

# Trinity Church

Shelburne Falls, Massachusetts



**Easter Sunday  
April 20, 2025**

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 – *Jesus Christus, unser Heiland, der den Tod überwand"*  
*(Jesus Christ, our Saviour, who conquered death), BWV 626, J. S. Bach*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT *"HAIL THEE, FESTIVAL DAY" (UMH 324)*  
*Choir sings verses, congregation joins for Refrain*

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (*Enfleshed*)

The tomb is empty!

**How can it be?**

God's Love does not die at the hands of the empire!

**The Resurrected One is alive—**

moving ahead, meeting us on the road, leading us towards liberation.

**Violence cannot threaten**

nor can the power-hungry silence the workings of Radical Possibility.

**Love is Resurrected!**

The Holy is ever-present, beckoning us towards collective flourishing.

**Bloom new life, bloom!**

\*HYMN *"CHRIST THE LORD IS RISEN TODAY" (UMH 302, vv. 1-4)*

\*OPENING PRAYER (*Ministry Matters*)

Let us pray... **Christ the Lord is Risen today! Alleluia! Our hopes and dreams have come true. We do not have to fear death, for Christ goes before us. Praise be to God who has raised Christ from the dead and given to us new life. Open our hearts to receive your wondrous words of love, O God. Help prepare us for the opportunities to serve you by serving others. In Christ's Name, we pray. Amen.**

TIME FOR ALL AGES

\*HYMN      ***“O FOR A THOUSAND TONGUES TO SING”*** by Carl G. Gläser. Sung by Nancy Parland

FIRST READING

ACTS 10:34-43

HYMN ***“ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA”*** (UMH 162, vv. 1&4)

\*GOSPEL READING JOHN 20:1-18

SERMON – “Embody” Pastor Benjiman Durfee

CHOIR ANTHEM

***“THIS JOYFUL EASTERTIDE”*** trad. based on an old Dutch tune.  
Performed by the Trinity Choir.

## 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 – *Magnificat*, Samuel 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 (Discipleship Ministries)

Let us pray... **Radiant God, whose love endures forever, we gather today in the light of resurrection hope, offering these gifts as a response to the abundant grace we have received. In this period of spiritual renewal, may our giving reflect the joy of the empty tomb and the promise of life everlasting. Transform our offerings into acts of love that bring light to the world, just as Christ's light dawned in our hearts. We dedicate these gifts to your service, trusting that, in your hands, they will bring forth new life. Amen.**

\*CLOSING HYMN

**"THINE BE THE GLORY"** (UMH 308)

\*BENEDICTION (*Enfleshed*)

The stone is rolled away! The Resurrected One has not gone away, but has gone ahead. Go forth following the path of Radical Love, co-creating New Life at every turn.

\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE —

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

POSTLUDE – *Heut' triumphieret Gottes Sohn (Today the Son of God is triumphant)*,  
BWV 630, J. S. Bach

**Today's Worship Ministers**

Presider & Preacher: Pastor Benjiman Durfee

Organist: Keith Rollinson

Acolyte: Nicole Porter

Reader 1: Lois Bascom

Reader 2: Julie Bailey

Usher: Ginny Ray

Videographer: Brook Batteau

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