

# **PROJECT RECONNECT**

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Liturgical Date: Year B, Pentecost 26, 17th November Presenter: Rev Elizabeth Raine

Focus Reading: 1 Samuel 1:4-20

*Message* 7 minutes 57 seconds

"Hannah Prays and Sings"

#### **Discussion Starters**

- 1 What have you learnt about Hannah from this message?
- 2 How do you deal with hurt and anger that comes from feeling abused?
- 3 How might your church community best offer support to those, like Hannah, who are feeling vulnerable?
- 4 Where are signs of hope, peace, and justice, in your local community?

## Readings for this day

**1 Samuel 2:1-10** Hannah sings praise to God. Her whole being has changed from weeping to singing. God's wondrous action has moved Hannah, offering a hopeful witness that God does indeed hear and respond to prayer.

Mark 13:1-8 Jesus predicts the destruction of Jerusalem temple. Sitting opposite of the temple, Jesus offers apocalyptic discourse about the signs that will accompany the destruction of the temple and the birth of something new.

**Hebrews 10:11-14, (15-16), 19-25** Christ's actions mark a change from former priests who repeatedly offer sacrifices that do not fully defeat sin for all time.

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#### All Age Message: John Kamara

"The healing power of prayer: Learning from Hannah's example"

**Length** 5 minutes 46 seconds

#### Precis of AAM

Hannah struggled but, in the end, she learnt that God was always listening. God shows us when we are sad and worried, that we need to talk to him. He has a plan, maybe not as we expect, but we must not be afraid of pouring out our heart to him in our times of need.

Uniting in Worship (Blue Book). No psalm listed for this week.

### **Rev Elizabeth Raine**

I am a Uniting Church Minister who has served the church as a School Chaplain, Tenants Rights Worker, Presbytery Minister, Intentional Interim Minister, Theological College lecturer, Adult Education Teacher, and Congregational Minister. I am enjoying a more relaxed lifestyle as a "retired" Minister.