

Trinity Church

Shelburne Falls, Massachusetts



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Easter Sunday
April 5, 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 – *Jesus Christ Has Risen Today*, Healey Willan

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CENTERING HYMN **“AT THE FONT WE START OUR JOURNEY”** (TFWS 2114, vv. 1, 3 & 4)

*CALL TO WORSHIP (*Discipleship Ministries*)

Easter people, Christ is risen! God is doing a new thing!

Hallelujah! Christ is risen!

Life has conquered death! Love has overcome fear!

Hallelujah! Christ is risen!

God has transformed a dead end into a new start!

Hallelujah! Christ is risen!

Easter people, raise your voices! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Hallelujah!

*Opening HYMN **“ALL PRAISE TO THEE”** (UMH 166, vv. 1, 3 & 5)

*OPENING PRAYER (*Ministry Matters*)

Let us pray... **God of mystery and might, on a dawn shrouded in grief and pain, you surprise us with the light of your wondrous love. We come to the tomb expecting death, but find life instead. Take us back to that moment, when fear was healed by hope and death was banished by life. In the holy awe of Easter morning, may we sing out our joy, for Christ, our Lord, has risen today! Amen.**

TIME FOR ALL AGES

FIRST READING

ACTS 10:34-43

HYMN

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

*GOSPEL READING

MATTHEW 28:1-10

SERMON – “Resurrected and Reconnected”

Pastor Benjiman Durfee

MUSICAL INTERLUDE – *Jesus Christ Has Risen Today*, sung by Nancy Parland

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)

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 – *On Easter Morning*, Robert Fuhrer

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... **God of New Beginnings, you roll away more than stones. You roll away despair and doubt, fear and failure. On this Resurrection morning, we offer our gifts in gratitude for the new life we have found in Christ. Let these offerings be signs of our commitment to live differently -- eyes open, hearts awakened, hands ready to serve. May what we give today help announce to the world that hope is alive, love has triumphed, and joy cannot be contained. Use us and what we offer to keep telling the story: Christ is risen, indeed! Amen.**

HOLY COMMUNION USING MUSICAL SETTING A FROM UMH 17

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (*Reformed Worship*)

Let us give thanks!

Thank you, God, for life in the Spirit of Jesus, for gladness in this bread and cup, for love that cannot die, for peace the world cannot give, for joy in the company of friends, for the splendors of creation, and for the mission of justice you have made our own. Give us the gifts of this holy communion—oneness of heart, love for neighbors, forgiveness of enemies, the will to serve you every day, and risen life that never ends. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN

"THINE BE THE GLORY" (UMH 308)

*BENEDICTION (*Discipleship Ministries*)

Go now in the blessing of God, who meets death with life, hatred with love, and hopeless endings with abundant possibilities, to build a community of life, love, and flourishing as Easter people, followers of the Risen Christ!
Amen.

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

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

Heut Triumphieret Gottes Sohn (Today the Son of God Triumphs), BWV 630, J. S. Bach

Today's Worship Ministers

Presider & Preacher: Pastor Benjiman Durfee

Musician: Keith Rollinson

Reader 2: Tom Williams

Acolyte: Nicole Porter

Usher: Sherry Clark

Reader 1: Eileen

Videographer: Ginny Ray

Communion Steward: Sue Mead