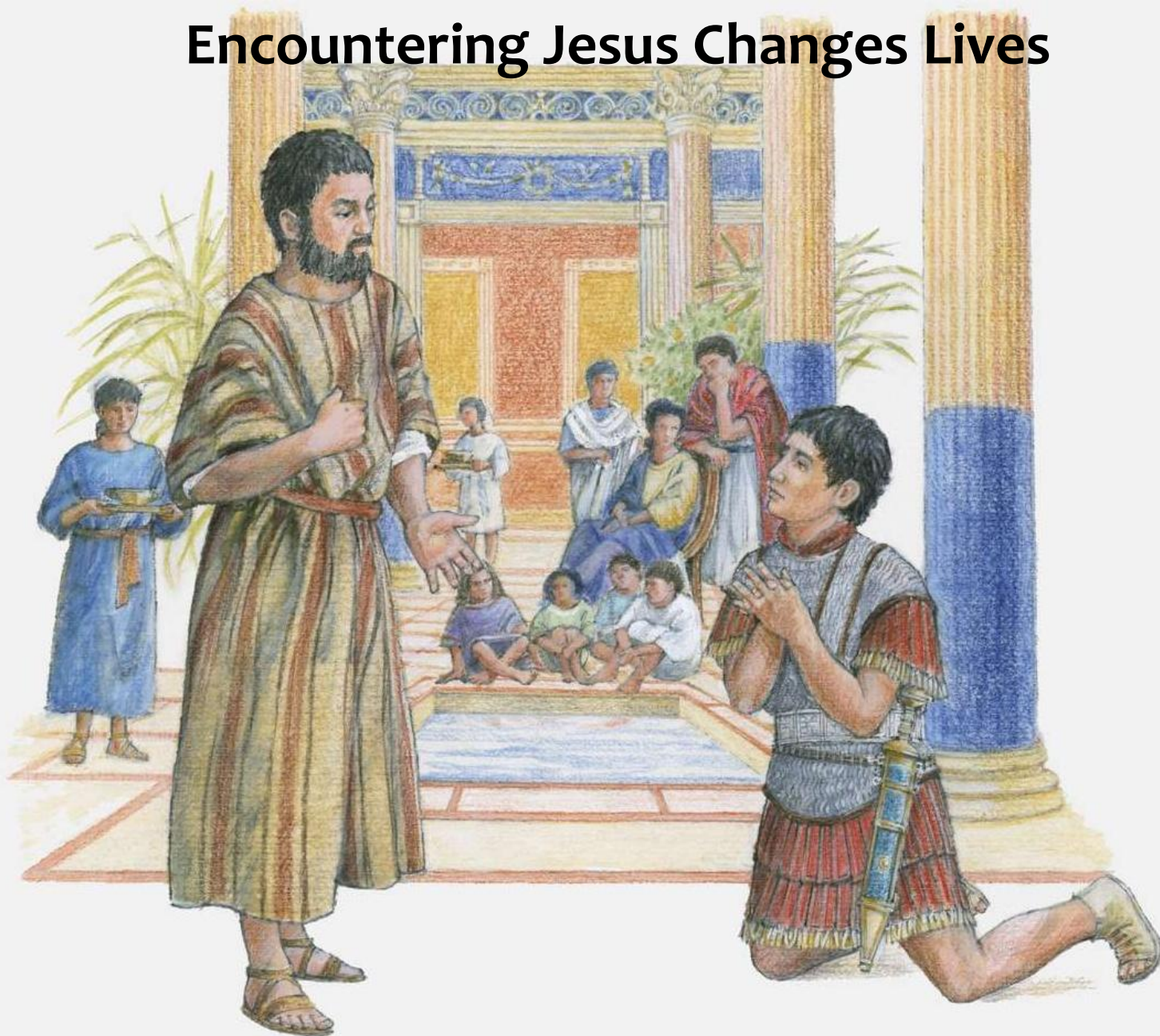


Encountering Jesus Changes Lives



The Story of Cornelius the Centurion

Welcome and Introduction



Gathering Prayer (Interactive)

Everybody's welcome.

