

Trinity Church

Shelburne Falls, Massachusetts



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Third Sunday of Easter May 4, 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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CENTERING HYMN

“SEE THE MORNING SUN ASCENDING” (UMH 674, vv. 1-3)

*CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Psalm 30 and Revelation 5:11-14)

God has turned our mourning into dancing;

And clothed us with joy!

Let everything everywhere in heaven and on earth praise the Lamb!

All creatures under the earth and in the sea sing with full voices!

Let us join the chorus with all Creation and sing:

“Blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!”

For weeping may linger for the night,

but joy comes with the morning! Amen!

*OPENING PRAYER (Enfleshed)

Let us pray... **Beloved One, your grace moves us. We are accustomed to being pacified or punished for our errors. Shamed or excused. Discarded or dismissed. But instead, your love calls us back into right-relationship. With ourselves. With you. With kin across the globe. May we be brave enough to accept this grace, that healing and repair may belong to us all. Amen.**

*OPENING HYMN

“GREAT IS THE LORD” (TFWS 2022)

TIME FOR ALL AGES

FIRST READING

ACTS 9:1-20

*GOSPEL READING

JOHN 21:1-19

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD’S PRAYER

INVITATION TO OFFERING (Binary-Breaking Worship)

Only when we all come together; only when each person is appreciated for the different gifts and perspectives they bring, is the Body of Christ whole. So, let us offer whatever we have—time, skills, resources—to the God from whom we receive all things for the furthering of God’s kingdom, where all needs are met at this expansive table.

OFFERTORY MUSIC

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 (Binary-Breaking Worship)

Let us pray... **Faithful One, thank you for never giving up on us. For calling us back to ourselves when we stray. For holding our feet to Love’s fire. For confronting us with truths that set us free. For believing in what we can do together when we are honest and accountable. In gratitude, we bring these gifts to you. Amen.**

HOLY COMMUNION

Using Musical Setting C from UMH 20

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray... **Words cannot express the wonder of the Spirit’s gather power; the miracle of Christ’s life nourishing us across time and space. May we who have been fed enact our gratitude out in the world by joining the Spirit in Her holy work of breaking down the boundaries that divide and building up communities that restore. Amen.**

*CLOSING HYMN

"CHRIST HAS RISEN" (TFWS 2115, vv. 1 & 2)

*BENEDICTION (Enfleshed)

Grace sends us to be brave!
Not to live perfectly but to live earnestly our beliefs.
Striving to take care of each other.
Committing to repair when we do harm.
Seeking to ever deepen into the embrace of love and liberation.
Let us spend our lives in this holy practice and know that God is near.
Amen.

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE —

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

POSTLUDE

Today's Worship Ministers

Presider & Preacher: Pastor Benjiman Durfee

Organist: Anne Howland

Reader 2: Lois Bascom

Acolyte: Nicole Porter

Usher: Sue Mead

Reader 1: Tom Williams

Videographer: Beth Martin

Communion Assistant: Lois Bascom