

Tuesday, December 22, 2020

Tuesday of the Fourth Week of Advent

“O King of the nations and their Desire, the Cornerstone who binds two into one: come and save mankind, whom you fashioned from clay.” (Today’s “O” Antiphon)

Hannah gives thanks to the Lord for her son Samuel: “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.” After greeting Elizabeth and the two women are filled with joy, Mary’s “Magnificat” echoes the words of Hannah’s found in the responsorial psalm. New life brings forth the presence of God!

God Love You!

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Hannah and Mary

Hannah:

- Birth by divine means (1 Sam. 1:19)
- Song of Praise (1 Sam. 2:1-10)
- “Lowly maidservant” (1 Sam. 1:11)
- Stay at an “inn” (LXX) (1 Sam. 1:18)
- Yearly trip to Shiloh (1 Sam. 1:3; 2:19)
- Names Child (1 Sam. 1:20)
- Blessed by Eli (1 Sam. 2:20)
- Return to home (1 Sam. 2:20)
- Description of Samuel (1 Sam. 2:26)
 - “And the boy Samuel continued to grow in stature and in favor with the LORD and with people.”

Mary:

- Birth by divine means (Luke 1:28)
- Song of Praise (Luke 1:46-55)
- “Lowly maidservant” (Luke 1:48)
- Stay at an “inn” (Luke 2:7)
- Yearly trip to Jerusalem (Luke 2:41)
- Names Child (Luke 1:31)
- Blessed by Simeon (Luke 2:25-35)
 - and prophet Ana (Luke 2:36-38)
- Return to Galilee (Luke 2:39)
- Description of Jesus (Luke 2:40, 52)
 - “And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man.”