



*When God made the world,
He commissioned humanity to keep working on it,
transforming “nature” into “culture,”
and bringing the world from glory to glory..
In Jesus Christ, humanity is put back on the track,
the track of making a God-glorifying world.
—James B. Jordan*

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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

Seek Ye First

Seek ye first the kingdom of God
And His righteousness
And all these things shall be added unto you
Allelu, Alleluia

Man does not live by bread alone
But by every word
That proceeds from the mouth of the Lord
Allelu, Alleluia

Alleluia, Alleluia
Alleluia, Allelu, Alleluia

Ask and it shall be given unto you
Seek and ye shall find
Knock and the door shall be opened unto you
Allelu, Alleluia

Alleluia, Alleluia
Alleluia, Allelu, Alleluia

Call to Worship

O God, you are my God, earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you, my body longs for you, in a dry and weary land where there is no water. I have seen you in the sanctuary and beheld your power and your glory. Because your love is better than life, my lips will glorify you. I will praise you as long as I live, and in your name I will lift up my hands. My soul will be satisfied as with the richest of foods; with singing lips my mouth will praise you.

— Psalm 63:1a-5

Renewing

Confession of Sin

I am overwhelmed by the mystery of grace:
That while I am most often unmindful of you,
you are always mindful of me.
That while I am forgetful of Jesus' work on my behalf,
you always remember.
That while I am constantly reminded of my
brokenness and sins, you, the all-seeing,
all-knowing God, are able to forget them.
I believe, help my unbelief. 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.

^{All} Amen

Before The Throne of God Above

Before the throne of God above,
I have a strong, a perfect plea,
A great High Priest whose name is "Love,"
Who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on His hands,
My name is written on His heart;
I know that while in heav'n He stands
No tongue can bid me thence depart.
No tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair
And tells me of the guilt within
Upward I look and see Him there
Who made an end to all my sin.
Because the sinless Savior died,
My sinful soul is counted free;
For God, the Just, is satisfied
To look on Him and pardon me.
To look on Him and pardon me.

Alleluia, Alleluia!
Praise the One, risen Son of God!

Behold Him there! the risen Lamb,
 My perfect, spotless Righteousness,
 The great unchangeable I AM,
 The Kind of glory and of grace!
 One with Himself I cannot die,
 My soul is purchased by His blood;
 My life is hid with Christ on high,
 With Christ my Savior and my God
 With Christ my Savior and my God.

Out of unrest and arrogant pride,
 Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.
 Into Thy blessed will to abide,
 Jesus, I come to Thee.
 Out of myself to dwell in Thy love,
 Out of despair into raptures above,
 Upward forever on wings like a dove,
 Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of the fear and dread of the tomb,
 Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.
 Into the joy and light of Thy home,
 Jesus, I come to Thee.
 Out of the depths of ruin untold,
 Into the peace of Thy sheltering fold,
 Ever Thy glorious face to behold,
 Jesus, I come to Thee.

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

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!

How Great is Our God

The splendor of the King, clothed in majesty,
Let all the earth rejoice, all the earth rejoice.
He wraps Himself in light, and darkness tries to hide
And trembles at His voice, trembles at His voice.

How great is our God, sing with me,
How great is our God, all will see
How great, how great is our God.

Age to age He stands, and time is in His hands,
Beginning and the end, beginning and the end.
The Godhead, three in one: Father, Spirit, Son,
The Lion and the Lamb, the Lion and the Lamb.

Name above all names,
Worthy of all praise,
My heart will sing
How great is our God.

Giving Thanks

When the LORD brought back the captives to Zion, we were like men who dreamed. Our mouths were filled with laughter, our tongues with songs of joy. Then it was said among the nations, "The LORD has done great things for them." The LORD has done great things for us, and we are filled with joy.

