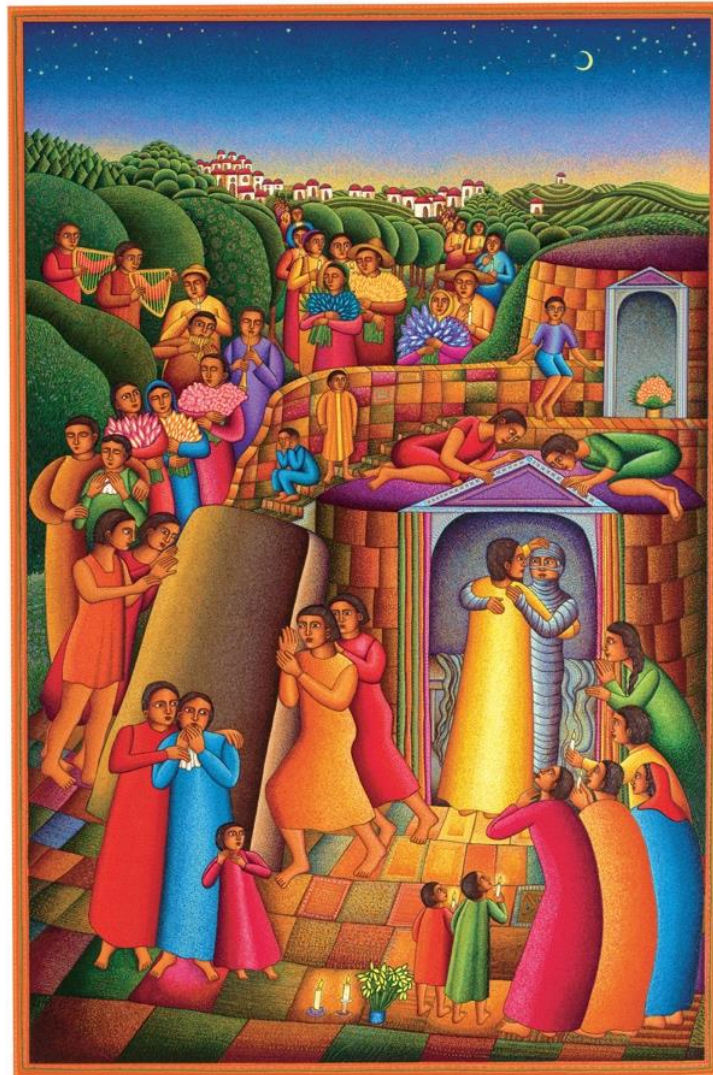


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Shelburne Falls, Massachusetts



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**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.**



Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 22, 2026

We welcome all of you to our worship service this Sunday!
If you are visiting, please sign our guest book or fill out a welcome card
in the pew so we can better welcome you!

* = Please rise in body or Spirit.

We kindly ask for your cooperation in keeping our space fragrance-free.

Order of Worship

PRELUDE – *Wenn wir in höchsten Nöten sein (When we are in dire need)*, BWV 641, J. S. Bach

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CENTERING HYMN **“HOLY SPIRIT, COME, CONFIRM US”** (UMH 331, vv. 1 - 3)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Cry out to God.	God forgives us.
God listens to us.	Wait for God.
Hope in God.	God’s love is faithful

OPENING PRAYER

Let us pray... **Come, Spirit of God. We wait for your presence. We trust in your abiding promises. Breathe the breath of your power into us this day, that we may experience the power of new life, the promise of forgiveness, and blessing of community. Amen.**

*OPENING HYMN **“NOW THE GREEN BLADE RISETH”** (UMH 311, vv. 1. 2 & 4)

COMMISSIONING OF THE CAPITAL CAMPAIGN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

GOSPEL READING JOHN 11:1-45

SERMON – “Rise Again” Pastor Benjiman Durfee

MUSICAL INTERLUDE – *Récit de Chromhorne*, François Couperin

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Let us pray...**Sometimes the night seems so long. We lie there, waiting for morning, waiting for the first glimpse of light. In the same way, we wait for you, O God. We long to know that you are there and that you care about us. Help us trust your faithful love. Encourage us as we wait for your promises. Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Jesus promises, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever trusts in me will live." Let us trust the promise of new life. **Amen.**

PASSING OF THE PEACE

*Remaining in our pews,
let us turn to our neighbors and offer a sign of God's peace.*

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

And now, with the confidence of children of God, let us pray together the Lord's Prayer, using whichever words or language are closest to our hearts (some versions may be found at UMH 894).

INVITATION TO OFFERING

Here at Trinity Church, we live in hope that love can bring renewal and healing to our world. Let us practice this world together, sharing what we have, taking care of each other, and bringing all our questions and concerns as honest offerings to God.

OFFERTORY

OFFERTORY MUSIC – *Aus tiefer Not schrei ich zu dir (Out of deep distress I cry to you)*, 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... **Spirit of God, you breathe new life into the dead and stuck places of our daily living. We are so grateful for the power of your transforming love. We bring these gifts, hoping that they will breathe new life into barren places of our world. We bring our lives, filled with new life, ready to serve all your creation. Amen.**

*CLOSING HYMN

"HYMN OF PROMISE" (UMH 707)

*BENEDICTION

Where there seems to be no life,

God breathes new life.

Where there is no hope,

God comes with new possibilities.

Go forth into the world,

knowing that God is at work in every place.

Feel the breath of God blowing peace and new life

as we go out to share God's love. **Amen.**

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

"GOD BE WITH YOU TILL WE MEET AGAIN" (UMH 673, v. 1)

POSTLUDE – *Sonata in D*, K. 288, Domenico Scarlatti

Today's Worship Ministers

Presider & Preacher: Pastor Benjiman Durfee

Musician: Keith Rollinson

Reader 2: Julie Bailey

Acolyte: Nicole Porter

Usher: Amdrew Porter

Reader 1: Eileen McCusker Rauch

Videographer: Clare Chapman