



*“Trust God from the bottom of your heart;
don’t try to figure out everything on your own.
Listen for God’s voice in everything you do,
everywhere you go;
he’s the one who will keep you on track.”
—Eugene Peterson, The Message*



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Welcome to Cross Sound Church. This page includes some of the elements of today's worship. It's designed to give you scriptures, prayers, and thoughts for further reflection during your week.

G a t h e r i n g

Trinitarian Prayer

Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth:
Set up your kingdom in our midst.
Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God:
Have mercy on me, a sinner.
Holy Spirit, breath of the living God:
Renew me and all the world.

Call to Worship

Wisdom has built her house;
she has hewn out its seven pillars.
She has prepared her meat and mixed her wine;
she has also set her table.
She has sent out her maids, and she calls
from the highest point of the city.
"Let all who are simple come in here!"
she says to those who lack judgment.
"Come, eat my food
and drink the wine I have mixed.
Leave your simple ways and you will live;
walk in the way of understanding.
— Proverbs 9:1-6

R e n e w i n g

Confession of Sin

Merciful God,
We confess our foolishness to you.
We are divided against ourselves
as we cling to the values of a broken world.
Have mercy on us, heal and forgive us
Through Jesus Christ Our Lord.

Words of Comfort and Assurance of Pardon

Jesus has come into the world to bind up the
broken-hearted and to proclaim liberty for those
who are captives to guilt and shame.
Through the work of Christ, we are forgiven.
Through the work of Christ, we have been set free.

^{All} Amen

All Creatures of Our God and King

All creatures of our God and King
Lift up your voice and with us sing
Alleluia, Alleluia
Thou burning sun with golden beam
Thou silver moon with softer gleam
Oh praise Him! Oh praise Him!
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Thou rushing wind that art so strong
Ye clouds that sail in heaven along
Oh praise Him, Alleluia!
Thou rising moon in praise rejoice
Ye lights of evening find a voice
Oh praise Him! Oh praise Him!
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

And all ye men of tender heart
Forgiving others take your part
O, sing ye, Alleluia!
Ye who long pain and sorrow bear
Praise God and on Him cast you care
Oh praise Him! Oh praise Him!
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless
And worship Him in humbleness
Oh praise Him, Alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son
And praise the Spirit, Three in One!
Oh praise Him! Oh praise Him!
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Arise O God And Shine

Arise, O God, and shine in all Thy saving might,
And prosper each design to spread Thy glorious light;
Let healing streams of mercy flow that all the earth Thy
truth may know.

Bring distant nations near to sing Thy glorious praise;
Let every people hear and learn Thy holy ways.
Reign, mighty God, assert Thy cause, and govern by Thy
righteous laws.

Put forth Thy glorious power, that everyone may see
And earth present her store in converts born to Thee.
God, our own God, His Church will bless and fill the
world with righteousness.

To God, the only Wise, the one immortal King,
Let hallelujahs rise from every living thing;
Let all that breathe on every coast praise Father, Son and
Holy Ghost.

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Praise to the Lord,
The Almighty, the King of Creation
O my soul, praise Him
For He is Thy health and salvation
All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near
Join me in glad adoration

Praise to the Lord,
who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth
Shelters thee under His wings
Yea, so gently sustaineth
Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been
Granted in what He ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord,
Who doth prosper thy way and defend Thee
Surely His goodness and mercy
Shall ever attend Thee
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do
Who with His love doth befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord!
O let all that is in me adore Him!
All that hath life and breath
Come now with praises before Him!
Let the Amen sound from His people again
Gladly forever adore Him.

Giving Thanks

Know that the LORD is God.

**It is he who made us, and we are his ;
we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.**

**Enter his gates with thanksgiving
and his courts with praise;**

give thanks to him and praise his name.

**For the LORD is good and his love endures forever;
his faithfulness continues through all generations.**

— Psalm 100:3-5

Series: Ask.

Message: Asking for Wisdom

Scripture: James 1:1-12

² Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds, ³because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance. ⁴Perseverance must finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything. ⁵If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him. ⁶But when he asks, he must believe and not doubt, because he who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind. ⁷That man should not think he will receive anything from the Lord; ⁸he is a double-minded man, unstable in all he does.

⁹The brother in humble circumstances ought to take pride in his high position. ¹⁰But the one who is rich should take pride in his low position, because he will pass away like a wild flower. ¹¹For the sun rises with scorching heat and withers the plant; its blossom falls and its beauty is destroyed. In the same way, the rich man will fade away even while he goes about his business.

¹²Blessed is the man who perseveres under trial, because when he has stood the test, he will receive the crown of life that God has promised to those who love him.

— James 1:2-12

Quotes:

“The more we pray, the more we think to pray, and as we see the results of prayer — the responses of our Father to our requests — our confidence in God’s power spills over into other areas of our life.” — Dallas Willard.

