

Saturday, February 27, 2021

+ **OPENING CALL TO PRAISE AND PRAYER**

O God, open our lips,
and our mouths shall proclaim your praise.
From the rising of the sun to its setting,
we praise your name, O God.

+ **REMEMBRANCE OF BAPTISM**

By Word and water God renews us this day
in the living fountain of God's grace,
and raises us with Christ Jesus
to live a new life in the Spirit.

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***Satisfy us in the morning
with your steadfast love, O God,
that we may sing for joy and be glad all our days.***

+ **MORNING CANTICLE OF WISDOM**

Wisdom has built her house, setting up seven pillars.
She has prepared the food and wine and set her table.

***She has sent out her servants
to call out from the Heights above the city:***

"Let those who want enlightenment come.
Come, taste my bread and drink my spiced wine.

***Give up your foolishness and live,
And walk the path of understanding."***

If you are wise, your reward is wisdom;
If you teach the just, they grow in understanding.
***Wisdom begins with reverence for God,
and knowledge of the holy one is insight.***

* OSL

+ **MORNING PRAYER**

The Holy One* be with you;
And also with you.

Let us pray:

Dawn from on high,
Your light illumines all our days.
Awaken us to your visitations throughout this day.
Be merciful in us for the sake of others.
Make us fearless when confronting injustice and need,
that we may give you glory in the power of the Spirit.
Amen.

* For All the Saints

+ [Psalm 22:23-31](#) CEV

Those who are poor will eat;

Those who seek you will give praise.

²³ All who worship the LORD,
 now praise *him!*

You belong to Jacob's family
and to the people of Israel,
 so fear and honor the *LORD!*

²⁴ The LORD doesn't hate
or despise the helpless
 in all of their *troubles*.

When I cried out, he listened
 and did not turn a-way.

²⁵ When your people meet,
you will fill my heart
 with your prais-es, *LORD*,
 and everyone will see me
 keep my promis-es to *you*.

²⁶ The poor will eat and be *full*,
and all who worship you
 will be thankful
 and live in *hope*.

²⁷ Everyone on this earth
 will remember you, LORD.

People all over the world
 will turn and wor-ship you,
²⁸ because you are in control,
 the ruler of all *nations*.

²⁹ All who are rich
and have more than enough
 will bow down to you, *Lord*.
Even those who are dying
and almost in the grave
 will come and bow *down*.

³⁰ In the future, everyone will *worship*
 and learn about you, our *Lord*.

³¹ People not yet born
will be *told*,
 "The Lord has saved *us!*"

Glory to you, O Trinity, most holy and *blessed*,
 one God, now and for-ever, *A-men*.

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+ SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

+ **WORD:** **Genesis 16:7-16** CEV

⁷ Hagar stopped to rest at a spring in the desert on the road to Shur. While she was there, the angel of the LORD came to her ⁸ and asked, “Hagar, where have you come from, and where are you going?”

She answered, “I’m running away from Sarai, my owner.”

⁹ The angel said, “Go back to Sarai and be her slave. ¹⁰⁻

¹¹ I will give you a son, who will be called Ishmael, because I have heard your cry for help. And later I will give you so many descendants that no one will be able to count them all. ¹² But your son will live far from his relatives; he will be like a wild donkey, fighting everyone, and everyone fighting him.”

¹³ Hagar thought, “Have I really seen God and lived to tell about it?” So from then on she called him, “The God Who Sees Me.” ¹⁴ That’s why people call the well between Kadesh and Bered, “The Well of the Living One Who Sees Me.”

¹⁵⁻¹⁶ Abram was eighty-six years old when Hagar gave birth to their son, and he named him Ishmael.

Holy wisdom, holy word.

Thanks be to God!

+ SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

+ **CANTICLE OF ZECHARIAH**

We bless you, Adonai, God of *Israel*,
for you come to visit us and ransom us from *bondage*.
You have brought forth a strong *De-liverer*
in the house of your child *David*.

**This is what your holy prophets an-nounced:
deliverance from enemies and from the hand
of all who hate *us*;
mercy a-mong our *ancestors*,
and remembrance of your ho-ly *covenant*.**

This is the promise you swore to our an-cestor,
Abraham,
to make us un-a-*fraid*,
to rescue us from our *enemies*,
to serve before you, holy and just,
all the days of our *lives*.

**And this, my little child,
shall be called prophet of the Most *High*,**

going before you, Adonai, to pre-~~pare~~ your *paths*,
making your people know *de-liverance*
by the forgiveness of their *sins*.

Through your merciful compassions, God our *God*,
the dawn from on high shall *visit us*,
to shine on those kept in dungeons
and the shadows of *death*
and to guide our feet onto the path of *peace*.