—Psalm 126:1-3

Series: First**Title: Firstfruits part 2**

Text: Numbers 15:17-21, 1 Corinthians 15:20-23, James 1:18

The LORD said to Moses, ¹⁸ "Speak to the Israelites and say to them: 'When you enter the land to which I am taking you ¹⁹ and you eat the food of the land, present a portion as an offering to the LORD. ²⁰ Present a cake from the first of your ground meal and present it as an offering from the threshing floor. ²¹ Throughout the generations to come you are to give this offering to the LORD from the first of your ground meal.

—Numbers 15:17-21

But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. ²¹ For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. ²² For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive. ²³ But each in his own turn: Christ, the firstfruits; then, when he comes, those who belong to him.

—1 Corinthians 15:20-23

He chose to give us birth through the word of truth, that we might be a kind of firstfruits of all he created.

—James 1:18

Quotes:

"I have held many things in my hands, and I have lost them all; but whatever I have placed in God's hands, that I still possess."

—Martin Luther

"There cannot be a surer rule, nor a stronger exhortation to the observance of it, than when we are taught that all the endowments which we possess are divine deposits entrusted to us for the very purpose of being distributed for the good of our neighbour."

—John Calvin

"The world asks, 'What does a man own?' Christ asks, 'How does he use it?'"

—Andrew Murray

"Time appears to be so plentiful that losing much of it seems inconsequential. But money is easily wasted as well. And if people threw away their money as thoughtlessly as they throw away their time, we would think them insane. Yet time is infinitely more precious than money because money can't buy time."

—Donald Whitney

"How could we enjoy heaven...if during our lifetime we had used most of our time, treasure, and talents for ourselves and our select group?"

—Daniel Fuller

Prayers of the People

God and Father of our Lord and King, Jesus Christ, you alone do wondrous things and blessed is your name. Through the gospel of your Son, you gather your church and send us into the world to make your kingdom known. Strengthen us by your Spirit to be devoted to your mission, and add to our numbers until your glory fills the earth;

For this, O Lord, we pray:

Lord, hear our prayer.

Jesus our Savior, you are sovereign over all rule and authority; grant justice and righteousness to our leaders, O Lord. Move them to defend the cause of the poor among us, to give deliverance to the needy, and to end oppression. Bless the nations through the good news of your kingdom, so violence is restrained, peace abounds, and wars cease;

For this, O Lord, we pray:

Lord, hear our prayer.

Spirit of Christ, you poured your love into the first disciples, uniting them together in prayer and praise and need. Grant that we may share that same Spirit among us, so that all who are weak and suffering may be lifted up. Make your abundance and blessing known among the poor, and fill our hearts with your gladness and generosity;

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**Q. 81 Who are to come to the Lord's Table?**

A. Those who are displeased with themselves because of their sins, but who nevertheless trust that their sins are pardoned and that their continuing weakness is covered by the suffering and death of Christ, who and who desire more to strengthen their faith and lead a better life.

—Heidelberg Catechism

Repentance and Rest (Isaiah 30)

Come, ye sinners, poor and needy,
weak and wounded, sick and sore
Jesus ready stands to save you,
full of pity, love and power.

I will arise and go to Jesus;
He will embrace me in His arms
In the arms of my dear Savior,
O there are ten thousand charms.

Come, ye thirsty, come, and welcome,
God's free bounty glorify;
True belief and true repentance,
every grace that brings you nigh.

Come, ye weary, heavy laden,
bruised and broken by the fall
If you tarry till you're better,
you will never come at all.

I will arise and go to Jesus;
He will embrace me in His arms
In the arms of my dear Savior,
O there are ten thousand charms.

Let not conscience make you linger;
not of fitness fondly dream;
All the fitness He requireth
is to feel your need of Him.

I will arise and go to Jesus;
He will embrace me in His arms
In the arms of my dear Savior,
O there are ten thousand charms.

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.

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.

Repeat first CHORUS

Offering

Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. You will be made rich in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.

— 2 Corinthians 9:10-11

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.

