



Central's mission:
Love God, love others, and serve the world

March 29, 2020
Fifth Sunday of Lent

Musical Gift

Hymn #419 "I Am Thine, O Lord"

Crosby

1. I am thine, O Lord, I have heard thy voice, and it told thy love to me;
but I long to rise in the arms of faith and be closer drawn to thee.
Draw me nearer, nearer, blessed Lord, to the cross where thou hast died.
Draw me nearer, nearer, nearer, blessed Lord, to thy precious, bleeding side.
2. Consecrate me now to thy service, Lord, by the power of grace divine;
let my soul look up with a steadfast hope, and my will be lost in thine.
3. O the pure delight of a single hour that before thy throne I spend,
when I kneel in prayer, and with thee, my God, I commune as friend with friend!
4. There are depths of love that I cannot know till I cross the narrow sea;
there are heights of joy that I may not reach till I rest in peace with thee.

Affirmation of Faith *The Apostles' Creed*

Mark Haines

**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, dead, and buried;
The third day he rose from the dead; He ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic* church;
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**universal*

Opening Prayer and the Lord's Prayer —

Mark Haines

**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 for ever. Amen.**

Praise —

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1. Oh, to see the dawn of the darkest day: Christ on the road to Calvary.
Tried by sinful men, torn and beaten, then nailed to a cross of wood.
2. Oh, to see the pain written on your face, bearing the awesome weight of sin.
Every bitter thought, every evil deed crowning your blood-stained brow.
**This the power of the cross; Christ became sin for us.
Took the blame, bore the wrath, we stand forgiven at the cross.**
3. Now the daylight flees; now the ground beneath quakes as its Maker bows his head.
Curtain torn in two, dead are raised to life. "Finished!" the victory cry.
4. Oh, to see my name written in the wounds, for through your suffering I am free.
Death is crushed to death, life is mine to live, worn through your selfless love!
**This the power of the cross; Son of God slain for us.
What a love, what a cost! We stand forgiven at the cross.**

Central Reflection

Robbie Hudgeons

Announcements

Children's Message

Debbie Looney

Anthem

Above All, You Are My All in All

arr. Courtney

Debbie Looney, Susan Thompson, Chuck Thompson, Mark Haines
with Virginia Paul, piano & Michael Poovey, drums

Above all powers, above all kings, above all nature and all created things,
Above all wisdom and all the ways of man; You were here before the world began.
Above all kingdoms, above all thrones, above all wonders the world has ever known,
Above all wealth and treasure of the earth; there's no way to measure what you're worth.
Crucified and laid behind a stone, You lived to die rejected and alone.
Like a rose trampled on the ground, You took the fall and thought of me above all.
You are my strength when I am weak, You are the treasure that I seek, You are my all in all.
Seeking You as a precious jewel, Lord, to give up I'd be a fool, You are my all in all!
Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is Your name.
Crucified and laid behind a stone, You lived to die rejected and alone.
Like a rose trampled on the ground, You took the fall and thought of me above all.

Bible Reading —Matthew 5:10-12

—[Prayer]

**Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit,
that, as the Scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed,
we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.**

“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

The word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

Message — “When We Are Persecuted”

Fred Webster

A Celtic Prayer of Peace

Adam

Calm me, Lord, as you calmed the storm; still me, Lord, keep me from harm.

Let all the tumult within me cease, enfold me, Lord in your peace.

Calm me, Lord, as you calmed the storm; still me, Lord, keep me from harm.

Let all the tumult within me cease, Lord, enfold me in your peace.

Hymn #99 “My Tribute”

Crosby

1. To God be the glory, great things he hath done! So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
who yielded his life an atonement for sin, and opened the life-gate that all may go in.
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father thru Jesus the Son, and give him the glory, great things he hath done!
2. O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood, to every believer the promise of God;
the vilest offender who truly believes, that moment from Jesus a pardon receives.
3. Great things he hath taught us, great things he hath done, and great our rejoicing thru Jesus the Son;
but purer, and higher, and greater will be our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.

Sending Forth

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