

# Where's Your Chair?

Acts 10 34-48



The Lord has made known his salvation;  
his deliverance has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.  
Psalm 98:3

## **Praising:**

Filled with the Spirit's power, with one accord the infant Church confessed its risen Lord;  
O Holy Spirit, in the Church today no less your power of fellowship display.

## **Reading:**

Acts 10:34-48  
Cornelius: the first Gentile Christian

Peter's approach, is to introduce a group of people familiar with the military concept of the Pax Romana to the concept of the peace of God. The bearer of this peace of God message had been Jesus, and Peter proceeds to outline the key events of Jesus' life. Peter and his fellow apostles stand as witnesses to these events. But it's not just a question

of here is Jesus, take him or leave him. As Peter is preaching, those gathered experience the Holy Spirit in such a way that the truth of Peter's words and the reality of the Lord come alive for them. All that's left is baptism, although the request for Peter to stay a little longer underlines the point that baptism is never an end in itself, only the start of a journey of personal discipleship.

## **Listening:**

## **Praying:**

Lord as we bear witness to your truth help us keep it simple

- give us confidence in the life, death, resurrection and ascension of Jesus
- grant us the blessing of your Spirit to open hearts and minds to your love
- guide us to the waters of baptism as the beginning of a new life dedicated to Christ

Father: I make it so complicated, so difficult, so exacting, while all the power really lies in Jesus – his teaching, his cross, his empty tomb, his commission and his gift of your Spirit. Amen

## **Doing:**

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