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*These days it's easy to see life the way we want to.*

*We can filter our images, pick the news we want to hear, and listen only to the viewpoints that agree with us. When we do that, we start to distort our view of the world. The same thing can happen to our view of God. We reshape our perception of Him into what we want to believe, or what we want to think about others. Jesus came to bring us the truth about God and His plan for us, and it doesn't always sound like what you may think.*

# Things Jesus Never Said

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## Order Of Service

### Opening Litany...

- L For all our blessings, we give thanks to the Lord.  
C **God is our rock and salvation, a help in times of plenty.**
- L With all our burdens, we pray to the Lord.  
C **God is our rock and salvation, a help in times of need.**
- L In all our celebrations, we sing praise to the Lord.  
C **God is our rock and salvation, a help in times of joy.**
- L With all our grief, we cry to the Lord.  
C **God is our rock and salvation, a help in times of sorrow.**
- L We will not fear, though the earth should change.  
C **God is our rock and salvation; thanks be to God!**

## Opening Song ...

### In the Cross of Christ I Glory

**In the cross of Christ I glory,  
tow'ring o'er the wrecks of time.  
All the light of sacred story  
Gathers round its head sublime.**

**When the woes of life o'er take me,  
hopes deceive, and fears annoy,  
Never shall the cross forsake me;  
lo, it glows with peace and joy.**

**When the sun of bliss is beaming  
light and love upon my way,  
from the cross the radiance streaming  
adds more luster to the day.**

**Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure,  
by the cross are sanctified;  
peace is there that knows no measure,  
joys that through all time abide.**

## The Prayer of the Day

Eternal God, your kingdom has broken into our troubled world through the life, death, and resurrection of your Son. Help us to hear your word and obey it, and bring your saving love to fruition in our lives, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

First Reading ... Hebrews 10: 19-25

Second Reading ... John 16: 19-22

Hymn ...

Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed

Alas! And did my Savior bleed,  
and did my sov'reign die?  
Would he devote that sacred head  
for sinners such as I?

Was it for sins that I had done  
he groaned upon the tree?  
Amazing pity, grace unknown,  
and love beyond degree!

Well might the sun in darkness hide  
and shut its glories in  
when God, the mighty maker,  
died for his own creatures' sin.

The Message

You Won't Have Bad Days

Hymn ...

Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed

Thus might I hide my blushing face  
while his dear cross appears,  
dissolve my heart in thankfulness,  
and melt my eyes to tears.

But tears of grief cannot repay  
the debt of love I owe;  
Here, Lord, I give myself away:  
'tis all that I can do.

# Offering

## Prayers

*(Each petition ends with this response:)*

*L Lord, in your mercy,*

**C hear our prayer.**

## Benediction

Closing Song ...  
This Is My Father's World

This is my Father's world,  
and to my listening ears  
all nature sings, and round me rings  
the music of the spheres.

This is my Father's world:  
I rest me in the thought  
of rocks and trees, of skies and seas;  
his hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world,  
the birds their carols raise,  
the morning light, the lily white,  
declare their maker's praise.

This is my Father's world:  
he shines in all that's fair;  
in the rustling grass I hear him pass;  
he speaks to me everywhere.

This is my Father's world.  
O let me ne'er forget  
that though the wrong seems oft so strong,  
God is the ruler yet.

This is my Father's world:  
why should my heart be sad?  
The Lord is King; let the heavens ring!  
God reigns; let the earth be glad!



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