory of God has risen upon you.

**Nations shall come to your light,  
and kings to the brightness of your rising.**

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem,  
wise ones came from the East, saying:  
Where is the one who is born king of the Jews?

**For we have seen the star at its rising,  
and have come to worship.**

The light of Christ be with you all.

**And also with you**

OPENING PRAYER

adapted from *Liturgy Alive: Models of Celebration*

Let us pray.. **God of all nations, peoples, and cultures: this is the day you have made bright with your light and your love destined for all. Guide us in the new ways of Christ. Let your kindly light shine everywhere, that all peoples may praise you in their own language and enrich your Church with their own gifts. We ask this in the name of Jesus, our Lord and Savior for ever. Amen.**

\* PROCESSION OF THE MAGI #254

***“WE THREE KINGS”***

TIME FOR ALL AGES – Star Words

FIRST READING

**ISAIAH 60:1-6**

SERMON – “Color for a Grayscale World”

Pastor Benjiman Durfee

MUSICAL INTERLUDE – *Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern (How brightly shines the morning star)*,  
J. C. Bach

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We let our hearts grow cold and dim to match the weather, rather than face our transgressions.

**In the cold, dim winter God’s light is hard to see.**

We long to hear God’s message to unburden our hearts.

**God call us to repentance and offers us the light of Christ.**

*Silence for personal confession.*

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, shining within each of us and all creation the love of Jesus Christ. **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

What gift can we bring, what present, what token?

What words can convey it, the joy of this day?

When grateful we come, remembering, rejoicing,

What song can we offer in honor and praise? *(from UMH 87)*

Like the Magi, let us bring our offerings and gifts to honor the babe of Bethlehem and bring Christ’s light into our community and our world!

OFFERTORY MUSIC – *Verset 1*, op. 49 nr. 5, Alexandre Guilmant

\*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...Gracious God, whose light guides our steps, we bring these gifts in humble adoration. May they be used to shine forth your love to all nations. As we journey into this new year, let our hearts remain focused on your presence and our hands open to your service. In the name of Christ, our guiding star, we pray. Amen.**

HOLY COMMUNION

using Musical Setting C from UMH 20

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**Let us pray...God, you fill the hungry with good things and send the self-satisfied away empty. With this communion you have filled us with the Word and the Bread of Life. As we go from this table, fill us with Christ's spirit of service and selfless love, that through us, your presence and love may be known to all people. We ask this in the name of our savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

\*CLOSING HYMN #220

**"ANGELS FROM THE REALMS OF GLORY" (VV 1 & 3)**

\*BENEDICTION AND DISMISSAL

**Beloved, go from this place carrying the blessing of the Light who has come among us, so that the love of Christ may shine within you, casting rays of good news wherever you go. Amen.**

BENEDICTION RESPONSE – HYMN #673

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

POSTLUDE – *Gloria*, François Couperin

***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.*