Daily Morning Message

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Daily Lectionary Readings	Psalm 125 2 Kings 2:9-22 Acts 3:17-4:4
Today's Scripture Verse:	*When they had crossed (the Jordan River), Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you." Elisha said, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit." (2 Kings 2:9)*
What it means:	This entire passage is worth a careful reading. In this verse, Elisha seeks a "double share," that is, an inheritance, of Elijah's spirit. But Elijah's spirit is the spirit he has received from God. In the Bible, there are stories that remind the reader of similar stories of an earlier time; so it is interesting that, in the story of John the Baptist and Jesus, Jesus is baptized in this same Jordan River by Spirit-led John, and receives the Holy Spirit, as God tells him he is the son who has received God's blessing. As Elisha became the heir of God's Spirit, so Jesus became the Son of God in the New Testament story. No wonder people were asking if John or Jesus were Elijah or Elisha returned!
Our time of prayer:	Dear God, we pray for the mantle of your Spirit to fall upon the church today. May we be enlivened by our dedication to your ways and our trust in the vision of your holy Realm.