“We pray when there’s nothing else to do, but Jesus wants us to pray before we do anything at all.”
— Oswald Chambers

“That’s why I prefer the biblical term wisdom to our more common term guidance. Guidance means I’m driving the car and asking God which way to go. Wisdom is richer, more personal. I don’t just need help with my plans; I need help with my questions and even my own heart.”
— Paul Miller

Communion

Communion, also called the Lord’s Supper, is the family meal of Christians. We invite all baptized followers of Jesus Christ to participate. If you are not a follower of Jesus or are not prepared to share in the meal, we encourage you to spend this time in prayer. We hope this time is helpful to you as you consider your relationship with Jesus Christ and with his people, the church.

(See *Prayers for Reflection* below.)

(Deacons are available to pray with you, or for you, just on the other side of the wall towards the coffee cart.)

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

O soul, are you weary and troubled?
No light in the darkness you see?
There’s light for a look at the Savior,
And life more abundant and free!

His Word shall not fail you - He promised;
Believe Him, and all will be well:
Then go to a world that is dying,
His perfect salvation to tell!

CHORUS

Turn your eyes upon Jesus,
Look full in His wonderful face,
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim,
In the light of His glory and grace.

Thy Mercy, My God

Thy mercy, my God, is the theme of my song,
The joy of my heart. and the boast of my tongue;
Thy free grace alone, from the first to the last,
Hath won my affections, and bound my soul fast.

Without Thy sweet mercy I could not live here;
Sin would reduce me to utter despair;
But, through Thy free goodness, my spirits revive,
And He that first made me still keeps me alive.

Thy mercy is more than a match for my heart,
Which wonders to feel its own hardness depart;
Dissolved by Thy goodness, I fall to the ground,
And weep to the praise of the mercy I’ve found.

Great Father of mercies, Thy goodness I own,
And the covenant love of Thy crucified Son;
All praise to the Spirit, Whose whisper divine
Seals mercy, and pardon, and righteousness mine.

How Deep the Father’s Love for Us

How deep the Father’s love for us
How vast beyond all measure
That He would give His only Son
To make a wretch His treasure

How great the pain of searing loss
The Father turns His face away
As wounds which mar the chosen One
Bring many sons to glory

Behold the Man upon a cross
My sin upon His shoulders
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers

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G U I D E T O W O R S H I P

It was my sin that held Him there
Until it was accomplished
His dying breath has brought me life
I know that it is finished

I will not boast in anything
No gifts, no powers, no wisdom
But I will boast in Jesus Christ
His death and resurrection

Why should I gain from His reward?
I cannot give an answer
But this I know with all my heart
His wounds have paid my ransom

Prayers of the People

Almighty God, your dear Son did not go to joy
without first suffering pain,
nor did he enter into glory before he was crucified:
grant that we, following in the way of the cross,
may find it to be the way of life and peace;
For this, O Lord, we pray:
Lord, hear our prayer.

Almighty God, kindle in every heart the true love of
peace,
and give guidance through your wisdom
to those who lead the nations of the earth,
that your dominion may increase
until the earth is filled with the knowledge of your love;
For this, O Lord, we pray:
Lord, hear our prayer.

Merciful Lord, grant grace to those with power and
privilege, that they may never exploit those gifts to their
own advantage, nor to the harm of the weak and
powerless; but may we all grow in love and service to
you, and in humility honor others more than ourselves;
For this, O Lord, we pray:
Lord, hear our prayer.

And for what else should we pray?
Please add your own prayers at this time, ending with,
“For this, O Lord, we pray” and all responding,
“Lord, hear our prayer.”

Offering

Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

— 2 Corinthians 9:15

Continue To Love Me

Continue to love me, with that same love
Righteous and unchanging
Continue to love me, with that same love
Priceless and unfailing

Your love, it reaches to the sky
Your righteousness, a mountain high
How priceless, Your unending love
Both high and low among men
Take cover under Your wings
How priceless, Your unending love

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Benediction

May God,
who is able to do far more abundantly than all we ask
or think according to the power of his Spirit, grant you
grace to know the breadth and length and height and
depth of the love of Christ, that you may be filled with
all the fullness of God; and the blessing of God almighty,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain
with you always.

^{All} **Amen**

Prayers for Reflection

Prayer of Belief

Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who you are. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent, convincing, and that leads to the life that you promise.

Amen.

Prayer of Belief

Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful that I ever before believed, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross, and offering forgiveness and new life. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sin and receive you as Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Prayer for the Struggling with Sin

Lord Jesus, grant that I may see in you the fulfillment of all my needs, and my turn from every false satisfaction to feed on you, the true and living bread. Enable me to lay aside the sin that clings so closely, and run with perseverance the race set before me, looking to you, the pioneer and perfecter of my faith.

Amen.

Prayer of Commitment

Lord Jesus, you have called us to follow you in baptism and in a life of committed discipleship in your church. Grant that I may take the necessary steps to be one with your people, and live in the fullness of your spirit.

