

“SPEAK, LORD ...”

“FOR YOUR SERVANT HEARS”

1 Samuel 3:10



Good morning and welcome to worship!

Today in this season of Epiphany, we will look at how God reveals Himself to us. When Samuel was just a boy, God spoke to him at night. Today, God speaks to us in His Word. Our sermon for today is titled, “Speak, Lord...”



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Pre-Service Music

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Welcome

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Time of Praise & Worship

"Your Name"

**As morning dawns and evening fades
You inspire songs of praise
That rise from earth to touch Your heart
And glorify Your Name**

**(CHORUS) Your Name is a strong and mighty tower
Your Name is a shelter like no other
Your Name let the nations sing it louder
'Cause nothing has the power to save
But Your Name**

**Jesus in Your Name we pray
Come and fill our hearts today
Lord give us strength to live for You
And glorify Your Name (CHORUS)**

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"God So Loved"

**Come all you weary - Come all you thirsty
Come to the well that never runs dry
Drink of the water
Come and thirst no more**

**Come all you sinners - Come find His mercy
Come to the table He will satisfy
Taste of His goodness
Find what you're looking for**

**(CHORUS) For God so loved the world that He gave us
His one and only Son to save us
Whoever believes in Him will live forever**

**Bring all your failures bring your addictions
Come lay them down at the foot of the cross
Jesus is waiting there with open arms (CHORUS)**

**The power of hell forever defeated
Now it is well I'm walking in freedom
For God so loved God so loved the world**

**(BRIDGE) Praise God praise God
From whom all blessings flow
Praise Him praise Him
For the wonders of His love (REPEAT)**

**For God so loved the world that He gave us
His one and only Son to sa-ve (CHORUS)**

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Invocation & Introduction of Today's Theme *(Psalm 139:1-3)*

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

ALL: Amen.

P: Welcome to worship in the name of the Lord.

C: **His name is powerful and majestic!**

P: O Lord, You have searched me and known me! You know when I sit down and when I rise up.

C: **You discern my thoughts from afar.**

P: You search out my path and my lying down.

C: and are acquainted with all my ways.

All: **Glory be to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.**

Prayer of the Day

P: Please pray with me...Heavenly Father, we are in awe of Your majestic love for us. It is higher than the heavens and deeper than the depths of the sea. We have often forgotten this. Please forgive us Lord. Grant us humble hearts to trust You in all circumstances. Please open our ears and our hearts to hear Your Word and follow it.

ALL: In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Old Testament Reading

1 Samuel 3:1-10

*During the time that Eli served as judge of Israel, the Lord spoke to Samuel, even though he was still a youth.
Eli told Samuel to say to the Lord, "Speak Lord, for your servant hears."*

The Old Testament reading is from the first of Samuel, the third chapter:

¹Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD in the presence of Eli. And the word of the LORD was rare in those days; there was no frequent vision.

² At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his own place. ³ The lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was. ⁴ Then the LORD called Samuel, and he said, "Here I am!" ⁵ and ran to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. ⁶ And the LORD called again, "Samuel!" and Samuel arose and went to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." ⁷ Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. ⁸ And the LORD called Samuel again the third time. And he arose and went to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the boy. ⁹ Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down, and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, LORD, for your servant hears.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place. ¹⁰ And the LORD came and stood, calling as at other times, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant hears.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Hymn of Praise

"Speak, O Lord!"

**Speak O Lord as we come to You
To receive the food of Your holy word
Take Your truth plant it deep in us
Shape and fashion us in Your likeness
That the light of Christ might be seen today
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith
Speak O Lord and fulfill in us
All Your purposes for Your glory**

**Teach us Lord full obedience
Holy reverence true humility
Test our thoughts and our attitudes
In the radiance of Your purity
Cause our faith to rise
Cause our eyes to see
Your majestic love and authority
Words of power that can never fail
Let their truth prevail over unbelief**

**Speak O Lord and renew our minds
Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time
That will echo down through eternity
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises
And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us
Speak O Lord till Your church is built
And the earth is filled with Your glory**

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Holy Gospel

John 1:43-51

Here Jesus calls Philip and Nathanael to follow Him. He promises Nathanael, "You will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man."

