

A Centurion Converts
Peter and Cornelius
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AS WE GATHER

Our Bible Reading of the Day is Acts 10:1-48. A faithful and generous centurion named Cornelius has a vision of God's angel telling him to bring Peter to Caesarea. In Joppa, Peter sees a vision of a sheet descending from the sky, filled with all kinds of animals. The instruction to "kill and eat" confuses Peter since many of the animals on the sheet are considered unclean. The Spirit tells Peter to go to Caesarea. At Cornelius's home, the Holy Spirit descends on the Gentiles as Peter preaches the Gospel to them. Peter commands the Gentiles to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.

OPENING PRAISE SONG: God So Loved A Bergthold | E Cash | F Cash | M Cash | S Cash

Verse 1

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

Verse 2

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 1

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

Verse 3

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 2

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
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

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Chorus 3

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Chorus 2

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Ending

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Jesus is waiting God so loved the world CCLI Song # 7138599

WELCOME | ATTENDANCE | PRAYER CARDS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREET ONE ANOTHER

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Let us confess our sins known and unknown.

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

People: who made heaven and earth.

Pastor: I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,"

People: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Pastor: Gracious heavenly Father,

People: we confess that our faith wavers at times. We allow things of this world to produce uncertainty and fear within us. Although we believe in Your victory at the end of time, we fail to trust You to protect us and relieve our anxieties each day. Forgive us, strengthen our faith in Your almighty power and unconditional love, and turn us again toward Your will. Grant us to serve You in peace and joy. Amen.

Pastor: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

PRAISE SONG: "Great Are You Lord" © All Sons & Daughters

Verse 1

You give life, You are love You bring light to the darkness
You give hope, You restore Every heart that is broken
Great are You, Lord

Chorus

It's Your breath in our lungs So we pour out our praise
We pour out our praise It's Your breath in our lungs
So we pour out our praise to You only

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Bridge

All the earth will shout Your praise
Our hearts will cry, these bones will sing
Great are You, Lord

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Bridge

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TIME IN THE WORD

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Reading of the Day: Acts 10:1-48

At Caesarea there was a man named Cornelius, a centurion in what was known as the Italian Regiment. He and all his family were devout and God-fearing; he gave generously to those in need and prayed to God regularly. One day at about three in the afternoon he had a vision. He distinctly saw an angel of God, who came to him and said, "Cornelius!" Cornelius stared at him in fear. "What is it, Lord?" he asked. The angel answered, "Your prayers and gifts to the poor have come up as a memorial offering before God. Now send men to Joppa to bring back a man named Simon who is called Peter. He is staying with Simon the tanner, whose house is by the sea." When the angel who spoke to him had gone, Cornelius called two of his servants and a devout soldier who was one of his attendants. He told them everything that had happened and sent them to Joppa. About noon the following day as they were on their journey and approaching the city, Peter went up on the roof to pray. He became hungry and wanted something to eat, and while the meal was being prepared, he fell into a trance. He saw heaven opened and something like a large sheet being let down to earth by its four corners. It contained all kinds of four-footed animals, as well as reptiles and birds. Then a voice told him, "Get up, Peter. Kill and eat." "Surely not, Lord!" Peter replied. "I have never eaten anything impure or unclean." The voice spoke to him a second time, "Do not call anything impure that God has made clean." This happened three times, and immediately the sheet was taken back to heaven. While Peter was wondering about the meaning of the vision, the men sent by Cornelius found out where Simon's house was and stopped at the gate. They called out, asking if Simon who was known as Peter was staying there. While Peter was still thinking about the vision, the Spirit said to him, "Simon, three men are looking for you. So, get up and go downstairs. Do not hesitate to go with them, for I have sent them." Peter went down and said to the men, "I'm the one you're looking for. Why have you come?" The men replied, "We have come from Cornelius the centurion. He is a righteous and God-fearing man, who is respected by all the Jewish people. A holy angel told him to ask you to come to his house so that he could hear what you have to say." Then Peter invited the men into the house to be his guests. The next day Peter started out with them, and some of the believers from Joppa went along. The following day he arrived in Caesarea. Cornelius was expecting them and had called together his relatives and

