

Speak Lord, Your Servant is listening

God speaks to us in different ways. He speaks to us through the Liturgy and the Sacraments; through the dictates of our conscience (a well informed and formed conscience); and through one another. The readings of today invite us to reflect on different ways God speaks to us and to pay attention to them. In our first reading, the boy Samuel, who was growing up in the presence of his master Eli, listened with open ears to the instructions and directions of his master, which directed him to listen to God. Similarly, in the gospel, the two disciples of John listened to John's recognition of the Lamb of God (Christ), they followed, stayed and invariably listened to Jesus.

God wants us to listen to him as Samuel and the disciples in the gospel did. Are we disposed to make use of different ways through which God speaks to us? In our liturgical celebrations, do we get consumed by distractions, thinking of what we did or what we are going to do after the celebrations? Or do we listen attentively to connect the message of the liturgy to our lives? God for sure will speak to us when we make ourselves available to listen to him.

Amidst the bustles and hustles of our noisy and busy life, let us always find time to quietly listen to what God is telling us about different situations we find ourselves in our life journey. We pray through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, who did not only listen to the Word of God, but allowed it to inform, to form and to transform her; to intercede for us in our struggles so that we can say always like Samuel "*Speak Lord your servant is listening*" Amen.

"Sacrifice and offering you do not ask O Lord; but ears open to your commands" (Psalm 40:7).