Be Thou My Vision

Be thou my vision, oh Lord of my heart
Naught be all else to me, save that thou art
Thou my best thought, by day or by night
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light

Be thou my wisdom and thou my true word
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord
Thou my great Father, and I thy true son
Thou in my dwelling, and I with thee one

Riches I need not, nor man's empty praise
Thou mine inheritance, now and always
Thou and thou only, first in my heart
High King of heaven, my treasure thou art

High King of heaven, my victory won
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's sun
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall
Still be my vision, O ruler of all

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 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

Haiti
Chuck and Amy Getter
Allen Thompson in Cuba
Community Groups
Penny Daniels (recovery)
Alice Bundrant (Surgery - recovery)
Hannah Hunt (Brain Cancer)
Gene Shawley (Cancer - Chemo.)
The Blain Family (Peace and Comfort)
The Chadwick Family
Jobs
Our Youth
Missions
Our Military
Families in Crisis

(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.)

Cross Sound Announcements

Cross Sound Women's Retreat

Feb. 26 & 27 Island Church:

Friday's session will be from 5:30-9:30pm and Saturday's session will be from 8am-6pm. Sign ups will start this Sunday January 17th. We will be continuing our study of prayer with a fabulous guest speaker from Colorado Springs, Carolyn Hock, who will be presenting various styles of prayer and helping us move our prayer lives to a new level. Lots of fellowship and a few surprises are planned so please plan to join us. Regina Gurtler and the Women's Retreat committee (TNTMOMX2@aol.com)

Learn about issues of homeless and street-involved youth!

New Horizons Ministries (NHM) is a Christian, interdenominational, non-profit agency that serves Seattle's street youth. We are holding our training Sat. Jan. 23 and 30 from 8:30-5:00. Training topics will include Street Culture, Prostitution, Chemical Abuse, Relational Counseling, and Spiritual Formation. Whether you are interested in volunteering with NHM or simply want to learn more about youth involved in street culture, this is a great place to start! Registration fee is \$75, and partial scholarships are available. Contact Joy Eckwood for more information: 206.374.0866 x 119 or joye@nhmin.org.

Mark your Calendars: Jan. 24 after church service the Chiapas team will be serving authentic "Cruz Family" burritos as a fundraiser for our San Pedrito Family. We will also be making a family banner to send to our village.

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TODAY!- 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. (High School Rd. west to 1st street on right Commodore Lane. End of street on right - 1854)

Taproot Theatre presents The Great Divorce by C.S. Lewis Jan. 27-Feb. 27. Enjoy this masterpiece – an imaginative bus ride from hell to heaven with electrifying life, theatricality and style. Audiences love the fun and enjoy the stimulating ideas in Lewis' fictional world. Tickets: Call (206) 781-9707

Financial Peace University

Tuesday evenings 6:30-8:30 starting January 19th in a BHS classroom. Contact Dave@crosssound.org for info.

Wyldlife Event - All Nighter at the Zone!

Friday, January 22 9:00 pm – 6:00 am
All Nighter at the Zone sports complex in Pousbo. Come for a great night of no Sleep and a lot of fun. We will have music, games, movies, and more things to keep you up all night.

Young Life Concert - "Holding Out"

Saturday, January 23, 06:00 PM - 08:00 PM
Location: Island Church - Bainbridge Island

Interested in getting involved?

We are currently in need of new people to help with our set up/ take down schedule for both the main sanctuary and the classrooms. Please indicate interest on your yellow card or contact Penny for more information. Penny@crosssound.org

Prayer Group: Every Wednesday evening at 7pm at the Getters home, all are welcome. Call the Getters at 855-9197 for prayer requests or for more information.

Financial Update

Weekly Budget Needs: \$13,989.00

Last Week's Giving: \$19,938.00

Monthly Budget Needs: \$55,961.59

Giving for Month of January: \$26,423.73

"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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