



Open to God
Metropolitan Community Church
of Northern Virginia - Advent 2020

Advent 1
Open Your Eyes
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Preaching

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Candle of Hope

First Reading ~ *from Mark 13:33-37*

[Jesus said] Be constantly on the watch! Keep alert! You do not know when the time will come. It is like people traveling abroad. They leave their home and put the workers in charge, each with a certain task, and those who watch at the front gate are ordered to stay active and alert. So stay alert! You do not know when the owner of the house is coming, whether at dusk, at midnight, when the rooster crows, or at early dawn. Do not let the owner come suddenly and catch you asleep. What I say to you, I say to all: Stay awake!

Second Reading ~ *from Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King*

One of the great liabilities of history is that all too many people fail to remain awake through great periods of social need and change. Every society has its protectors of status quo and its fraternities and sororities of the indifferent, who are notorious for sleeping through revolutions. Today, our very survival depends on our ability to stay awake, to adjust to new ideas, to remain vigilant, to face the struggle of resistance, and the challenge of change.