

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

February 2, 2025

Fourth Sunday after 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!

Pease welcome our guest musician for today, Anne Howland

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CENTERING HYMN #593

"HERE I AM, LORD" (vv 1 & 2)

CALL TO WORSHIP

God has called us to share the good news of God's love.

But who am I, that God should call me?

You are a beloved child of God.

But I am weak. I'm not a great speaker or preacher.

God is with you; don't be afraid.

Lord, help me to trust in your presence with me. Help me to serve you.

AMEN

OPENING PRAYER

Let us pray.. **Gracious God, we come to you with day, seeking your guidance and strength. You have called us to ministries for which we feel inadequate. Help us to understand that it is your love that will support and sustain our efforts. Give us the courage to place our trust in your abiding presence. We ask this in Jesus' Name. Amen.**

* OPENING HYMN #578

"GOD OF LOVE AND GOD OF POWER" (vv 1, 3 & 4)

TIME FOR ALL AGES

FIRST READING

1 CORINTHIANS 13:1-13

*GOSPEL READING

LUKE 4:21-30

SERMON – "Color for a Grayscale World"

Pastor Benjiman Durfee

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, you share with us words of hope, words of Good News. In the multitude of ways, we can and have subverted your message of freedom and healing, in all the ways we have kept the Jubilee year from happening, we have left the path of true wisdom and call upon your Grace to lead us back on track.

Silence for personal confession.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

This is the time of God's favor, God's grace continues to proclaim release to the captives, Good News to the poor and freedom to the oppressed. We live as loved, forgiven, and free people through the grace of God! **Hallelujah! 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

OFFERTORY MUSIC

*DOXOLOGY

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

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Let us pray...**Compassionate God, who sees beyond our boundaries and loves without limit, we bring these offerings with grateful hearts. Use them to proclaim your good news, heal the broken, and extend your love to all, especially those we struggle to accept. Transform our gifts into a beacon of hope and inclusion that reflects the boundless love of Christ in every corner of our community. In his holy name, we pray. Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray...**Almighty God, we thank you that in your great love you have fed us with the spiritual food and drink of the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ, and have given us a foretaste of your heavenly banquet. Grant that this Sacrament may be to us a comfort in affliction, and a pledge of our inheritance in that kingdom where there is no death, neither sorrow nor crying, but the fullness of joy with all your saints; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

*CLOSING HYMN #2123

"LOVING SPIRIT"

*BENEDICTION AND DISMISSAL

God did not say that it would be easy to bring the good news to all people, but God did say that God would be with you. So go now in peace, walking humbly with God. Bring the good news of hope to all the people. **Amen.**

BENEDICTION RESPONSE – HYMN #673

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

POSTLUDE

Today's Worship Ministers

Presider & Preacher: Pastor Benjiman Durfee

Organist: Anne Howland

Acolyte: Nicole Porter

Reader 1: Sue Mead

Reader 2: Lois Bascom

Usher: Sherry Clark

Videographer: Walker Miles

Communion Steward: Nancy Parland

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.