

Waupun United Methodist Church, Waupun, WI
Worship Music – Good Friday, 2021

The Power of the Cross

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.

Oh, to see the pain written on your face, bearing the awesome weight of sin.
Every bitter thought, every evil deed crowning your bloodstained brow.

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

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.

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

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.

Were You There

1 Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
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Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?

By your death,
you bring life.

Lord Jesus, you have produced the perfect fruit for us on the tree of the cross. By your blood you have won for us forgiveness, life and salvation. We are eternally grateful for the sacrifice you have made and for the gifts you have bestowed. When you bowed your head in death you were bearing the fruit of eternal life for us. By your death,
you bring life.

Lord Jesus, your church is the place where the gifts won on the cross are given and shared. Use your people to bear the good fruit of grace and forgiveness in our homes, communities and places of work. Deliver to each of us the mercy that comes through your Word and sacraments. By your death,
you bring life.

Lord Jesus, your death was for all people, even those who lead us in our governments and marketplaces. Forgive them when they use their power unwisely. Empower them to bring justice to our land and to every place throughout the world so that all people would live in the peace and harmony that comes from the fruit of the tree of the cross. By your death,
you bring life.

Lord Jesus, by your wounds we are healed. Produce the fruit of health and healing in those who are filled with illness, sickness or disease. Surround the sick with caring people who use their gifts to help and serve. According to your will, deliver wholeness of body, soul and spirit to all who call upon you. By your death,
you bring life.

Lord Jesus, death and darkness are all around. But we see a glimpse of light shining from the cross. It reminds us that those who have trusted in you now live in your presence. Lead us always to follow their example and to place the entire weight of our trust in you until we, too, see you face to face and receive all the fruits of your everlasting grace. By your death,
you bring life.

Into your hands, Lord Jesus, we place all of our needs, knowing that your death on the cross produces the good fruit of answered prayer.

Amen.

**Abide with me, fast falls the eventide
The darkness deepens Lord, with me abide
When other helpers fail and comforts flee
Help of the helpless, oh, abide with me.**

**I need your presence every passing hour
What but thy grace can foil the tempters' pow'r
Who like Yourself my guide and strength can be.
Through cloud and sunshine Lord, abide with me.**

**I fear no foe, with Thee at hand to bless
Ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness
Where is death's sting?
Where, grave, your victory?
I triumph still, if You abide with me.**