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LITANY OF THE GREENS
Leader: How can we prepare this house for the coming of Jesus, the King?
All: With branches of cedar, the tree of royalty.
Leader: How shall we prepare this house for the coming of Jesus, the eternal Christ?
All: With garlands of wreaths of pine and fir, whose leaves are ever living, ever green.
Leader: How shall we prepare this house for the coming of Jesus, our savior?
All: With arrangements of holly and ivy, symbolizing His passion, death and resurrection.
Leader: How shall we prepare this house for the coming of Jesus, the Son of God?
All: By hearing again the words of the prophets who foretold the saving work of God.
Leader: For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.
All: All Glory to God in the highest!

OPENING PRAYER [in unison]
God of manger and star, let us enter your story once again and find ourselves kneeling with the shepherds, singing with the angels and worshipping with the Magi. Touch our hearts with the wonder of birth, and the depths of your love. Speak to us in word and song and lift us to the realms of glory. Amen.

*CAROL # 41 “O Come, All Ye Faithful” (v. 1) ADESTE FIDELES

PARAMENTS

READING Isaiah 40:3-5 Mark Landin
In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill made low. Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed.

NARRATIVE
We have placed the Advent paraments, which are royal blue to remind us of the King of Kings, who came to be the "Light of the World."

ADVENT WREATH

READING Jeremiah 23:5-6 Barbara Sammis
The days are surely coming says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous branch, and He shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In His days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which He will be called: "The Lord is our Righteousness."

NARRATIVE
The Advent Wreath is a vivid symbol of preparation. The lighting of a new candle each of the four weeks before Christmas reminds us that something is happening, but more is yet to come. The circle reminds us of the everlasting covenant offered in the birth of Jesus. The four candles symbolize HOPE, PEACE,

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***PRAYER OF DEDICATION** [in unison]

O God, who has given unto us the priceless gift of Your Son, Jesus Christ, humbly we lay our gifts before you. Bless these gifts we have given this day, and may they be used to the glory of Your kingdom here on earth. Amen.

COMMUNION MEDITATION "One Bread One Body"

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING
Leader: The Lord be with you.
All: And also with you.
Leader: Lift up your hearts.
All: We lift them up to the Lord.
Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

THE LORD’S PRAYER (sung in 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP – kindly hold the elements until all have received and we will all partake together.

COMMUNION PRAYER

LIGHTING OF THE STAR

READING John 1: 1-5, 9-14 Marty Coates

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the Beginning with God. All things came into being through Him, and without Him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in Him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through Him, yet the world did not know Him. He came to what was His own, and His own people did not accept Him. But to all who received Him, who believed in His name, He gave power to become children of God, who were born not of the blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen His glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

NARRATIVE

As our final preparation for the coming of Jesus, the Light of the World, we will light the Christmas star. And in this time of Advent, whenever you see decorative lights, let them call to mind the One who brings light into our darkness, healing in our brokenness, and peace to all who will receive Him. May this star, shining in beauty and splendor, remind us of the life-giving light of Christ, that we may always rejoice in the new life that shines in hearts.

***CAROL # 40** "Joy to the World" ANTIOCH

***BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL BENEDICTION** "Christmas Rose"

*All who are able may stand



We hope you can stay for Fellowship Hour following Worship! Everyone is invited for some time of fellowship and snacks.

Please see the extra insert for Announcements and Upcoming Events.



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Corning, New York

December 1, 2019 10:30 a.m.

THE ORDER OF PUBLIC WORSHIP OF ALMIGHTY GOD

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