

ESF Sunday September 6 Service

Bold Text: all read

Audrey: The Lord Almighty grant us a peaceful night and a perfect end. **Amen.**

Our help is in the Name of the Lord;

All: The maker of heaven and earth.

Let us confess our sins to God.

All: Almighty God, our heavenly Father:

We have sinned against you,

through our own fault,

in thought, and word, and deed,

and in what we have left undone.

For the sake of your Son our Lord Jesus Christ,

forgive us all our offenses;

and grant that we may serve you in newness of life,

to the glory of your Name. Amen.

One: May the Almighty God grant us all forgiveness of all our sins, and the grace and comfort of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

One: O God, make speed to save us.

All: O Lord, make haste to help us.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia!!

Psalm 31

One: In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame: deliver me in your righteousness.

All: Incline your ear to me; make haste to deliver me.

Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe, for you are my crag and my stronghold; for the sake of your Name, lead me and guide me.

Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, for you are my tower of strength.

Into your hands I commend my spirit, for you have redeemed me, O Lord, O God of truth.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: * as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

A prayer for our times

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Let us pray. We lift our hearts towards a spirit of peace. Bridge our divisions. Heal our hearts. Help us to deeply listen to one another's hurts. Move us towards a place where all people are accepted as they are, trusted, loved, and listened to. Banish racism on campus and beyond. Give those who have power in our community the hearts of a servant. Give voice to the voiceless. Help us to look forward with a spirit of hope and faith in the future, appreciating the beauty found in our differences, the richness found in our diversity, and the strength found among us all. **Amen.**

Dwelling in the Word

Romans 13:8-14

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet"; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Reflection: The Rev. James D Franklin III, ESF Campus Minister

The Prayers

One: Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit;

All: For you have redeemed me, O Lord, O God of truth.

Keep us, O Lord, as the apple of your eye;

Hide us under the shadow of your wings.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy. And as our Lord Jesus Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

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. Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

Lord, hear our prayer;

And let our cry come to you.

Let us pray.

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for your love's sake. **Amen.**

Prayers of the People

Patrick: Unite your church, O God. Grant us the gifts of repentance and reconciliation. Bless the cooperative work of churches in this community especially St. Stephen's, St. Anne's, St. Timothy's, St. Paul's and Crist Beloved Community. Strengthen ecumenical partnerships; guide the work of ESF on and off campus.

One: Lord, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

(The prayers continue and the people respond with "hear our prayer")

One: Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping; that awake we may watch with Christ, and asleep we may rest in peace.

Lord, you now have set your servant free * to go in peace as you have promised;

For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior, * whom you have prepared for all the world to see:

A Light to enlighten the nations, * and the glory of your people Israel.

**All: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

One: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

One: The almighty and merciful Lord, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless us and keep us.

All: Amen.

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