



We ought to give thanks for all fortune:  
if it is good, because it is good,  
if bad, because it works in us patience,  
humility and the contempt of this world  
and the hope of our eternal country.

— C.S. Lewis

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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.

## Gathering

### All People That on Earth Do Dwell

All people that on earth do dwell  
Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice  
Him serve with fear, his praise forthtell  
Come ye before him and rejoice

Come ye now, before him and rejoice, and rejoice  
Come ye now, before him and rejoice, and rejoice

The Lord ye know is God indeed  
Without our aid he did us make  
We are his, the ones he feeds,  
He makes our spirit to come awake

For why? The Lord our God is good!  
His mercy is forever sure  
His truth at all time firmly stood  
And shall from age to age endure

### Call to Worship

Give thanks to the LORD, call on his name; make known among the nations what he has done. Sing to him, sing praise to him; tell of all his wonderful acts. Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice. Look to the LORD and his strength; seek his face always. Remember the wonders he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he pronounced, O descendants of Abraham his servant, O sons of Jacob, his chosen ones.

— Psalm 105:1-6

### Advent Scripture Reading and Candle Lighting

— Isaiah 9:1-6

## Renewing

### Confession of Sin

Lord Jesus Christ,

My own sight of your bloody sacrifice is for my comfort, but it is the Lord's sight of it that secures my safety.

Even when I am unable to behold it, the Lord looks at it, and passes over me because of it.

If I am not so much at ease as I ought to be, because my faith is dim, yet I am equally safe, because the Lord's eye is not dim, and He sees the blood of your great Sacrifice with a steady gaze.

What a joy this is! Amen.

### Words of Comfort and Assurance of Pardon

May the God of all love and forgiveness draw us to himself, and cleanse us from all our sins that we may behold the glory of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

<sup>All</sup> Amen

### Create In Me a Clean Heart

Create in me a clean heart, O God  
And renew a right spirit within me  
Create in me a clean heart, O God  
And renew a right spirit within me

Cast me not away from Thy presence, O Lord  
And take not Thy Holy Spirit from me  
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation  
And renew a right spirit within me

### 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.

### What a Friend We Have in Jesus

What a friend we have in Jesus,  
all our sins and griefs to bear!  
What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!  
O what peace we often forfeit,  
O what needless pain we bear,  
All because we do not carry everything to God in prayer.

Hear our prayer, hear our prayer  
When we leave our burdens in Your care  
For this, today, oh Lord we watch and pray  
Gracious Father, hear our prayer

Are we weak and heavy laden,  
cumbered with a load of care?  
Precious Savior, still our refuge,  
take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Do your friends despise, forsake you?  
Take it to the Lord in prayer!  
In His arms He'll take and shield you;  
you will find a solace there.

Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?  
We should never be discouraged;  
take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Can we find a friend so faithful  
who will all our sorrows share?  
Jesus knows our every weakness;  
take it to the Lord in prayer.

### Blessed Be Your Name

Blessed be Your name in the land that is plentiful  
Where Your streams of abundance flow,  
blessed be Your name  
And blessed be Your name  
when I'm found in the desert place  
Though I walk through the wilderness,  
blessed be Your name

Every blessing You pour out I'll turn back to praise  
And when the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say

Blessed be the name of the Lord  
Blessed be Your name  
Blessed be the name of the Lord  
Blessed be Your glorious name

Blessed be Your name  
when the sun's shining down on me  
When the world's all as it should be,  
blessed be Your name  
And blessed be Your name  
on the road marked with suffering  
Though there's pain in the offering,  
blessed be Your name

You give and take away  
You give and take away  
My heart will choose to say  
Lord, blessed be Your name

### Giving Thanks

**Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth. Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs. 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.**

**Title: Thanksgiving****Text: Romans 8:28-30**

<sup>28</sup> And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. <sup>29</sup> For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the likeness of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. <sup>30</sup> And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified.

**Quotes:**

“I would maintain that thanks are the highest form of thought, and that gratitude is happiness doubled by wonder.” —G.K. Chesterton

“It must be an odd feeling to be thankful to nobody in particular. Christians in public institutions often see this odd thing happening on Thanksgiving Day. Everyone in the institution seems to be thankful “in general.” It’s very strange. It’s a little like being married in general.”  
—Cornelius Plantinga, Jr.

“#2. What must you know to live and die in the joy of this comfort?”

