

# Trinity Church

Shelburne Falls, Massachusetts



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**Palm Sunday**  
**March 29, 2026**

**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.**



## Order of Worship

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.**

PRELUDE – *Ach Herr, mich armen Sünder (Ah Lord, poor sinner that I am)*  
BuxWV 178, Dietrich Buxtehude

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*PROCLAMATION OF THE ENTRANCE INTO JERUSALEM Luke 19:28-40

Hear from the Gospel according to Luke how Jesus entered Jerusalem.

\*THE CALL TO WORSHIP

\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN **“O SACRED HEAD, NOW WOUNDED”** (UMH 286)

\*OPENING PRAYER

God, we gather on this day to begin a week of contrasts.

**From hope to despair to hope again.**

As we begin the week, as we join with the crowd,

**help us cut through the noise to see what is happening, to see what is at stake.**

As the story unfolds,

**open us to both the hope and the pain.**

In this time of worship,

**prepare us to celebrate, to weep, and to wait. Amen.**

PALM PROCESSION

\*OPENING HYMN **“DEPTH OF MERCY”** (UMH 355, vv. 1, 2, 4 & 5)

FIRST READING PSALM 118:1, 19 - 29

\*THE GOSPEL MATTHEW 21: 1-11

SERMON Rev. Kate Stevens

MUSICAL INTERLUDE – *Abide with us, O Lord Jesus Christ, op. 79 no. 1, Marcel Dupré*

## CONFESSION (Ministry Matters)

Let us pray... **Lord Jesus, we are quick to turn away. We are quick to flock to you when all is well, but we are prone to scatter when there is opposition or criticism. Too often we have kept silent before you, afraid to proclaim your praise. It is easy to join the crowd as you ride triumphantly into Jerusalem—singing our joys and expectations, dancing our hopes and dreams. It is far more difficult to stand by you as the crowd cries for your crucifixion. Forgive our weakness when we turn away. Strengthen us for the journey ahead as we relive your suffering and death, that we might stay beside you to the end. Give us the courage to shout our hosannas, not only today, but each and every day. Amen.**

## FORGIVENESS (Ministry Matters)

The Lord is our strength and might.

Jesus is our salvation.

**In Jesus our sins are forgiven.**

In Jesus our cries are answered,  
our salvation is at hand.

**Blessed be the name of the Lord.**

## PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

*Remaining in our pews,*

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

## 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 (BCP 376)

Walk in love, as Christ loved us.

Let us with joy and gratitude present our offerings to God.

## OFFERTORY

OFFERTORY MUSIC – *Freu dich sehr, o meine Seele (Rejoice greatly, o my soul)*, Georg Böhm

## 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 (Discipleship Ministries)

**Let us pray... Holy God, sovereign over power and pain, glorious triumph and deep disappointment, we enter this Holy Week bringing our offerings and leaving them here in the hope you will use them to make the world a more loving and compassionate place. We are reminded through the scripture that you sent two of your disciples out to make the world ready for your coming. Remind us that your kingdom breaks into the world not as a spectacle for us to witness but as a parade where we are called to make a working contribution. We pray in the name of the one who comes not just for the parade, but for the cross at the end of it. Amen.**

## \*CLOSING HYMN

**"AT THE NAME OF JESUS"** (UMH 168, vv. 1, 3 & 4)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## \*BENEDICTION (Discipleship Ministries)

Passing from joy into sorrow and on to elation,

**We come to Christ this Holy Week.**

Today is only a part of the story.

Jesus' triumph leads to his death,

**His death to his resurrection.**

May the journey of this week lead you into the fullness of Christ's love.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God! Amen.**

## \*BENEDICTION RESPONSE –

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

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

### Today's Worship Ministers

Presider & Preacher:

Musician: Keith Rollinson

Reader 2: Sue Mead

Acolyte: Nicole Porter

Usher: Betty Miles

Reader 1: Julie Bailey

Videographer: Walker Miles

*Rev. Gord from his blog: Worship Offerings. <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2014/03/opening-prayer-palm-sunday.html>  
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