

## Readings for Sunday March 15th

1 Samuel 1. 20-end  
Colossians 3. 12-17  
Luke 2. 33-35

### **1 Samuel 1. 20-end**      **NIV**

**20** So in the course of time Hannah became pregnant and gave birth to a son. She named him Samuel, saying, "Because I asked the Lord for him."

### **Hannah Dedicates Samuel**

**21** When her husband Elkanah went up with all his family to offer the annual sacrifice to the Lord and to fulfill his vow, **22** Hannah did not go. She said to her husband, "After the boy is weaned, I will take him and present him before the Lord, and he will live there always."

**23** "Do what seems best to you," her husband Elkanah told her. "Stay here until you have weaned him; only may the Lord make good his[d] word." So the woman stayed at home and nursed her son until she had weaned him.

**24** After he was weaned, she took the boy with her, young as he was, along with a three-year-old bull,[e] an ephah of flour and a skin of wine, and brought him to the house of the Lord at Shiloh. **25** When the bull had been sacrificed, they brought the boy to Eli, **26** and she said to him, "Pardon me, my lord. As surely as you live, I am the woman who stood here beside you praying to the Lord. **27** I prayed for this child, and the Lord has granted me what I asked of him. **28** So now I give him to the Lord. For his whole life he will be given over to the Lord." And he worshiped the Lord there.

### **Colossians 3:12-17**      **NIV**

**12** Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. **13** Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. **14** And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

**15** Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. **16** Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. **17** And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

### **Luke 2:33-35**      **NIV**

**33** The child's father and mother marvelled at what was said about him. **34** Then Simeon blessed them and said to Mary, his mother: "This child is destined to cause the falling and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be spoken against, **35** so that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your own soul too."