



TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN WHEATON

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The background of the central graphic is a photograph of a Christmas tree with warm white lights. In the bottom right corner, a young child is visible, looking up at the tree with a sense of wonder. The text is overlaid on this image.

Lessons and Carols

THE

Greatest Story ever Told

Sunday, December 3, 2023 at 10:00 am

VISION: Love God, Love others and Join God in changing the world.

MISSION: We are a community who seeks, serves, and celebrates God in everyone.

Welcome

Everyone who enters through these doors is God's guest. It is a joy and a privilege to come together in worship. As a community of faith, we work to make sure that everyone who finds their way to Trinity will find nourishment to support them on their journey of faith. If you have any questions about Trinity, please be in touch. Fr. Kevin can be reached at 630-296-4355 or email: kcaruso@trinitywheaton.org

Advent & Christmas 2023

Annual Advent Brunch* - Dec. 3 at 11:00 am

A time of community fellowship and food together, following the Lessons and Carols Service.

Christmas Sharing

December 4 - 9; A hands on way to care for others in our community; more information in parish communications. Contact Liz Lanning with questions or more information - eflanning@gmail.com

Children's Christmas Pageant - Dec. 17 at 10:00 am

Any age children can participate, only one group rehearsal needed - December 10 at 11:30 am. Questions? Contact Gay Webb - sundayschool@trinitywheaton.org

Santa Visits Trinity* - Dec. 17 at 4:00 pm

A community event with free photos with Santa; crafts and activities for all will be provided. *RSVP requested. Questions? Contact Gay Webb - sundayschool@trinitywheaton.org or Fr. Kevin - kcaruso@trinitywheaton.org

Blue Christmas - Praying in the Wilderness - Dec. 21 at 7:00 pm

A virtual (zoom) worship experience where participants can have space to experience their feelings safely and don't have to pretend to be something they are not. Questions? Fr. Kevin - kcaruso@trinitywheaton.org

Christmas Eve Services - Dec. 24

4 pm - all kids are invited to participate in an interactive Christmas Story telling experience.
10 pm - Christmas music as a prelude to worship
10:30 pm - formal worship, candlelight silent night

Worship Leaders

Rector	The Rev. Kevin Caruso
Priest Associate	The Rev. Dr. David Fisher
Priest Associate	The Rev. Dr. Robin Currie
Deacon	The Rev. Jim Lanning
Deacon	The Rev. Brenda Lotesta
Deacon	The Rev. Jayachitra Lalitha
Organist & Music Director	Robert Ward
Family Ministries Coordinator	Gay Webb
Altar Guild	Alison Bettisworth
	Liz Lanning
	Judy Morgan
	Sharon Roque

Sun. 10:00 am | Church

Lector 1	Mark Thomas
Lector 2	Julia Morrow
LEMs	Beth Petti
	Jeff Kincaid
	Carol Kincaid
Ushers	Jim Brown
	Steve Faryan
	John Rogers
	Bob Senske
Acolytes	Sophia Nephew

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

†Please stand or kneel as you are able.

Musical Prelude

Lighting of the Advent Wreath - Root of Jesse

Clergy invite those gathered into the season of Advent, during which we prepare for Christ's coming. Each week we will light an additional Advent Candle as we move through the season of Advent towards Christmas...

