

Daily Morning Message

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Daily Lectionary Readings *Psalm 77*
2 Kings 2:1-18
Mark 11:20-25

Today's Scripture Verse: *Now when the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal, Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; for the Lord has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." (2 Kings 2:1-18)*

What it means: No need to seek a complicated meaning here. Just enjoy this charming and magical tale about the early prophet Elijah and Elisha who inherited his mantle. The meaning is in the poetry of the story: the inseparability of Elisha from his mentor, the parting of the waters allowing them to pass, and of course the whirlwind that carries the older prophet into heaven.

Our time of prayer: Holy One, may the magic and the wonder of sacred moments fill our imaginations with a hint of the mystery that is beyond our comprehension; and may we feel an inseparable love for those who have guided us into the mystery with faith.

