Pastoral Prayer

New Testament Scripture

John 15:1–5

Prayer of Invocation

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

Trinity Hymnal 76

Giving Attention to God’s Word

Old Testament Scripture

1 Samuel 1:1–8

1 There was a certain man of Ramathaim-zophim of the hill country of Ephraim whose name was Elkanah the son of Jeroham, son of Elihu, son of Tohu, son of Zuph, an Ephrathite. 2 He had two wives. The name of the one was Hannah, and the name of the other, Peninnah. And Peninnah had children, but Hannah had no children.

3 Now this man used to go up year by year from his city to worship and to sacrifice to the LORD of hosts at Shiloh, where the two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, were priests of the LORD. 4 On the day when Elkanah sacrificed, he would give portions to Peninnah his wife and to all her sons and daughters. 5 But to Hannah he gave a double portion, because he loved her, though the LORD had closed her womb. 6 And her rival used to provoke her grievously to
irritate her, because the LORD had closed her womb. So it went on year by year. As often as she went up to the house of the LORD, she used to provoke her. Therefore Hannah wept and would not eat. And Elkanah, her husband, said to her, "Hannah, why do you weep? And why do you not eat? And why is your heart sad? Am I not more to you than ten sons?"

— 1 Samuel 1:1–8

Sermon **ONCE UPON A TIME**

Theme: In dark times God’s people seek Him in worship

1. Kingless in Israel vs. 1–2
2. Childless in Ramah
3. Changeless in Shiloh vs. 3

*The Day You Gave Us, Lord ...* Trinity Hymnal 407

Benediction Romans 15:13

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Glory to the Father, glory to the Son, and to thee, blest Spirit, whilst all ages run.

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Morning Sermon MATTERS OF LIFE & DEATH (Phil. 1:18b–26)
Evening Sermon CRISIS RESPONSE (1 Samuel 1:3–11)