God is here with us.

Come everybody, gather to worship.

Fill our hearts with his love.

Fill our minds with his peace.

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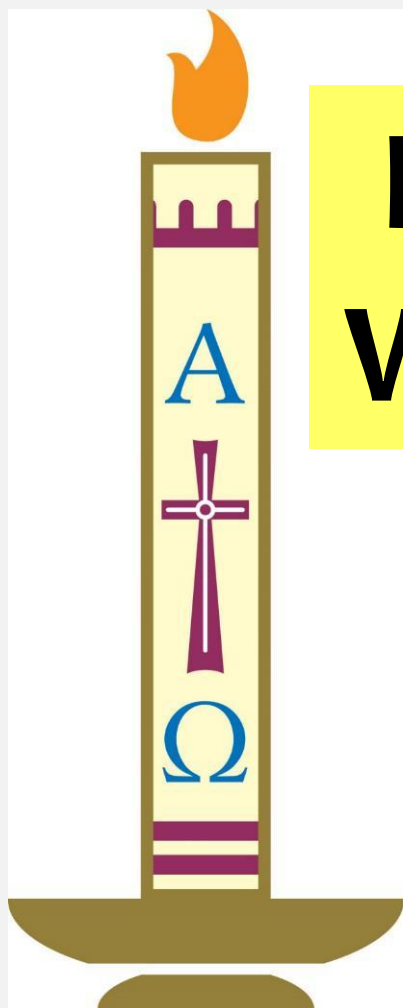
God is here with us.

We praise you Jesus

Amen

A Prayer for Growth

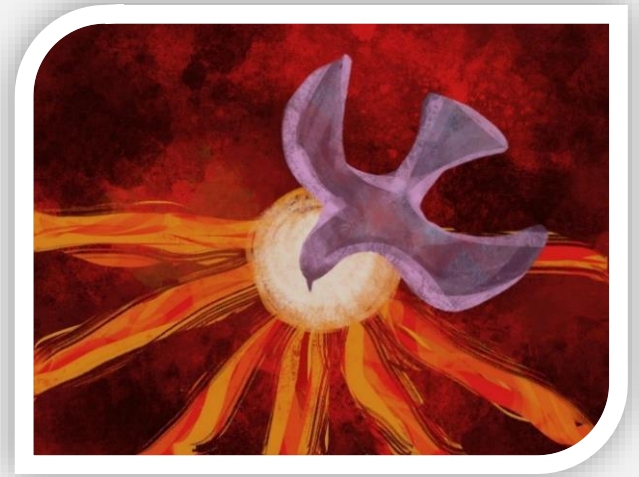
**God of mission
who alone brings growth to your church,
send your Holy Spirit to give vision to our planning
wisdom to our actions and power to our witness.
Help our Partnership of Churches to grow in numbers
in spiritual commitment to you
and in service to our Swindon community
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen**



Baptism Welcome



Minister :
God has received you by
baptism into his Church.



**All :We welcome you into the Lord's Family.
We are members together of the body of Christ
we are children of the same heavenly Father
we are inheritors together of the kingdom of God.
We welcome you.**

We join together to sing this blessing

**The Lord bless you and keep you
make his face shine upon you
and be gracious to you.
The Lord turn his face toward you
and give you peace. (repeat)**

**A... ..men, amen, amen
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Song: We are marching in the light of Christ

We are marching in the light of Christ

We are marching in the light of Christ

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We are marching in the light of Christ

We are marching, we are marching Oh Oh

We are marching in the light of Christ

We are marching, we are marching Oh Oh

We are marching in the light of Christ

Song: We are marching in the light of Christ

We are living in the love of Christ

We are living in the love of Christ

We are living in the love of Christ

We are living in the love of Christ

We are living, we are living Oh Oh

We are living in the love of Christ

We are living, we are living Oh Oh

We are living in the love of Christ

Song: We are marching in the light of Christ

We are moving in the power of Christ

We are moving in the power of Christ

We are moving in the power of Christ

We are moving in the power of Christ

We are moving, we are moving Oh Oh

We are moving in the power of Christ

We are moving, we are moving Oh Oh

We are moving in the power of Christ

Offertory and Thankyou Prayer



Saying Sorry (Bubbles)

Dear, loving God, we know we haven't always been the people you intended us to be. Sometimes we've been selfish, or unkind, or even hurtful. We are sorry for those times. Please help us to be more like Jesus, and to show your love to others. Amen.