close friends. As Peter entered the house, Cornelius met him and fell at his feet in reverence. But Peter made him get up. "Stand up," he said, "I am only a man myself." While talking with him, Peter went inside and found a large gathering of people. He said to them: "You are well aware that it is against our law for a Jew to associate with or visit a Gentile. But God has shown me that I should not call anyone impure or unclean. So, when I was sent for, I came without raising any objection. May I ask why you sent for me?" Cornelius answered: "Three days ago I was in my house praying at this hour, at three in the afternoon. Suddenly a man in shining clothes stood before me and said, 'Cornelius, God has heard your prayer and remembered your gifts to the poor. Send to Joppa for Simon who is called Peter. He is a guest in the home of Simon the tanner, who lives by the sea.' So, I sent for you immediately, and it was good of you to come. Now we are all here in the presence of God to listen to everything the Lord has commanded you to tell us." Then Peter began to speak: "I now realize how true it is that God does not show favoritism but accepts from every nation the one who fears him and does what is right. You know the message God sent to the people of Israel, announcing the good news of peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all. You know what has happened throughout the province of Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached— how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him. "We are witnesses of everything he did in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They killed him by hanging him on a cross, but God raised him from the dead on the third day and caused him to be seen. He was not seen by all the people, but by witnesses whom God had already chosen—by us who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one whom God appointed as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name." While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit came on all who heard the message. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on Gentiles. For they heard them speaking in tongues and praising God. Then Peter said, "Surely no one can stand in the way of their being baptized with water. They have received the Holy Spirit just as we have." So, he ordered that they be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked Peter to stay with them for a few days.

Here ends the Reading.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

MESSAGE

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

OFFERING | TREASURE BOX

OFFERING SONG: Who You Say We Are © Steven Curtis Chapman

Verse 1

Oh how great is the love The Father has lavished on us
That we should be called the children of God
Oh how great was the cost The Father was willing to pay
So we could be called the children of God

Pre-Chorus 1

And all that we can say is thank You, thank You
And all that we can say is thank You, thank You

Chorus 1

We are Your sons we are Your daughters Hallelujah we are who You say we are
So we lift our hands and cry Abba Father
Hallelujah we are who You say we are Hallelujah we are who You say we are

Verse 2

Oh how great is Your amazing grace That took us as orphans and slaves
And made us Your heirs and gave us Your name

There's nothing more that we could ever do You finished it all on the cross
And rose from the grave and brought us with You

Pre-Chorus 1

And all that we can say is thank You, thank You
And all that we can say is thank You, thank You

Chorus 1

We are Your sons we are Your daughters Hallelujah we are who You say we are
So we lift our hands and cry Abba Father
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Pre-Chorus 1

And all that we can say is thank You, thank You
And all that we can say is thank You, thank You

Pre-chorus 2

And all that we can say is thank You, thank You Jesus
And all that we can say is thank You, thank You

Chorus 2

We are Your sons we are Your daughters Hallelujah we are who You say we are
So we lift our hands and cry Abba Father Hallelujah we are who You say we are

Chorus 1

We are Your sons we are Your daughters Hallelujah we are who You say we are
So we lift our hands and cry Abba Father
Hallelujah we are who You say we are Hallelujah we are who You say we are

End Tag

Hallelujah we are who You say we are

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PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

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.

BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG: “Savior” Jacob Daniel | Shoup | Ornellas | Crawford | Love
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Verse 1

There is one giving hope when all is hopeless
To redeem the mess we made
There is one stronger than our sinful weakness
with a love that will not change

Pre-chorus

God so loved us, poured out for us,
Your grace, It knows no end!

Chorus

SAVIOR, living Son Your death won life for us
What’s impossible is possible oh SAVIOR, mighty one
is Greater than all the dark
What’s impossible is possible oh
SAVIOR SAVIOR

Verse 2

There is one Taking back all that’s been stolen
Breathing life into the grave
There is one Restoring all that has been broken
And His arms are strong to save

Pre-chorus

God so loved us, poured out for us,
Your grace, It knows no end!

Chorus

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Bridge

Hope of our redemption story Only you deserve the glory
We know that - You’ll save us Rescuer of every nation
You’re the rock Of our salvation We know that - You are the

SAVIOR, SAVIOR

Chorus

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What’s impossible is possible oh SAVIOR

Chorus

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SAVIOR, SAVIOR, SAVIOR

SEND OFF

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All: and serving Jesus Christ by serving others!