



Living Praise Celebration
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INVOCATION AND CALL TO WORSHIP *(from Psalm 29)*

Pastor: Ascribe to the Lord, you heavenly beings, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

All: Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; worship the Lord in the splendor of his holiness.

Pastor: The voice of the Lord is over the waters; the God of glory thunders,

All: The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is majestic.

Pastor: The voice of the Lord strikes with flashes of lightning. The voice of the Lord shakes the desert;

All: And in his temple all cry, "Glory!"

Pastor: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit;

All: Amen.

RESPONSIVE READING: Exodus 3:1-14

Reader: Moses was tending the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian, and he led the flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in flames of fire from within a bush. Moses saw that though the bush was on fire it did not burn up. So Moses thought,

All: "I will go over and see this strange sight—why the bush does not burn up."

Reader: When the LORD saw that he had gone over to look, God called to him from within the bush, "Moses! Moses!" And Moses said,

All: "Here I am."

Reader: "Do not come any closer," God said. "Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy ground." Then he said, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob." At this, Moses hid his face, because he was afraid to look at God. The LORD said, "I have indeed seen the misery of my people in Egypt. I have heard them crying out because of their slave drivers, and I am concerned about their suffering. So I have come down to rescue them from the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land into a good and spacious land, a land flowing with milk and honey—the home of the Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, Perizzites, Hivites and Jebusites. And now the cry of the Israelites has reached me, and I have seen the way the Egyptians are oppressing them. So now, go. I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people the Israelites out of Egypt." But Moses said to God,

All: "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?"

Reader: And God said, "I will be with you. And this will be the sign to you that it is I who have sent you: When you have brought the people out of Egypt, you will worship God on this mountain." Moses said to God,

All: "Suppose I go to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' Then what shall I tell them?"

Reader: God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM. This is what you are to say to the Israelites: 'I AM has sent me to you.'"

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Pastor: Lord, you once spoke to your people through a bush that was not consumed;

All: and now, you speak to us through a cross, where the life of our Savior was consumed by our sin. We admit we have paid little attention to your voice; we have ignored it, and have followed our own thoughts, and the voices of those with whom we agree. For the sake of the cross and the one who hung there, our Savior Jesus, forgive us.

-We pause to remember and repent of our sin-

Pastor: To receive a vision for ministry, we must also know ourselves.

All: "I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well." I confess that I make it all about me, and not how you have made me to build up others. (Psalm 139:14)

Pastor: To receive a vision for ministry, we must know our circumstances.

All: "My times are in your hands." Who can understand these times we're in, LORD? I confess that I often forget you are in control. (Psalm 31:15)

-We pause to remember and repent of our sin-

Pastor: ...How shall we respond to his voice?

All: We will make it happen! Amen.

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 5:14-17

"You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

"Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them.

SERMON

SONG

“Here I Am Lord”

I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard My people cry.
All who dwell in dark and 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?

Here I am Lord, Is it I, Lord?
I have heard You calling in the night.
I will go Lord, if You lead me.
I will hold Your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them, They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
Give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak My word to them
Whom shall I send?

Here I am Lord, Is it I, Lord?
I have heard You calling in the night.
I will go Lord, if You lead me.
I will hold Your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of wind and flame
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them,
My hand will save
Finest bread I will provide,
Till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give My life to them,
Whom shall I send?

Here I am Lord, Is it I, Lord?
I have heard You calling in the night.
I will go Lord, if You lead me.
I will hold Your people in my heart.

OFFERING

COMMISSIONING OF VISION PATHWAY TEAM

PRAYERS

LORD'S PRAYER

All: 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.

NEXT STEPS

INVITATION TO PRAYER

BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG

"Great I Am"

I wanna be close close to Your side
So Heaven is real and death is a lie
I wanna hear voices of angels above
Singing as one

Chorus

Hallelujah holy holy
God Almighty great I Am
Who is worthy none beside Thee
God Almighty great I Am

I wanna be near near to Your heart
Loving the world hating the dark
I wanna see dry bones living again
Singing as one

The mountains shake before You
The demons run and flee
At the mention of Your name King of majesty
There is no pow'r in hell or any who can stand
Before the power and the Presence of the great I Am
The great I Am (5X)
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