**A. Three things:**

first, how great my sin and misery are;  
second, how I am free from all my sins and misery;  
third, how I am to thank God for such deliverance.”  
—Heidelberg Catechism

“When we bless God for mercies, we usually prolong them. When we bless God for miseries, we usually end them. Praise is the honey of life which a devout heart extracts from every bloom of providence and grace.”  
—C.H. Spurgeon

“An evidence that our will has been broken is that we begin to thank God for that which once seemed so bitter, knowing that His will is good and that, in His time and in His way, He is able to make the most bitter waters sweet.” —Nancy Leigh DeMoss

**Prayers of the People**

God of peace, we celebrate with thanksgiving for the assurance that you are near. When we feel the sting of brokenness in this world and are burdened by worry and fear, grant us your peace, which surpasses all understanding, and guard our minds and hearts, so that we may be filled with gratitude in the hope of new creation through Jesus Christ;

For this, O Lord, we pray:

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

God of justice, we celebrate with thanksgiving for your kingdom that is both here and coming in its fullness. Increase all that is true and good, and bring an end to all that is evil. As we wait for your return, Lord Jesus, have your hand on all earthly authorities, so they would rule with wisdom and compassion and be instruments of justice and peace in your world;

For this, O Lord, we pray:

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

God of mercy, we celebrate with thanksgiving for calling us to faith and surrounded us with a great cloud of witnesses. Grant that we, no matter our circumstances in life may press on toward the goal for which you called us, looking to Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, and living in grateful expectation of your promises.

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.”**

**Communion**

“This is a day you are to commemorate; for the generations to come you shall celebrate it as a festival to the LORD—a lasting ordinance.

“When Jesus instituted the Lord’s Supper, He called it His ‘memorial’ and this should be understood in the same sense as Old Testament ‘memorials’. Our meal is not designed in the first place to remind us of what Jesus has done, though it does and by doing that it constantly renews our memory of the cross and the empty tomb. Essentially, though, the Supper is not a meal to help us remember; it is a memorial meal. Like the Passover, it is directed to the Father, “reminding” Him of the covenant sealed in the blood of His Son, calling on Him to draw near and act for us.” — Peter Leithart

### **I Will Change Your Name**

I will change your name.  
You shall no longer be called  
Wounded, Out - cast, Lonely or Afraid

I will change your name.  
Your new name shall be  
Confidence, Joyfulness, Overcoming One...

Faithfulness, Friend of God,  
One who seeks my face.

### **Nothing But the Blood of Jesus**

What can wash away my sin?  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;  
What can make me whole again?  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;

(Chorus)  
Oh! precious is the flow  
That makes me white as snow;  
No other fount I know,  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;

For my pardon, this I see,  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;  
For my cleansing this my plea,  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;

Glory! Glory! This I sing  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus,  
All my praise for this I bring  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;

### **Jesus, True and Living Bread**

Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendor,  
First begotten from the dead,  
You alone, our strong Defender,  
Now lift up Your people's head.

Here our humblest homage pay we,  
Here in loving reverence bow;  
Here for faith's discernment pray we,  
Lest we fail to know You now.

### CHORUS:

Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Jesus, true and living Bread!  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Jesus, true and living Bread!

Paschal Lamb, Your offering finished  
Once for all when You were slain,  
In its fullness undiminished  
Shall forevermore remain.

Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Christ, the Paschal Lamb was slain!  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Christ, the Paschal Lamb was slain!

Great High Priest of our profession,  
Through the veil You lead us in,  
By Thy mighty intercession,  
Grace and peace for us You win.

Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Great High Priest who intercedes!  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Great High Priest who intercedes!

Life imparting heavenly Manna,  
Smitten Rock with bleeding side,  
Heaven and earth with loud hosanna  
Worship You, the Lamb who died.

### **Offering**

Do good and share what you have,  
For such sacrifices are pleasing to God.  
— Hebrews 13:16

The heart of the gospel is the overwhelming generosity of God to us in Christ. We are "blessed to be a blessing." If you, or anyone you are aware of, is in need of assistance with housing, rent, utilities, medical bills, etc. We as a church would love to try to help. Contact any one of the deacons, pastors or staff listed in the bulletin.