Absolution

May we who were once far away from Jesus, be brought nearer to him, who gives us forgiveness and peace. May God forgive us and help us to overcome our faults. **Amen.**

Centurion for the Children



Song: Seek Ye First

Seek ye first the kingdom of God
And His righteousness,
And all these things shall be added unto you,
Hallelu, hallelujah!

Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
Hallelujah! Hallelu, hallelujah!

Man shall not live by bread alone,
But by every word
That proceeds from the mouth of God,
Hallelu, hallelujah!

Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
Hallelujah! Hallelu, hallelujah!

Song: Seek Ye First

Ask and it shall be given unto you,
Seek and ye shall find.
Knock and it shall be opened unto you,
Hallelu, hallelujah!

Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
Hallelujah! Hallelu, hallelujah!

Trust in the Lord with all thine heart,
He shall direct thy paths,
In all thy ways acknowledge Him,
Hallelu, hallelujah!

Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
Hallelujah! Hallelu, hallelujah!

Acts 10
The Centurion
Cornelius
(Paraphrased)



Collect

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Who was Cornelius?

At Caesarea there was a man named Cornelius, a centurion in what was known as the Italian Regiment



A Statement of Faith

Let's join with God's saints from every time and place to declare the things we believe.

We believe In God the Father from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.

We believe in God the Son, who lives in our hearts through faith and fills us with his love.

We believe in God the Holy Spirit who strengthens us with power from on high.

We believe in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen

Hymn: Nearer My God To Thee

1. Nearer my God to thee,
Nearer to Thee:
E'en though it be a cross
That raiseth me,
Still all my song would be,
Nearer, my God, to Thee,
Nearer, my God to Thee
Nearer to Thee

Hymn: Nearer My God To Thee

2. Though, like the wanderer,
The sun gone down,
Darkness be over me,
My rest a stone,
Yet in my dreams I'd be
Nearer, my God, to Thee,
Nearer, my God to Thee
Nearer to Thee

Hymn: Nearer My God To Thee

3. There let the way appear,
Steps up to heaven;
All that Thou sendest me,
In mercy given;
Angels to beckon me
Nearer, my God, to Thee,
Nearer, my God to Thee
Nearer to Thee

Hymn: Nearer My God To Thee

4. Then, with my waking thoughts
Bright with Thy praise,
Out of my stony griefs
Bethel I'll raise;
So by my woes to be
Nearer, my God, to Thee,
Nearer, my God to Thee
Nearer to Thee

Hymn: Nearer My God To Thee

5. Or, if on joyful wing
Cleaving the sky,
Sun, moon, and stars forgot,
Upwards I fly,
Still all my song shall be,
Nearer, my God, to Thee,
Nearer, my God to Thee
Nearer to Thee.

Lord's Prayer

Joining our prayers together we pray in the words that Jesus taught us.

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.

Sharing the Peace

If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful.

The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

Let us share a sign of that peace with one another

PEACE

Song: 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

Song: Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)

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

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Song: Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)

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

Family News

What's going on?



God's Work
Our Hands

The Blessing

May God the Father, who loved the world so much that he sent his only Son, give you grace to prepare for life eternal. **Amen.**

May God the Son, who comes to us as redeemer and judge, reveal to you the path from darkness to light. **Amen.**

May God the Holy Spirit, by whose working the Virgin Mary conceived the Christ, help you bear the fruits of holiness. **Amen.**

And the blessing of Almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be upon you and those you love and pray for, now and forever

Sending Out Prayer

Lord, nourish us with your grace and fill us with your spirit, that we may receive the promise and know the joy of eternal life , and bring you glory throughout our days on earth and in heaven above . **Amen**