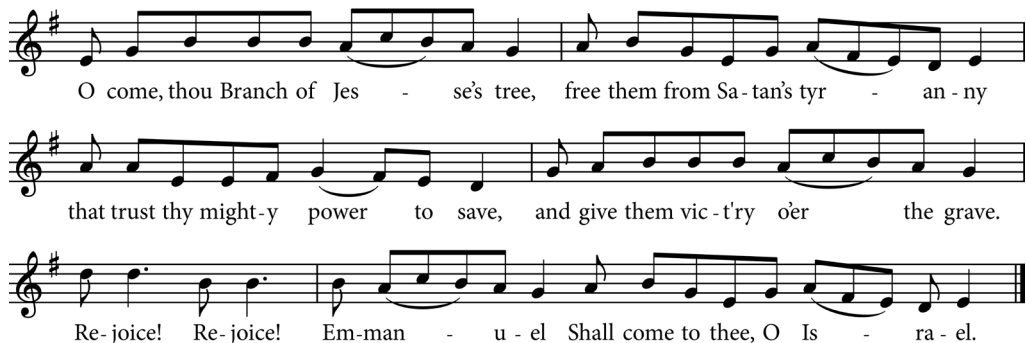
Celebrant As our nights grow longer and our days grow short, we look on these earthly signs--light and green branches-- and remember God's promise to our world: Christ, our Light and our Hope, will come. Listen to the words of Isaiah the prophet:

Leader "A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth.... The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them.... They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious." (Isaiah 11:1-4a, 6, 9-10)

Celebrant God is the source of our life in Christ Jesus,

People **Who became for us wisdom from God, and teaches us the way to go.**

The fourth of our Advent candles is lit. 10:00 am service sings one verse from O Come, O Come, Emmanuel.



A Bidding Prayer

Dear People of God: In the season of Advent, it is our responsibility and joy to prepare ourselves to hear once more the message of the Angels, to go to Bethlehem and see the Son of God lying in a manger. Let us hear and heed in Holy Scripture the story of God's loving purpose from the time of our rebellion against him until the glorious redemption brought to us by his holy Child Jesus, and let us look forward to the yearly remembrance of his birth with hymns and songs of praise. But first, let us pray for the needs of his whole world, for peace and justice on earth, for the unity and mission of the Church for which he died, and especially for his Church in our country and in this city.

And because he particularly loves them, let us remember in his name the poor and helpless, the cold, the hungry and the oppressed, the sick and those who mourn, the lonely and unloved, the aged and little children, as well as all those who do not know and love the Lord Jesus Christ. Let us remember all those for whom prayers have been asked. Finally, let us remember before God his pure and lowly Mother, and that whole multitude which no one can number, whose hope was in the Word made flesh, and with whom, in Jesus, we are one for evermore.

Our Prayer list can be found on the back of the bulletin.

LESSONS AND CAROLS

Genesis 3: 1-15

Mark Thomas, reader

Adam and Eve rebel against God and are cast out of the Garden of Eden.

Hymn† H82 60

Creator of the Stars of Night

Isaiah 11: 1-9

Julia Morrow

The Spirit of the Lord will rest upon the Holy One.

Choir Anthem

There Shall Come Forth a Shoot from Jesse

Hopson

Micah 5: 2-4

Mairéad Bradley, reader

The one who is to rule Israel will be born in the village of Bethlehem.

Hymn† H82 66

O Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

Zephaniah 3: 14-18

Margaret Nuccio, reader

The Lord will be among us; we are summoned to rejoice and sing.

Choir Anthem

The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns

Charles McCartha

Luke 1: 26-38

Brenda Lotesta, reader

The Angel Gabriel announces to the Virgin Mary that she will bear the Son of the Most High.

The Greeting of Peace†

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory

Handbell Choir

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (Hal H. Hopson)

Doxology

Old 100th

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise him all creatures here below;

Praise him above ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B†

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Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