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the first chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

⁴³The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." ⁴⁴ Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. ⁴⁵ Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him of whom Moses in the Law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." ⁴⁶ Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." ⁴⁷ Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him and said of him, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom there is no deceit!" ⁴⁸ Nathanael said to him, "How do you know me?" Jesus answered him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you." ⁴⁹ Nathanael answered him, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" ⁵⁰ Jesus answered him, "Because I said to you, 'I saw you under the fig tree,' do you believe? You will see greater things than these." ⁵¹ And he said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you¹ you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

Profession of Faith

All: I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

P: What does this mean?

All: I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity and also true man, born of the virgin Mary is my Lord.

Women and Girls: Who has redeemed me a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death and from the power of the devil;

All: That I may be his own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness. Just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true.

Sermon Song

**"I, the Lord of sea and sky; I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in deepest sin My hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear My light to them? Whom shall I send?"**

I will hold Your people in my heart.

I will give My life to them. Whom shall I send?"

I will hold Your people in my heart.

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Offering

Prayers of the Church

P: Lord, in Your mercy.

C: Hear our prayer.

Time of Confession and Forgiveness

P: As we have now heard God's Word, we humbly come to Him, seeking His forgiveness and strength for renewed faith and trust in Him. Please join me as we confess our sins to Him.

(We stand beneath the cross, to silently meditate on His Word.)

All: Lord, Your Word is full of wisdom and power. We have often sought to follow our own wisdom and power. We have not loved You in thought, word, or deed. We have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. We are sinful people. Please forgive us for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior. And send us Your Holy Spirit to overcome the temptations of the devil, the world, and our own sinful flesh.

P: Through the powerful life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, your sin has been paid for. As high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is His steadfast love for you. You are forgiven in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

ALL: Amen! Thanks be to God!

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

We Prepare

P: As baptized believers we have died to sin, and live a new life in Christ. Our Savior, too, was baptized and physically died, shedding His blood and suffering through crucifixion, as a loving sacrifice for our sins. He was raised to life on the third day.

ALL: In Christ, we have hope and life eternal!

P: As we share the Lord's Supper today, we thank the Father for His love. We thank Jesus for His sacrifice. And we thank the Holy Spirit for never abandoning us as we journey through this life on earth, looking forward to the day when we can fully spend eternity with Him!

Words of Institution

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Peace of the Lord

P: The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you!

(We share God's peace as brothers and sisters in Christ.)

Distribution

Communion Songs

"Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)"

Amazing grace how sweet the sound

That saved a wretch like me

I once was lost but now I'm found

Was blind but now I see

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear

And grace my fears relieved

How precious did that grace appear

The hour I first believed

(CHORUS) My chains are gone, I've been set free

My God my Savior has ransomed me

And like a flood, His mercy reigns

Unending love, amazing grace

The Lord has promised good to me
His word my hope secures
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures (CHORUS)

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow
The sun forbear to shine
But God who called me here below
Will be forever mine
Will be forever mine
You are forever mine

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Dismissal Blessing

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting.

ALL: Amen.

Blessing

P: Father, you've blessed us with your words that spoke this world into motion. You've blessed us with your love. You've blessed us with your presence through your Holy Spirit who will never leave us.

ALL: May we live our lives as a blessing to others sharing your eternal hope.

Benediction

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace!

ALL: Amen!

Closing Song

"10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)"
(CHORUS) Bless the Lord O my soul, O my soul
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before, O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name

**The sun comes up it's a new day dawning
It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes (CHORUS)**

**You're rich in love and You're slow to anger
Your name is great and Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find (CHORUS)**

**And on that day when my strength is failing
The end draws near and my time has come
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years and then forevermore (CHORUS)**

**(ENDING) Worship Your holy name
Lord I'll worship Your holy name**

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