Glory to you, O Trinity, most holy and *blessed*,
one God, now and for-ever, *A-men*.

+ **THE APOSTLE'S CREED**

*I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
the third day he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sits at the right hand of the Father Almighty.
From there he shall come again to judge
the living and the dead.*

*I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.*

+ **COMMEMORATION: Fred McFeely Rogers**

Fred Rogers — or, Mister Rogers, as he was affectionately known to legions of fans of his children's television program, Mister Rogers' Neighborhood — was a neighbor to children of all ages. Born in Latrobe, in the hills of western Pennsylvania, he spent much of his life in the Pittsburgh area where he was an indefatigable advocate for children. Mister Rogers received a BA degree in music composition from Rollins College (Florida) in 1951. Following graduation, he returned to the Pittsburgh area and began his career in television as a puppeteer on a live, unscripted children's program, The Children's Corner. During his seven-year association with this program, Rogers learned the craft of television programming while developing some of the characters and music used in his later work on Mister Rogers' Neighborhood.

Rogers' original intent to study theology was realized as he took courses at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary during his years with The Children's Corner. During this time he also studied Child Development in the graduate school of the University of Pittsburgh. By the time of his ordination to ministry in the Presbyterian Church in 1962, he had determined that his calling lay in a kind of children's ministry through television.

The prototype for his long-running television series was developed during a three-year stint as host of a children's program, Misterogers, in Toronto, Canada, for the CBC. In 1966 Rogers acquired the rights to this program and incorporated elements of it into a new show he developed for Public Television in the United States. In 1968 Mister Rogers' Neighborhood debuted on what was then National Educational Television (now the PBS network), where it continues to hold the distinction of being the longest running show on PBS.

Fred Rogers pioneered the concept that adult topics are suitable for conversation with children so long as these conversations are handled with sensitivity and restraint. In his television show he utilized puppets and live actors in the "Neighborhood of Make-Believe" to mirror the fears

and anxieties faced by children in coming to terms with the world around them. Other segments dealt with issues faced by children such as doctor's visits, sibling rivalry, school, politics, and even death. He encouraged children to question, and encouraged adults to reply honestly to their questions.

Rogers was also a pioneer in the field of faith and values, demonstrating what it means to be a person of faith without resorting to denominational or political parochialism. His gentle and sensitive respect for the personhood of children is a model for all persons in bringing Christ to life in the lives of Christians.

* For All the Saints

+SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

+ **COLLECT: Fred McFeely Rogers**

Holy Sophia, you have befriended us with Fred McFeely Rogers who waiting patiently beside your doors grew rich in the knowledge of your ways and found in you an intimate friend. So teach all your children your way and your truth, that finding you we may find life. Amen.

* For All the Saints

+ **PRAYERS**

The Holy One be with you,
and also with you.

Let us pray: *(stop and pray for those on your heart today)*

+ PRAYER FOR RECOVERY OF SICKNESS

O God, the strength of the weak and the comfort of sufferers: Mercifully accept our prayers, and grant to those we pray for this day, the help of your power, that their sickness may be turned into health, and our sorrow into joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

+ PRAYERS OF SELF-DEDICATION

Almighty and eternal God, so draw our hearts to you, so guide our minds, so fill our imaginations, so control our wills, that we may be wholly yours, utterly dedicated unto you; and then use us, we pray, as you will, and always to your glory and the welfare of your people; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

+ PRAYER FOR RENEWAL OF LIFE

O God, the King eternal, whose light divides the day from the night and turns the shadow of death into the morning: Drive far from us all wrong desires, incline our hearts to keep your law, and guide our feet into the way of peace; that, having done your will with cheerfulness during the day, we may, when night comes, rejoice to give you thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

+ COLLECT OF THE WEEK

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

+ A COLLECT: SATURDAY IN THE FIRST WEEK OF LENT

O God, by your Word you marvelously carry out the work of reconciliation: Grant that in our Lenten fast

we may be devoted to you with all our hearts, and united with one another in prayer and holy love; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

+ PRAYER OF JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

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.**

+ **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

*Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins*

as we forgive those who sin against us.

*Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.*

*For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.*

+ **CONCLUDING PRAYER**

Lord God, almighty and everlasting Father,
You have brought us in safety to this new day:
preserve us with your mighty power,
that we may not fall into sin,
nor be overcome by adversity;
and in all we do direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

+ **BLESSING**

⁹I pray that our love will keep on growing and that we will fully know and understand ¹⁰how to make the right choices. Then we will still be pure and innocent when Christ returns. And until that day, ¹¹Jesus Christ will keep us busy doing good deeds that bring glory and praise to God. **Amen.**

Philippians 1:9-11 CEV

Morning Prayer

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