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Veronica Dyck - And Hannah had no children

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Last Sunday On Peace Sunday, Thomas Bergen (Menno Simons Centre Residence Coordinator) continued his series on Mark by leading us to see how Jesus' claim of authority over the Sabbath and Family threatened the religious establishment enough for them to want to kill him. Thomas challenged us to consider: what symbols have we allowed to usurp Jesus's authority in our lives? We can truly be peacemakers when we submit to the reign of the Prince of Peace, who calls us to serve beyond our identity markers of nation, tribe, and our own desires. [KH]

The message can be heard in your favourite browser at <https://pgimf.org/service/jesus-the-authoritative-one/>

Today's Scriptures

1Samuel 1:1-20

1Samuel 2:1-10

Luke 2:25-38

PGIMF News - Upcoming Services

November 25
December 2
December 9
December 16

Janet Boldt
Rosie Perera
Sing-along Messiah
Laura Eriksson

Lectionary
Watching & Waiting
Advent II
Advent III

In Memoriam Rosemary's father, Dr. Alexander Robertson, passed away Tuesday, Nov. 13, while Rosemary was by his side. Please keep their family in your prayers.

Friday Group This Friday (Nov. 23) we'll be discussing chapter 3 of the book "Inspired," pages 59-79: War Stories. Group meets at 10:00 a.m. in the education building behind Peace Church on 52nd, formerly FUMC. All are welcome.

PCDA The Society has decided to sell the Menno Simons Centre by the middle of 2019 to launch its new project at the gates of UBC campus. You can see the listing at <https://tinyurl.com/PCDA-listing> and feel free to pass it along to people of wealth and vision in your circle. Your prayers and contributions to the ministry project of the PCDA are coveted.

Advent devotions PGIMF has received 10 copies of a booklet, "As We Wait: Advent Devotions". There are 26 daily readings, starting on Sunday, December 2. A supporter of the MB Seminary has financed these to be sent to all MB congregations in Canada. The daily readings are written by persons from across Canada. Feel free to pick up a copy from the table below the mailboxes.

Church List There is a new church list available for PGIMF attenders. Please see www.pgimf.org under Serve > Members and Attenders and when prompted, enter the password to access the members page - if you need prompting think of the first Anabaptist's name and baptismal year. (Or see Andre or Janice.) A certain number of printed copies will be available at the back of the church.

Wider Church

Sherbrooke Food Bank The food bank at the Sherbrooke Church needs plastic bags, the kind you get at stores like Safeway to take home your groceries (not smaller bags). Fewer stores supply these now, but if you have an excess of them, give them to Janice or Hannelore.

RECORDING THE SERVICE

Please note that we record the response time after the sermon. You are encouraged to share your thoughts as fully as you feel led with the proviso that no privacy can be guaranteed. The response time will not be posted to the website. You are encouraged to bring forth private issues during the time of sharing and prayer, which will not be recorded.

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1 Samuel 1:1-28

Judges 21: 25

²⁵In those days there was no king in Israel; all the people did what was right in their own eyes.

1 Samuel 1:1-28

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

³ Now this man used to go up year by year from his town 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. ⁴On the day when Elkanah sacrificed, he would give portions to his wife Peninnah and to all her sons and daughters; ⁵but to Hannah he gave a double portion, because he loved her, though the Lord had closed her womb. ⁶Her rival used to provoke her severely, to irritate her, because the Lord had closed her womb. ⁷So it went on year after 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. ⁸Her husband Elkanah said to her, 'Hannah, why do you weep? Why do you not eat? Why is your heart sad? Am I not more to you than ten sons?'

⁹ After they had eaten and drunk at Shiloh, Hannah rose and presented herself before the Lord. Now Eli the priest was sitting on the seat beside the doorpost of the temple of the Lord. ¹⁰She was deeply distressed and prayed to the Lord, and wept bitterly. ¹¹She made this vow: 'O Lord of hosts, if only you will look on the misery of your servant, and remember me, and not forget your servant, but will give to your servant a male child, then I will set him before you as a nazirite until the day of his death. He shall drink neither wine nor intoxicants, and no razor shall touch his head.'

¹² As she continued praying before the Lord, Eli observed her mouth. ¹³Hannah was praying silently;

only her lips moved, but her voice was not heard; therefore Eli thought she was drunk. ¹⁴So Eli said to her, 'How long will you make a drunken spectacle of yourself? Put away your wine.' ¹⁵But Hannah answered, 'No, my lord, I am a woman deeply troubled; I have drunk neither wine nor strong drink, but I have been pouring out my soul before the Lord. ¹⁶Do not regard your servant as a worthless woman, for I have been speaking out of my great anxiety and vexation all this time.' ¹⁷Then Eli answered, 'Go in peace; the God of Israel grant the petition you have made to him.' ¹⁸And she said, 'Let your servant find favour in your sight.' Then the woman went to her quarters, ate and drank with her husband, and her countenance was sad no longer.

¹⁹ They rose early in the morning and worshipped before the Lord; then they went back to their house at Ramah. Elkanah knew his wife Hannah, and the Lord remembered her. ²⁰In due time Hannah conceived and bore a son. She named him Samuel, for she said, 'I have asked him of the Lord.'

²¹ The man Elkanah and all his household went up to offer to the Lord the yearly sacrifice, and to pay his vow. ²²But Hannah did not go up, for she said to her husband, 'As soon as the child is weaned, I will bring him, that he may appear in the presence of the Lord, and remain there for ever; I will offer him as a nazirite for all time.' ²³Her husband Elkanah said to her, 'Do what seems best to you, wait until you have weaned him; only—may the Lord establish his word.' So the woman remained and nursed her son, until she weaned him. ²⁴When she had weaned him, she took him up with her, along with a three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour, and a skin of wine. She brought him to the house of the Lord at Shiloh; and the child was young. ²⁵Then they slaughtered the bull, and they brought the child to Eli. ²⁶And she said, 'Oh, my lord! As you live, my lord, I am the woman who was standing here in your presence, praying to the Lord. ²⁷For this child I prayed; and the Lord has granted me the petition that I made to him. ²⁸Therefore I have lent him to the Lord; as long as he lives, he is given to the Lord.'