Amen.

Prayer Needs

The Chadwick Family
Hannah Hunt (Brain Cancer)
Gene Shawley (Cancer - Chemo.)
Alice Bundrant (Continued healing)
Missions
Our Military
Carol Thacker's mom (Broken hip)
Families in Crisis
Up-coming Medical Licensing Examination
(If you have prayer requests or prayers of thanksgiving that you would like to share on this page please email Penny@crosssound.org or fill out a Welcome card and drop it on the offering basket. Our Prayer teams will be praying for these things as well.)

Sermon "Homework"

How have you seen God working through prayer recently?

“We pray when there’s nothing else to do, but Jesus wants us to pray before we do anything at all.”
— Oswald Chambers

Discuss the above quote. What difference does praying as the “first resort” make?

Read James 1:2-12 focusing on verse 5.

What does verse 5 add to the whole passage?

How do the following ideas shape our practice of prayer?

- a. “if any of you lacks wisdom”
- b. he should ask God”
- c. “who gives generously to all without finding fault”
- d. “and it will be given to him.”

Where are you especially feeling your lack of wisdom recently?

What are the signs of God answering this prayer? How do you know you’ve been given God’s wisdom?”

What might verses 6-8 mean? How might they be misinterpreted?

Based on the teaching of this passage I am committing myself to pray about:

_____.

For further study: (Read chapter 16 in A Praying Life. Read the whole book of James. What else do you learn about prayer? Read 1 Kings 3:1-15, What insights do you learn about praying for wisdom?)

Cross Sound Announcements

Today! The Tijuana Homebuilding Team would like to celebrate the fall season with a church community cobbler-chili cook-off. Join us after the service today. For a donation to benefit the Tijuana house building efforts you can sample the entries or enjoy lunch!

Attention all 5th & 6th graders!!

Don't miss the skating party - just for your class @ Skateland in Bremerton. Friday night, October 23, 2009 6:45 - 9:00 p.m. - bring \$6 for skating and a little spending \$ as well. Bring a friend! For car-pooling information and to RSVP, call Carrie Sellers 855-8926

Oct. 18 - Welcome Lunch This is a good way to meet some others at Cross Sound. Perfect for those who are relatively new or anyone who would like to get connected further. The Schuler's home, 12:00-1:30 pm. (Please sign up on the back of your welcome card)

Cross Sound Deacon Fund Update

The Deacons at Cross Sound Church are a body of servants in mercy ministry to our community and a source of hope for those in need. One way we meet those needs is through financial assistance. The Cross Sound Deacon Fund exists specifically for those within our church and community that have financial needs in areas like housing, food and transportation. If you or someone you know has a need, we encourage you to contact any one of the 14 Cross Sound Deacons or email Dave Murray at davemurray01@embarqmail.com.

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Fall Membership class: This seminar explores the philosophy of ministry and basic theological beliefs of our church. This is also the prerequisite for membership. Saturday, **Oct. 24** (10 a.m. – 3p.m.) - lunch will be served. For more information or to sign up please contact Penny at Penny@crosssound.org or sign up on the back of your welcome card.

Sunday, Nov.1: The Tijuana Home Building team will be hosting "The Tijuana Market" on Sunday, November 1st, following the service. There will be booths selling crafts, paintings, jewelry and other items created by artists in our church. There will also be booths for baked goods, and Mexican food. Artists, Bakers and Chefs, please contact Kathy Weibel at dkweibel@mac.com or sign up on the back of your welcome card if you would like to participate in this event.

SAVE THE DATE

Women's Fall Brunch (hosted by Island Church and Cross Sound) Saturday, November 7th at 10am, Island Church

US Naval Academy Men's Glee Club Seattle Concert

Nov 9 7PM. Saint Mark's Cathedral 1245 10th Ave, Seattle
An a capella, 85 voice performance of patriotic, classical, religious, and popular music in celebration of Veterans Day.
For tickets or info: Susan Boone 842-1487 SJBPrancer@aol.com

Cross Sound Kidz Co-ordinator

We are so thankful for all that Jamie Brouwer has done for us in the position of Cross Sound Kidz Children's Ministry Co-ordinator this past year. Upon her recent retirement from this position, we are now looking for someone interested and qualified to help us lead this ministry forward. If you have the passion/interest/skills and qualification or know someone who might be perfect for this position, please let Marit Krueger know. 484-4953 or marit@crosssound.org

Financial Update

Weekly Budget Needs: \$13,990.40

Last Week's Giving: : \$15,434.50

Monthly Budget Needs: \$55,961.59

Giving for Month of October: \$15,434.50

"Worship Through Giving" *An envelope has been provided for your records and will be picked up at the end of the service.*

Get Connected at Cross Sound: Stop by the greeter table to find out what events, ministry opportunities, and small groups are available for you to participate in, or call us at 206-842-6898.



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