

Waupun United Methodist Church, Waupun, WI
Worship Supplement – Ash Wednesday, 2022

Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross

**Jesus, keep me near the cross; there a precious fountain,
free to all, a healing stream, flows from Calvary's mountain.**

**In the cross, in the cross, be my glory ever,
till my raptured soul shall find rest beyond the river.**

**Near the cross, a trembling soul, love and mercy found me;
there the bright and morning star sheds its beams around me.**

**In the cross, in the cross, be my glory ever,
till my raptured soul shall find rest beyond the river.**

**Near the cross! O Lamb of God, bring its scenes before me;
help me walk from day to day with its shadow o'er me.**

**In the cross, in the cross, be my glory ever,
till my raptured soul shall find rest beyond the river.**

**Near the cross I'll watch and wait, hoping, trusting, ever,
till I reach the golden strand just beyond the river.**

**In the cross, in the cross, be my glory ever,
till my raptured soul shall find rest beyond the river.**

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

**Beneath the cross of Jesus I fain would take my stand,
the shadow of a mighty rock within a weary land;
a home withing the wilderness, a rest upon the way,
from the burning of the noontide heat, and the burden of the day.**

**Upon that cross of Jesus mine eye at times can see
the very dying form of One who suffered there for me;
and from my stricken heart with tears two wonders I confess:
the wonders of redeeming love and my unworthiness.**

**I take, O cross, thy shadow for my abiding place;
I ask no other sunshine than the sunshine of his face;
content to let the world go by, to know no gain nor loss,
my sinful self my only shame, my glory all the cross.**

Bible Reading

Joel 2:12-19

¹² Yet even now, says the LORD,
return to me with all your heart,
with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning;
¹³ rend your hearts and not your clothing.
Return to the LORD, your God,
for he is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love,
and relents from punishing.
¹⁴ Who knows whether he will not turn and relent,
and leave a blessing behind him,
a grain offering and a drink offering for the LORD, your God?
¹⁵ Blow the trumpet in Zion;
sanctify a fast;
call a solemn assembly;
¹⁶ gather the people.
Sanctify the congregation;
assemble the aged;
gather the children,
even infants at the breast.
Let the bridegroom leave his room,
and the bride her canopy.
¹⁷ Between the vestibule and the altar
let the priests, the ministers of the LORD, weep.
Let them say, "Spare your people, O LORD,
and do not make your heritage a mockery,
a byword among the nations.
Why should it be said among the peoples, 'Where is their God?'"
¹⁸ Then the LORD became jealous for his land,
and had pity on his people.
¹⁹ In response to his people the LORD said:
I am sending you grain, wine, and oil,
and you will be satisfied;
and I will no more make you a mockery among the nations.

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