Daily Morning Message

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Daily Lectionary Readings	Luke 1:46b-55 1 Samuel 1:1-18 Hebrews 9:1-14
Today's Scripture Verse:	*O Lord of hosts, if only you will look on the misery of your servant, and remember me, and not forget your servant, but will give to your servant a male child, then I will set him before you as a nazirite ("one consecrated") until the day of his death. (The vow of Hannah, who would become the mother of Samuel, in 1 Samuel 1:11)*
What it means:	Stories in the New Testament are often intentionally similar to those in the Hebrew scriptures. In this way, biblical writers made clear a spiritual connection between their stories and the faith tradition. Hannah, a woman who has been unable to have a child, makes her vow to God. In the reading for tomorrow, she will give birth to a son, and she will respond in words similar to those Mary the mother of Jesus speaks in the first chapter of Luke's Gospel.
Our time of prayer:	God, like the people of Jesus' day, may we search the wisdom of those who have gone before us to form a sure foundation that will enlarge our capacity for authentic hope as we face the days to come.