

HYMNS FOR TODAY: AM

Reading: Acts 10 v 1 - 11 v 18
Title: "A drama out of a crisis!"

O God beyond all praising,

We worship You today
And sing the love amazing
That songs cannot repay;
For we can only wonder
At every gift You send,
At blessings without number
And mercies without end:
We lift our hearts before You
And wait upon Your word,
We honour and adore You,
Our great and mighty Lord.

Then hear, O gracious Saviour,
Accept the love we bring,
That we who know Your favour
May serve You as our king;
And whether our tomorrows
Be filled with good or ill,
We'll triumph through our sorrows
And rise to bless You still:
To marvel at Your beauty
And glory in Your ways,
And make a joyful duty
Our sacrifice of praise.

Far before time, beyond creation's dawn,
Before the sun and moon and stars were born,
Salvation's way for sinners lost, undone,
Was counselled forth by God the Three in One.

A store of grace unlimited was laid
In Jesus Christ before the seas were made;
And precious covenant mercies did abound
In floods of blessing all the world around.

The trumpet sounds the note of glad release
On Calvary, by God's atoning grace:
Glad hymns of praise in every tongue shall be
For Jesu's blood and death that set us free.

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today at 10.30am & 6.00pm

NOTES for the morning service:

The passage of Scripture that we are covering in the morning is a long one – 66 verses!

In his little book, "*Be Dynamic*", the Bible Commentator, *Warren Wiersbe*, helpfully divides the events of chapter 10 into four "acts" – like a play. We have used his idea & headings; and then added a couple more for the remainder of the story in chapter 11 v 1 – 11.

When reading the passage through it might be of help to think of it divided in this way so that we can see how the events unfold.

Act 1: Preparation 10 v 1 – 22

Cornelius (in Ceasarea) and Peter (in Joppa) are prepared by God for their meeting and for the outcomes that God has planned.

Act 2: Explanation 10 v 23 -33

Peter explains what has brought him to Cornelius. Quite a number are gathered in the house to hear what Peter says!

Act 3: Proclamation 10 v 34 – 43

Peter preaches a remarkable, 'Christ centred' message to Cornelius and all who were gathered in his house. A "free offer" of the gospel is made to "*whoever believes*".

Act4: Vindication 10 v 44 – 48

The Holy Spirit comes in a "Pentecost" way to the gathered Gentiles. (See Acts 2 & Acts 8 v 15-18). Peter is vindicated in his obedience to God in preaching the gospel to them.

Act 5: Repetition 11 v 1 – 17

Having returned to Jerusalem, Peter faces confrontation and criticism for his actions but carefully repeats the sequence of events and adds his conclusion in v 17.

Epilogue: Confirmation 11 v 18

The Apostles and those gathered with them are silenced and are brought to glorify God for all that has happened.

Evening hymns, Bible reading & title
of the message follow
overleaf

PM

Reading: Romans 5 v 12 - 21

Title: *From death in Adam to life in Christ*

How sweet the Name of Jesus sounds

In a believer's ear!
It soothes his sorrows, heals his wounds,
And drives away his fear.
It makes the wounded spirit whole,
And calms the troubled breast;
'Tis manna to the hungry soul,
And to the weary, rest. (repeat)

Dear Name! the Rock on which I build,
My Shield and Hiding Place,
My never-failing treasury, filled
With boundless stores of grace!
Jesus! my Shepherd, Brother, Friend,
My Prophet, Priest and King,
My Lord, my Life, my Way, my End,
Accept the praise I bring. (repeat)

Weak is the effort of my heart,
And cold my warmest thought;
But when I see Thee as Thou art,
I'll praise Thee as I ought.
Till then I would Thy love proclaim
With every fleeting breath,
And may the music of Thy Name
Refresh my soul in death! (repeat)

Jesus, Your blood and righteousness

My beauty are, my glorious dress;
'Midst flaming worlds, in these arrayed,
With joy shall I lift up my head.

Bold shall I stand in that great day;
For who aught to my charge shall lay?
Fully absolved through these I am,
From sin and fear, from guilt and shame.

The holy, meek, unspotted Lamb,
Who from the Father's presence came,
Who died for me, e'en me to atone,
Now for my Lord and God I own.

This spotless robe the same appears,
When ruined nature sinks in years;
No age can change its glorious hue,
The robe of Christ is ever new.

When from the dust of death I rise
To claim my mansion in the skies,
Ev'n then this shall be all my plea,
Jesus has lived, has died, for me!

O let the dead now hear Your voice!
Now bid Your banished ones rejoice!
Their beauty this, their glorious dress,
Jesus, the Lord, our Righteousness.