GUIDE TO WORSHIP

**All Must Be Well**

Through the love of God our Savior, All will be well  
Free and changeless is His favor, All is well  
Precious is the blood that healed us  
Perfect is the grace that sealed us  
Strong the hand stretched forth to shield us  
All must be well

Though we pass through tribulation, All will be well  
Ours is such a full salvation, All is well  
Happy still in God confiding  
Fruitful if in Christ abiding  
Steadfast through the Spirit's guiding  
All must be well

We expect a bright tomorrow; All will be well  
Faith can sing through days of sorrow, All is well  
On our Father's love relying  
Jesus every need supplying  
Yes in living or in dying  
All must be well

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**Benediction**

Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, "Speak to Aaron and to his sons, saying, 'Thus you shall bless the sons of Israel. You shall say to them:

The LORD bless you, and keep you;

The LORD make His face shine on you,  
And be gracious to you;

The LORD lift up His countenance on you,  
And give you peace.'

—Numbers 6:24-26

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 than 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 Blain Family (Peace and Comfort)
- Tijuana Team
- Friend's daughter - mental illness & suicide attempts
- Alice Bundrant (Surgery - recovery)
- Hannah Hunt (Brain Cancer)
- Gene Shawley (Cancer - Chemo.)
- The Chadwick Family
- Our Youth
- Missions
- Our Military
- Families in Crisis

# Cross Sound Announcements

## In Celebration of the 1st Sunday of Advent...

Please plan to stick around after the service TODAY! We will share pot-luck style foods as we usher in Advent by making Advent chains and sharing in fellowship and festivities.

**New Class, Trafficking 101:** Dec 6 and Dec 13, 8:45 in the library. This class will be an overview focused on Domestic Minor Sex Trafficking and how this is occurring in the U.S., our state, and yes, our community. Find out how pornography is driving the demand for the prostitution of America's children, and why the body of Christ needs to be involved. "The UN claims that the trafficking of human beings has surpassed the drug trade to become the 2nd largest source of money for organized crime after the illegal arms trade." Facilitators: Dan & Becky Allender, Dave Sellers, Bonnie Stevens, and Paula Rovik.

**Cross Sound Christmas Pageant!** Performance on Dec. 20. Rehearsal at 8:45 AM, Dec. 6, 13 and from 10-12, Sat. Dec. 19. Questions, contact Lisa Bernardin jimlisab@comcast.net

## Christmas Eve Services 6:00PM & 11:00 PM:

Please join us with your friends, family, and neighbors for a beautiful evening of worship and celebration!

**Pool Party in December!** To celebrate our Tijuana team work we will gather at the Bainbridge Pool for a fun-filled winter swim. **Sunday, Dec. 6, 5:30-6:30PM.**

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## 5th and 6th grade Scavenger Hunt:

Dec. 6th after church. We will be meeting in the High School library around 12:00 to eat and head off to our PHOTO SCAVENGER HUNT! The kids will be in groups, each with a digital camera and a list of "items" to find and photograph in downtown Winslow. Each group will have an adult accompanying them. We will then meet back at the church office for a slideshow of our pictures and some type of refreshment. Please pick your kids up at the church office (in the Pavilion) @ 3.

**A CHANCE TO SING . . .** Cross Sound's choir is going to sing on Sunday Dec. 13. ALL SINGERS WELCOME! Come join us for rehearsals Sunday Nov. 29 and Dec. 6 at 9 a.m. on the upper floor of the classroom building. We've got some great music to bless our people.

## Christmas Carols around the piano Dec. 13, 4:00 PM

Gather together at the Ogards house for an afternoon of good old fashioned Carol singing. Hot Cider will be ready, bring goodies to share if you wish. 6262 NE Early Dawn Ln. Poulsbo 360-779-3675

## Would you reach to someone in need for the holidays?

The deacons ask you to pray for those whom you may know that need family to be with during the upcoming holidays. Consider asking someone over for Christmas celebrations with your family. God created us all for relationship with Him and with others. Is there someone you could reach out to who might be longing for companionship over the holidays?

## It's your Ministry!

Stephen Ministry is YOUR ministry. It is an important way that we at Cross Sound care for one another. If you are going through a difficult time, consider having a Stephen Minister. Make use of it. Stephen Ministers belongs to you! If you or someone you know would like to explore the idea of working with a Stephen Minister please speak with **Pastors Dave or Paul or Lynnette Rogers 842-3012.** Info. is available at the greeters tables.

## Financial Update

Weekly Budget Needs: \$13,989.00

Last Week's Giving: : \$17,289.83

Monthly Budget Needs: \$55,961.59

Giving for Month of November: \$58,450.93

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



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# Cross Sound Church Children's Christmas Pageant! Dec. 20, 10:00 AM



Invite your friends,  
family & neighbors  
to celebrate the season!