

Trinity Church

Shelburne Falls, Massachusetts



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Fifth Sunday in Lent April 6, 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 – *Ach Herr, mich armen Sünder* (Oh Lord, poor sinner that I am), BuxWV 178, D. Buxtehude

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CENTERING HYMN

“INTO MY HEART” (TFWS 2160)

*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 (Escobar 109)

Let us pray... **God, we wish to be cultivators of peace, equity, and healing. Teach us the power of with-ness; show us how to draw on untapped wisdom and create webs that include, empower, support, and inspire. Spark our imaginations. Give us courage to cultivate a new reality. Amen.**

*OPENING HYMN ***“LORD, WHOSE LOVE THROUGH HUMBLE SERVICE”*** (UMH 581, vv. 1 - 3)

TIME FOR ALL AGES

FIRST READING

ISAIAH 43:16-21

*GOSPEL READING

MATTHEW 13:1-9

SERMON – “Disrupt”

Pastor Benjiman Durfee

MUSICAL INTERLUDE – *In E*, from *l’Organiste*, César Franck

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

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 – *Ach Gott, vom Himmel sieh darein* (Oh God, look down from Heaven), Johann Pachelbel

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... **Loving God, source of all joy, we come before you with hearts full of gratitude. During this reflective Lenten period, may our offerings remind us of the abundance you've poured into our lives. Help us to give extravagantly, not out of duty, but from hearts filled with joy and gratitude. Bless these gifts and use them to bring your hope to the world. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.**

HOLY COMMUNION

using Musical Setting C from UMH 20

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray...**Almighty God, we thank you that in your great love you have fed us with the spiritual food and drink of the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ, and have given us a foretaste of your heavenly banquet. Grant that this Sacrament may be to us a comfort in affliction, and a pledge of our inheritance in that kin-dom where there is no death, neither sorrow nor crying, but the fullness of joy with all your saints; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

*CLOSING HYMN

"BLEST BE THE TIE THAT BINDS" (UMH 557)

*BENEDICTION (Discipleship Ministries)

May you go out from this place in the blessing of God, who turns your weeping into laughter and your laughter into joy that plants seeds of restoration, justice, and abundance for all of God's creation. **Amen.**

POSTLUDE – *Récit de Basse de Trompette*, Nicolas de Grigny

Today's Worship Ministers

Presider & Preacher: Pastor Benjiman Durfee

Organist: Keith Rollinson

Acolyte: Nicole Porter

Reader 1: Wes Rice

Reader 2: Tome Williams

Usher: Beth Martin

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Time to order spring flowers in honor and memory of loved ones for Easter Sunday



If you wish to help decorate the sanctuary for Easter by ordering a plant, please fill out this form and put it in the collection plate or return it to the church office by **Palm Sunday, April 13**.

Plants will include Easter lilies, tulips, daffodils, and hyacinths — depending on availability. This year lilies are \$11/each and the others are \$7/ each.

Please make checks payable to Trinity Church.

Plants not picked up will be delivered to our elder parishioners and others who are not able to attend the worship service.

In memory of _____

Given by _____

In honor of _____

Given by _____

Number of plants you are ordering and what type of plants you'd like

I will pick up my plant(s) on Easter Sunday. _____

Please give my plant to someone to enjoy. _____