



Worship November 29, 2020

PRELUDE "Sleepers Awake!"

-Bach

OPENING SENTENCES

The heavens are being torn open!
The mountains quake at God's presence.
The face of God is soon to shine among us.
Even the stars cannot hold God's glory!

ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING

The world says, "All is lost."
God says, "All is loved."
The darkness says, "The light is dying."
The light says, "The fire is catching."
Fear says, "Cover your eyes and your ears."
Hope says, "Wait, watch, and listen."
As we light our first Advent candle,
we pray for holy hope of God.
Come now, O Child of Mary.
Come now, O Prince of Hope.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Friends, our high priest, Jesus Christ, knows all our weaknesses, and can sympathize, because he was tested in every way we are, only without sinning. So let's come boldly to the throne of grace, where we can find mercy and grace to help when we need it most.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Restore us, O God of hosts.
Let your face shine, that we may be saved.
Save us, O Lord, from traps of our own
creating:
from fear that blocks the way of love,
from worry that blocks the way of joy,
from isolation that blocks the way of
relationship,

**from structural injustices that keep the world
bound.**

**Forgive us, O God of hosts,
until the stars fall from heaven
and we live as people transformed. AMEN.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

GLORIA PATRI

**Glory be to the Father
and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, amen.**

Chime Solo "O Come Emmanuel" -Heather Miner & Celestial Handbells

Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19

Mark 13:24-37

SERMON

- Rev. W. James Hardy

SOLO: "A Simple Song" (from 'Mass')

PASTORAL PRAYER

HOLY COMMUNION

LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN # 88 "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

O come, O come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, Desire of nations, bind
All peoples in one heart and mind;
Bid envy, strife, and discord cease;
Fill the whole world with heaven's peace.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Sleepers Awake!:" -Martin

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