She left him there for the Lord. [NRSV]

1Samuel 2:1-10

¹Hannah prayed and said,
'My heart exults in the Lord;
my strength is exalted in my God.
My mouth derides my enemies,
because I rejoice in my victory.

²'There is no Holy One like the Lord,
no one besides you;
there is no Rock like our God.

³Talk no more so very proudly,
let not arrogance come from your mouth;
for the Lord is a God of knowledge,
and by him actions are weighed.

⁴The bows of the mighty are broken,
but the feeble gird on strength.

⁵Those who were full have hired themselves out for
bread,
but those who were hungry are fat with spoil.
The barren has borne seven,
but she who has many children is forlorn.

⁶The Lord kills and brings to life;
he brings down to Sheol and raises up.

⁷The Lord makes poor and makes rich;
he brings low, he also exalts.

⁸He raises up the poor from the dust;
he lifts the needy from the ash heap,
to make them sit with princes
and inherit a seat of honour.

For the pillars of the earth are the Lord's,
and on them he has set the world.

⁹'He will guard the feet of his faithful ones,
but the wicked shall be cut off in darkness;
for not by might does one prevail.

¹⁰The Lord! His adversaries shall be shattered;
the Most High will thunder in heaven.
The Lord will judge the ends of the earth;
he will give strength to his king,
and exalt the power of his anointed.' [NRSV]

Luke 2:25-38

²⁵ Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name
was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout,
looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the
Holy Spirit rested on him. ²⁶It had been revealed to
him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death
before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. ²⁷Guided by
the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when
the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him
what was customary under the law, ²⁸Simeon took
him in his arms and praised God, saying,
²⁹'Master, now you are dismissing your servant in
peace,

according to your word;

³⁰for my eyes have seen your salvation,

³¹which you have prepared in the presence of all
peoples,

³²a light for revelation to the Gentiles
and for glory to your people Israel.'

³³ And the child's father and mother were amazed at
what was being said about him. ³⁴Then Simeon
blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child
is destined for the falling and the rising of many in
Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed ³⁵so that
the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a
sword will pierce your own soul too.'

³⁶ There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of
Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age,
having lived with her husband for seven years after
her marriage, ³⁷then as a widow to the age of
eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped
there with fasting and prayer night and day. ³⁸At that
moment she came, and began to praise God and to
speak about the child to all who were looking for the
redemption of Jerusalem. [NRSV]

More news.....

MCC Choose gifts that change lives. Browse the MCC website at <https://mcc.org/christmas> to find the perfect gifts. There are stocking stuffers like chickens, or you can opt for eco-gifts like healthy dirt and skills for young farmers. Once you've made your selections, send a personalized e-card to your friends and family or schedule one to be delivered on Christmas day.

Canadian Mennonite is hiring an Online Media Manager, a full-time position that can be worked remotely. Multi-media journalists with a passion for the Mennonite church are welcome to apply. Go to <https://canadianmennonite.org/employment>.

The Song of Those Who Waited Congregational Reading

- WOMEN My heart exults in the Lord; my strength is exalted in my God. My mouth derides my enemies, because I rejoice in my victory. (1 Sam. 2:1)
- Oh Lord of hosts, if only you will look on the misery of your servant, and remember me, and not forget your servant, but will give to your servant a male child, then I will set him before you as a Nazirite until the day of his death. He shall drink neither wine nor intoxicants, and no razor shall touch his head. (1 Sam 1:11)
- Happy am I! For the women will call me happy. (Leah in Gen 30:13)
- MEN He is your praise; he is your God, who has done for you these great and awesome things that your own eyes have seen. (Deut 10:21)
- He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant forever. Holy and awesome is his name. (Ps 111:9)
- WOMEN The steadfast love of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear him, and his righteousness to children's children. (Ps 103:17)
- MEN He crushed Rahab like a carcass; he scattered your enemies with his mighty arm. (Ps 89:10)
- He leads priests away stripped, and overthrows the mighty. (Job 12:19)
- WOMEN He sets on high those who are lowly, and those who mourn are lifted to safety. (Job 5:11)
- MEN The Lord makes poor and makes rich; he brings low, he also exalts. (Sam 2:7)
- WOMEN For he satisfies the thirsty, and the hungry he fills with good things. (Ps 107:9)
- MEN But you, Israel, my servant, Jacob, I have chosen, the offspring of Abraham, my friend. (Is 41:8)
- WOMEN He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel. All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God. (Ps 98:3)
- MEN The Lord will show faithfulness to Jacob and unswerving loyalty to Abraham, as he has sworn to our ancestors from the days of old. (Micah 7:20)
- WOMEN He is a tower of salvation for his king, and shows steadfast love to his anointed, to David and his descendants forever. (2 Sam 22:51)

More news.....

VST Lecture event What was it like to be poor in the Roman world, and how did the poor survive? After exploring that question we will survey the Jewish tradition of support for the poor, before examining what difference early Christianity made as it embedded itself among the poor, with an ethos that crossed the normal limits of reciprocal care. Come hear visiting scholar John Barclay offer his thoughts on Early Christianity and the Survival of the Poor Thursday November 22nd from 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm at the Chapel of the Epiphany (6030 Chancellor Blvd, UBC)