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Advent Week One: We Hold Hope

Reader 1: This is the season of Advent when we are all on our way to Bethlehem. The journey is both personal and communal. Everyone is invited to Bethlehem to meet the Christ Child.

Reader 2: The light of the first candle of Advent, the candle of hope, will help us find the way to Bethlehem. We make the journey holding the hope of God.

Together: We are on the way to Bethlehem.

Reader 1: The words of the prophet, Jeremiah, are with us on the way. They help us not to be afraid to hold the hope of God:

*The time will come
when God will appoint a king
from the family of David,
a king who will be honest
and rule with justice.*

*In those days,
the people of God
will live in safety and peace.* Jeremiah 33: 14-16

**Together: We are on the way to Bethlehem
holding the hope of God.**

Reader 2: As we are led by the light of this first Advent candle, the candle of hope, we witness to the promise of God's justice and safety among us.

**Together: We are on the way to Bethlehem
holding the hope of God
and we wait for hope to be born into the
world through the Christ Child. Amen.**

Advent Week Two: We Bring Peace

Reader 1: This is the season of Advent when we are all on our way to Bethlehem. The journey is both personal and communal. Everyone is invited to Bethlehem to meet the Christ Child.

Reader 2: The light of the second candle of Advent, the candle of peace, joins the candle of hope and will help us find the way to Bethlehem. We make the journey bringing the peace of God.

Together: We are on the way to Bethlehem.

Reader 1: The words of the prophet, Isaiah, are with us on the way. They help us not to be afraid to bring the peace of God:

*Clear a path in the desert!
Make a straight road for the Lord our God.
Fill in the valleys;
flatten every hill and mountain.
Level the rough
and rugged ground.
Then the glory of the Lord
will appear for all to see.* Isaiah 40: 3-5

**Together: We are on the way to Bethlehem
bringing the peace of God.**

Reader 2: As we are led by the light of the first Advent candle of hope and the second candle of peace, we help to prepare the way for the Prince of Peace to appear.

**Together: We are on the way to Bethlehem
bringing the peace of God
and we wait for peace to be born into
the world through the Christ Child. Amen.**

Advent Week Three: We Practice Joy

Reader 1: This is the season of Advent when we are all on our way to Bethlehem. The journey is both personal and communal. Everyone is invited to Bethlehem to meet the Christ Child.

Reader 2: The light is getting stronger with the third candle of Advent, the candle of joy. Together with hope and peace, joy will help us find the way to Bethlehem. We make the journey practicing the joy of God.

Together: We are on the way to Bethlehem.

Reader 1: The words of the prophetess, Hannah, are with us on the way. They help us not to be afraid to practice the joy of God:

How I rejoice in the Lord!

How God has blessed me!

There is no other God.

Those who were weak are now strong.

Those who were starving are fed.

God lifts the poor from a pile of ashes and honors them.

You, Lord, protect your faithful ones.

You, Lord, will judge the whole earth

and give strength and glory to your Chosen One.

1 Samuel 2: 1-10

Together: We are on the way to Bethlehem practicing the joy of God.

Reader 2: As we are led by the light of the Advent candles of hope and peace, the third candle of joy lets us join with heaven and earth and all the saints in praising God's holy name.

Together: We are on the way to Bethlehem practicing the joy of God and we wait for joy to be born into the world through the Christ Child. Amen.

Advent Week Four: We Choose Love

Reader 1: This is the season of Advent when we are all on our way to Bethlehem. The journey is both personal and communal. Everyone is invited to Bethlehem to meet the Christ Child.

Reader 2: The fourth candle, the candle of love, joins the others today. The light is strong! Together with hope, peace, and joy, love will help us find the way to Bethlehem. We make the journey choosing the love of God.

Together: We are on the way to Bethlehem.

Reader 1: The words of the Jesus' mother, Mary, are with us on the way. They help us not to be afraid to choose the love of God:

*With all my heart I praise the Lord,
and am glad because of God my Saviour.
God cares for me, a humble servant.
The Lord always shows mercy
to those who show reverence.
The Mighty One helps the people of God
and is always merciful.
The Lord made this promise to our ancestors,
to the family of God forever! Luke 1: 46-55*

**Together: We are on the way to Bethlehem
choosing the love of God.**

Reader 2: As we are walking by the light of the Advent candles of hope, peace, and joy, the fourth candle of love helps us open our hearts to be filled with God's generous and merciful love.

**Together: We are on the way to Bethlehem
choosing the love of God
and we wait for love to be born into
the world through the Christ Child. Amen.**