



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

May 3, 2020  
Fourth Sunday of Easter

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Musical Gift

*Sing with All the Sons of Glory*

Mansfield

Call to Worship *based on Luke 24:13-35*

Fred Webster

Come to the gate and find the Good Shepherd within.

**We need a shepherd – round us up and bring us through your Gate, O Lord.**

If you're hungry or thirsty, the Good Shepherd will provide for your needs.

**That is just what we need. Our souls thirst for God's word.**

Come, the Gate and the Shepherd await.

Hymn #159 "Lift High the Cross"

Wren

**Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim till all the world adore his sacred name.**

1. Come, Christians, follow this triumphant sign. The hosts of God in unity combine.
2. Each newborn servant of the crucified bears on the brow the seal of him who died.
3. O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree, as thou hast promised, draw the world to thee.
4. So shall our song of triumph ever be: Praise to the Crucified for victory!

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.  
**This the power of the cross; Christ became sin for us.**  
**Took the blame, bore the wrath, we stand forgiven at the cross.**
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.
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, won 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.**

Bible Reading — 1 Peter 2:19-25

Fred Webster

—[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.**

For it is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps. "He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth." When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

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

Hymn "Since Jesus Came into My Heart"

McDaniel

1. What a wonderful change in my life has been wrought Since Jesus came into my heart!  
I have light in my soul for which long I had sought Since Jesus came into my heart!  
**Since Jesus came into my heart, since Jesus came into my heart,**  
**Floods of joy o'er my soul like the sea billows roll, since Jesus came into my heart.**
2. I have ceased from my wand'ring and going astray Since Jesus came into my heart!  
And my sins, which were many, are all washed away Since Jesus came into my heart!
3. I'm possessed of a hope that is steadfast and sure, Since Jesus came into my heart!  
And no dark clouds of doubt now my pathway obscure Since Jesus came into my heart!
4. There's a light in the valley of death now for me, Since Jesus came into my heart!  
And the gates of the City beyond I can see Since Jesus came into my heart!
5. I shall go there to dwell in that City, I know, Since Jesus came into my heart!  
And I'm happy, so happy, as onward I go Since Jesus came into my heart!

Sending Forth

Dorothy Ann Webster

Musical Gift

*Rise and Rejoice*

Ritter

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*Love GOD*



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