

Pastoral prayer:

Lord, looking at your Word, we find that time and time again you turned Adversity into opportunity.

In the illnesses of the people you met, you found the opportunity to show us the power of God to bring healing to our lives and comfort to our suffering.

In the sins of those you met, you showed us that you have the authority to forgive us when we trespass against you.

In the Sermon on the Mount, you challenge us to go beyond our legalism, which causes us to feel proud of our achievements, to see what your will truly is for our lives and how far short of your desires we fall and how much we need your grace.

In the cross we see the extent of your love for us. From a symbol of hatred and injustice, you have made the cross a symbol of your unconditional love and your ability to make all things right.

And in the empty Tomb, you have shown us that, thanks to you, love is stronger than hate, that your righteousness is stronger than evil, and that life is never a loser to death. Amen.

Call to Worship:

"Fret not yourself because of the wicked,
be not envious of wrongdoers! For they
will soon fade like the grass, and wither like
the green herb. Trust in the Lord, and do good;
so you will dwell in the land, and enjoy security.
Take delight in the Lord, and he will give you the
desires of your heart. (Psalm 37: 1-4)

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