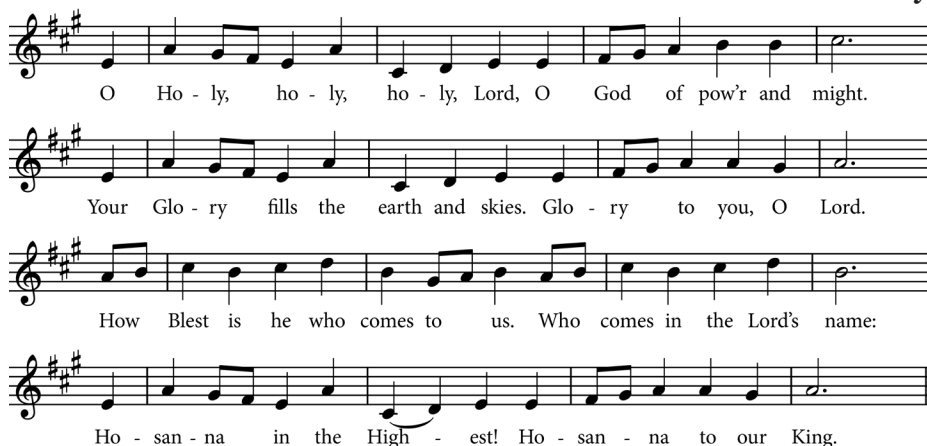
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every-where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because in Jesus Christ you established your reign of righteousness and peace, giving us partnership in its manifestation and hope for its fulfillment.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:



The Celebrant continues... We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life. On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

ALL **We remember his death,**
 We proclaim his resurrection,
 We await his coming in glory;

Celebrant continues... And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say

The Lord's Prayer

Unison

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
 thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
 Give us this day our daily bread, And forgive us our trespasses,**

as we forgive those who trespass against us.
 And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
 For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. A

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Fraction Anthem

Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread



1. Be known to us in break - ing bread, and do not then de - part;
2. Here share with us, in love di - vine, your bod - y and your blood,



1. Sav - ior, a - bide with us, and spread your ta - ble in our heart.
2. that liv - ing bread, that heaven - ly wine be our im - mor - tal food.

The Communion of the People

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God

All are invited to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Whoever you are and where ever you find yourself on your journey of faith, you are welcome at God's table to receive the bread and wine made holy. The Sacrament of Holy Communion is by stations at the chancel steps. Please come forward to receive the bread and then step on one side to the available chalice. Please extend your hand to receive the bread.

Communion Anthem

If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee

Johann Walther

Communion Hymn† H82 635

If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee

Prayer for Virtual Worshipers

God, we give thanks for those who worship with us but are not present in the sanctuary. In this shared worship, we ask that they be drawn into a deeper relationship with you. May the words heard this day, through your grace, be grafted in their hearts, that they might honor and praise your name. Amen.

The Prayer after Communion

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Celebrant Let us Pray.

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

Recessional Hymn† H82 613

Thy Kingdom Come O God

The Dismissal

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve God.
People Thanks be to God.

Musical Postlude

Joy and Praise
Chester Nordman

We pray for our neighbors and all who need or request our prayers...

Hannah MacLean	Jerome	Susan
Anne	Ally	Jim Stewart
Margaret Nuccio	Rodney Cody	Gloria Simon
Chris Thompson	Pat	Hunter & Barbara
Dennis and Mary Lou Streelman	Kathy	Marthajo Rademacher
Kate DeRose	Greg and Barb	Leslie Holmes
Cohen family	Jim Drury	Sue Rademacher
Bunny Jenkins	Mary Ann Wolfe	Barbara Berdahl
Anonymous Parish Family	Joyce McWilliams	Katherine
Leslie Holmes	Trish	Matthew Longhurst
Eileen Pender	The Sutherland family	Dwayne Brees
Dwayne Mayfield	John Abel	Cole
Judy	Pamela Johnson	The People of the Diocese of
Terry	Sharon Korty and family	Renk
Cara	Bonnie Priebe and family	Victims of Violence in the Middle
Nicholas		East
Jeanne	Diocese of Southeast Mexico	
Will	Phyllis Russell	Faithfully Departed: Alice
Jodi Jenkins Massie	Joan Klem	Cornwall, Andrea Cohen, Kristen
Christopher	Marie DiBello	and Jerome Wittkoski.

How to Submit Prayers: Please submit prayer requests by completing the Digital Prayer Request Form via the Church Center app or in your web browser **TrinityWheaton.ChurchCenter.com** - use the QR code on the right. Prayers stay on the list for 8 weeks; please resubmit your request if more prayer is needed.

