

# Readings: Feria

## First Reading: 1 Sm 1:24-28

In those days,

Hannah brought Samuel with her,  
along with a three-year-old bull,  
an ephah of flour, and a skin of wine,  
and presented him at the temple of the LORD in Shiloh.  
After the boy's father had sacrificed the young bull,  
Hannah, his mother, approached Eli and said:  
"Pardon, my lord!  
As you live, my lord,  
I am the woman who stood near you here, praying to the LORD.  
I prayed for this child, and the LORD granted my request.  
Now I, in turn, give him to the LORD;  
as long as he lives, he shall be dedicated to the LORD."

She left Samuel there.

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**Responsorial Psalm: 1 Samuel 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd**

**R (see 1a) My heart exults in the Lord, my Savior.**

"My heart exults in the LORD,  
my horn is exalted in my God.  
I have swallowed up my enemies;  
I rejoice in my victory."  
**R (see 1a) My heart exults in the Lord, my Savior.**

"The bows of the mighty are broken,  
while the tottering gird on strength.  
The well-fed hire themselves out for bread,  
while the hungry batten on spoil.  
The barren wife bears seven sons,  
while the mother of many languishes."  
**R (see 1a) My heart exults in the Lord, my Savior.**

"The LORD puts to death and gives life;  
he casts down to the nether world;  
he raises up again.  
The LORD makes poor and makes rich,  
he humbles, he also exalts."  
**R (see 1a) My heart exults in the Lord, my Savior.**

"He raises the needy from the dust;  
from the dung heap he lifts up the poor.  
To seat them with nobles  
and make a glorious throne their heritage."

**R (see 1a) My heart exults in the Lord, my Savior.**

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**Gospel Reading: Lk 1:46-56**

And Mary said:

"My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit exults in God my savior!  
"He has looked upon his servant in her lowliness, and people forever will call me blessed.

"The Mighty One has done great things for me, Holy is his Name!  
"From age to age his mercy extends to those who live in his presence.  
"He has acted with power and done wonders, and scattered the proud with their plans.  
"He has put down the mighty from their thrones and lifted up those who are downtrodden.

"He has filled the hungry with good things but has sent the rich away empty.  
"He held out his hand to Israel, his servant, for he remembered his mercy, even as he promised our fathers, Abraham and his descendants forever."

Mary remained with Elizabeth about three months and then returned home.

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