Daily Morning Message

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Daily Lectionary Readings	Luke 1:46b-55 1 Samuel 2:1-10 Mark 11:1-11
Today's Scripture Verse:	*The Lord makes poor and makes rich; he brings low, he also exalts. He raises up the poor from the dust; he lifts the needy from the ash heap, to make them sit with princes and inherit a seat of honor. (1 Samuel 2:7-8a)*
What it means:	When Mary the mother of Jesus praises God for the son who will be born to her, she begins her song with the words, "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my savior. The barren woman Hannah in the Old Testament is blessed by God with a son, whom she has promised to God. She gives thanks with the words, "My heart exults in the Lord; my strength is exalted in my God." It is hard to miss the similarity. The song is also similar to Mary's song in that it interprets the birth of the child as a blessing to those who seek justice from God, as illustrated in the verse printed as our Scripture verse for today.
Our time of prayer:	Dear God, we magnify your name, because you are the God of justice, and you call us to ministries that bring reconciliation to the world.