

An invitation to take part in  
**A Diocesan Art Exhibition: The God who Speaks**

*The Mighty One, God, the LORD, has spoken, and summoned the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting. Psalm 50:1*



JMW Turner: The Lake, Petworth, Sunset, (detail), 1827 (Tate Gallery)

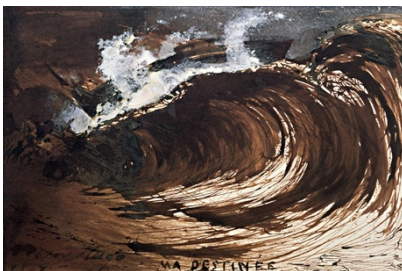
In the Old Testament God spoke directly to man:  
*I have set my rainbow in the clouds, and it will be the sign of the covenant between me and the earth. Genesis 9:13*



John Constable: Landscape with A Double Rainbow, 1821 (V&A)

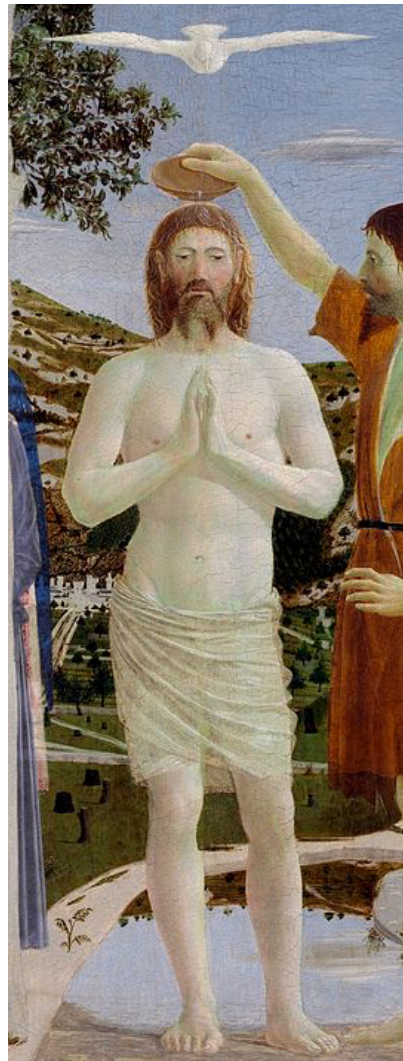
God spoke to, and through, the prophets, sometimes fiercely:

*A lion has roared! Who will not fear? The Lord GOD has spoken! Amos 3:8  
For He spoke and raised a mighty wind, which lifted up the waves of the sea. Psalm 107:25*



Victor Hugo: My Destiny, 1857

In the New Testament the voice of God the Father is heard at Christ's baptism:  
*You are my beloved Son; in You I am well pleased. Luke 3:22*



Piero della Francesca: The Baptism of Christ (detail), 1437 (NG)

And now God speaks to us in His Son, and in taking human form he is visible to us, as in the "embodied prayer" of the Byzantine icon.



The oldest surviving icon of Christ Pantocrator, c. 6th century (Saint Catherine's Monastery, Mount Sinai)

Artists of the modern era have sought to understand and reveal God through an immersive study of His works:  
*Colours are the shimmering surface of the ideas of God.*  
Paul Cézanne

And now it's your turn! If you'd like to take part in the Exhibition, *The God Who Speaks*, at the Sacred Heart Church, Morriston (exhibition in the former Baptist Chapel opposite) on 18<sup>th</sup> July 2020, and would like more details contact: Jason Braham, [jason@farhallstudios.co.uk](mailto:jason@farhallstudios.co.uk) or Peter Cooper, [peter.art@btinternet.com](mailto:peter.art@btinternet.com)