

Trinity Church

Shelburne Falls, Massachusetts



First Sunday in Lent
March 9, 2025
10 a.m.

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 – *Ballade en mode Phrygien (Ballad in Phrygian mode)*, Jehan Alain

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CENTERING HYMN ***“LORD, WHO THROUGHOUT THESE FORTY DAYS”*** (UMH 269, vv 1&5)

*OPENING ACCLAMATION FOR LENT (EOW 50 & BCP 356)

Blessed be the God of our salvation:

Who bears our burdens and forgives our sins.

Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One,

Have mercy upon us.

*OPENING PRAYER (RCLP)

Let us pray...O Jesus Christ, teacher and healer, you heard the cry of the blind beggar when others would have silenced him. Teach us to be attentive to the voices others ignore, that we might respond through the power of the Spirit to heal the afflicted and to welcome the abandoned for your sake and the sake of the gospel. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN ***"THE GOD OF ABRAHAM PRAISE"*** (UMH 116, vv 1&2)

TIME FOR ALL AGES

FIRST READING ROMANS 10:8B-13

*GOSPEL READING MARK 10:46-52

SERMON – “Reveal” Pastor Benjiman Durfee

MUSICAL INTERLUDE – *Abide with Us, O Lord*, op. 28 nr. 1, Marcel Dupré

CONFESSION (Riley 133)

Let us pray...**Powerful God, we confess that we have wielded power against one another, as opposed to using our power in protection of others. In a world of so much chaos and unpredictability, we have become feverish for any semblance of control, even if that control is used to neglect, exclude, and oppress others. We have pulled triggers, we have sent drones, we have sat by while the powerful have wreaked havoc on the world's most vulnerable. And our own daily power, we have used to maintain the status quo. We have stolen the bodily agency of others. We have dismissed the voices of our children and the elderly. For all that we've done or witnessed done, we are truly sorry. Forgive us and have mercy on us that we might know an empowered life, grounded in our own voices without suffocating those of others. Amen.**

FORGIVENESS (Riley 133)

Let your soul receive this rest: The God who wove order and direction into the very earth around us so too reveals all that they have relinquished control over. Allow the divine to restore your humanity to you, that you would turn from evil deeds and give that power which you have used so terribly to those who can be trusted to wield it well.

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 – *Herr Jesu Christ, dich zu uns wend* (Lord Jesus Christ, turn to us), G. F. Telemann

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Let us pray...**God of Love, we give these offerings in joy and gratitude, rejoicing in the abundance of your grace, trusting that you will provide for our needs, and knowing that you can use these offerings to spread your love in this world. Help us to give of ourselves freely so that we might live with generous hearts and open hands. Amen.**

*CLOSING HYMN

"A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR GOD" (UMH 110, vv 1 & 4)

*BENEDICTION (Escobar 21, adapted)

May God keep revealing truths where we are blind;
may Christ keep healing us where we are wounded;
may the Spirit keep moving us forward when we are afraid;
and may we remain humble, open, and vulnerable as God guides us on this journey. **Amen.**

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE –

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

POSTLUDE – *Fugue VI in g*, BWV 558, J. S. Bach

Today's Worship Ministers

Presider & Preacher: Pastor Benjiman Durfee

Organist: Keith Rollinson

Acolyte: Nicole Porter

Reader 1: Dusti Dufresne

Reader 2: Eileen McCusker Rauch

Usher: Sue Mead

Videographer: Walker Miles

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