

## Reading and prayer 15th November 2021

And she made a vow, saying, 'Lord Almighty, if you will only look on your servant's misery and remember me, and not forget your servant but give her a son, then I will give him to the Lord for all the days of his life, and no razor will ever be used on his head.' As she kept on praying to the Lord, Eli observed her mouth. Hannah was praying in her heart, and her lips were moving but her voice was not heard. Eli answered, 'Go in peace, and may the God of Israel grant you what you have asked of him.' She said, 'May your servant find favour in your eyes.' Then she went her way and ate something, and her face was no longer downcast. In the course of time Hannah became pregnant and gave birth to a son. She named him Samuel, saying, 'Because I asked the Lord for him.' 'I prayed for this child, and the Lord has granted me what I asked of him.' Then Hannah prayed and said:

'My heart rejoices in the Lord;  
in the Lord my strength is lifted high.

My mouth boasts over my enemies,  
for I delight in your deliverance.

'There is no one holy like the Lord;  
there is no one besides you;  
there is no Rock like our God.'

1 Samuel 1:11-13,17-18,20,27; 1 Sam 2:1-2

Merciful God, we are truly grateful for Your many blessings. You listen to our cries for help and you delight in our praises. Forgive us when we fail to remember who is the source of those blessings, when we take things for granted and help us to always give you the glory. Amen.