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Prayers adapted from *Feasting on the Word*
and *The Book of Common Worship*



Mystery of Faith (1977)

Ben Long

St. Mary's Episcopal Church, West Jefferson, NC

December 11, 2024

The Order for Morning Worship

Muskingum Valley Presbytery Meeting

December 11, 2024

Six O'Clock

*At these moments, we invite
you to stand in body or spirit

Please silence all electronic
devices prior to the service

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Voluntary

Two Settings of FREU DICH SEHR

Gerald Near
and Egil Hovland

Welcome and Worship Notes

Call to Worship

Leader: A voice cries in the wilderness,

People: **“Prepare the way of the Lord; make God's way clear.
Lift up every valley; lower every mountain.
For the glory of the Lord shall be revealed.”**

*Hymn 106

“Prepare the Way, O Zion”

BEREDEN VÄG
FÖR HERRAN

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Light one can - dle to watch for Mes - si - ah:
let the light ban - ish dark - ness. He shall bring sal -
- va - tion to Is - rael, God ful - fills the prom - ise

Call to Confession

God does not want anyone to perish,
but rather for all to come to repentance.

Therefore, let us confess our sins, for God's salvation is at hand.

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Faithful God, we confess that we have not led lives of holiness.

We suffer from impatience, apathy, and greed;
we have not been at peace.

We repent of these offenses and turn to you in love.

Forgive our iniquity and pardon our sins,
that we may walk in righteousness
to the glory of your name. Amen.

Kyrie

Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Chri - ste e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.

*Assurance of Pardon

Sacred siblings, by the mercy of Christ,
your sins are forgiven,
for salvation is at hand for all who turn to God. Amen.

*Passing of the Peace

Leader: The Peace of the Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

*Gloria: Hymn 84, vs. 4

CONDITOR ALME SIDERUM

To God the Fa - ther, God the Son,
and God the Spir - it, Three in One,
praise, hon - or, might, and glo - ry be
from age to age e - ter - nal - ly. A - - men.---

LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD READ AND PROCLAIMED

Prayer for Illumination

Mighty God, send your Holy Spirit to speak peace,
that the good news of this age may be proclaimed through your word,
which stands forever. Amen.

Hebrew Reading

“A Prayer of Penitence”

Isaiah 64:1-9

Leader: The Word of the Lord

Pew Bible p. 606

People: Thanks be to God

Large Print Bible pp. 849-50

*Hymn 92

“While We Are Waiting”

WAITING

Gospel Reading

“The Coming of the Son of Man”

Mark 13:24-37

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord

Pew Bible p. 826

People: Thanks be to God

Large Print Bible pp. 61-62

Sermon

“Seeing and Being Seen”

Rev. Benjamin George

OUR RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed, p. 35

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

“Creator of the Stars of Night”

David Cherwien

Movements 1 and 2

*Doxology: Hymn 654

IN THE LORD I'LL BE EVER THANKFUL

In the Lord I'll be ever thankful; in the Lord I will rejoice!

Look to God; do not be afraid. Lift up your voices; the Lord is near.

Lift up your voices; the Lord is near.

*Prayer of Dedication (in unison)

Lord, we give you thanks that in the coming of Christ
your steadfast love and faithfulness have met
and your righteousness and peace have kissed.
May the gifts we offer this day lift up those in need
and prepare the way of your salvation. Amen.

RE-ENTRY INTO THE WORLD TO SERVE THE LORD

*Hymn 82

“Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus”

HYFRYDOL

*Benediction

Voluntary

“Veni Emmanuel”

Andrew Carter