



*For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor,  
so that you by his poverty might become rich.  
— 2 Corinthians 9:9*

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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

### Come Let Us Worship and Bow Down

Come, let us worship and bow down  
Let us kneel before the Lord, our God, our Maker  
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Let us kneel before the Lord, our God, our Maker

For He is our God  
And we are the people of His pasture  
And the sheep of His hand  
Just the sheep of His hand

### Call to Worship

Clap your hands, all peoples!  
Shout to God with loud songs of joy!  
For the LORD, the Most High, is to be feared,  
a great king over all the earth.  
He subdued peoples under us,  
and nations under our feet.  
He chose our heritage for us,  
the pride of Jacob whom he loves.  
God has gone up with a shout,  
the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.  
Sing praises to God, sing praises!  
Sing praises to our King, sing praises!

— Psalm 63:1a-5

## Renewing

### Confession of Sin

Lord, you have called us into an intimate and secure  
relationship as your sons and daughters. You have  
called us this morning to worship you. We gladly  
gather! As we bow before you, though, our own  
inadequacy reminds us of how we have run and  
hidden from you this week and even this day.  
Find us and renew us, we pray, according to your  
unfailing love.

### Words of Comfort and Assurance of Pardon

May the God of love  
bring us back to himself,  
forgive us our sins,  
and assure us of his eternal love  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

<sup>All</sup> Amen

### Jesus, I Come

Out of my bondage, sorrow and night,  
Jesus, I come; Jesus I come.  
Into Thy freedom, gladness and light,  
Jesus, I come to Thee.  
Out of my sickness into Thy health,  
Out of my wanting and into Thy wealth,  
Out of my sin and into Thyself,  
Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of my shameful failure and loss,  
Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.  
Into the glorious gain of Thy cross,  
Jesus, I come to Thee.  
Out of earth's sorrows into Thy balm,  
Out of life's storms and into Thy calm,  
Out of distress into jubilant psalm,  
Jesus, I come to Thee.

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.

### **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.

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

### **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

### **Giving Thanks**

**Give thanks to the LORD, call on his name; make known among the nations what he has done.**

**Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever. Cry out, "Save us, O God our Savior; gather us and deliver us from the nations, that we may give thanks to your holy name, that we may glory in your praise."**

— 1 Chronicles 16:8, 16:34

**Series: First****Title: The Grace of Giving****Text: 2 Corinthians 8:1-9, 9:12-15**

<sup>1</sup>And now, brothers, we want you to know about the grace that God has given the Macedonian churches.

<sup>2</sup>Out of the most severe trial, their overflowing joy and their extreme poverty welled up in rich generosity.

<sup>3</sup>For I testify that they gave as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability. Entirely on their own,

<sup>4</sup>they urgently pleaded with us for the privilege of sharing in this service to the saints. <sup>5</sup>And they did not do as we expected, but they gave themselves first to the Lord and then to us in keeping with God's will. <sup>6</sup>So we urged Titus, since he had earlier made a beginning, to bring also to completion this act of grace on your part.

<sup>7</sup>But just as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in your love for us—see that you also excel in this grace of giving. I am not commanding you, but I want to test the sincerity of your love by comparing it with the earnestness of others. <sup>9</sup>For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich.

This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of God's people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God. <sup>13</sup>Because of the service by which you have proved yourselves, men will praise God for the obedience that accompanies your confession of the gospel of Christ, and for your generosity in sharing with them and with everyone else. <sup>14</sup>And in their prayers for you their hearts will go out to you, because of the surpassing grace God has given you. <sup>15</sup>Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

**Quotes:**

“What induces one man to use false weights, another to set his house on fire after having insured it for more than its value, while three-fourths of our upper classes indulge in legalized fraud...what gives rise to all this? It is not real want—for their existence is by no means precarious... but they are urged on day and night by a terrible impatience at seeing their wealth pile up so slowly, and by an equally longing and love for these heaps of gold... What once was done ‘for the love of God’ is now done for the love of money, i.e., for the love of that which at present affords us the highest feeling of power and a good conscience.”

—Friedrich Nietzsche

“The trouble with being rich is that since you can solve with your checkbook virtually all of the practical problems that bedevil ordinary people, you are left in your leisure with nothing but the great human problems to contend with: how to be happy, how to love and be loved, how to find meaning and purpose in life.

In desperation the rich are continually tempted to believe that they can solve these problems too with their checkbooks, which is presumably what led Jesus to remark one day that for a rich man to get to Heaven is about as easy as for a Cadillac to get through a revolving door.”

—Frederick Buechner

“...But nobody thinks they are greedy. As a pastor I've had people come to me to confess that they struggle with almost every kind of sin. Almost. I cannot recall anyone ever coming to me and saying, ‘I spend too money on myself. I think my greedy lust for money is harming my family, my soul, and people around me.’ Greed hides itself from the victim. The money god's modus operandi includes blindness to your own heart.”

—Timothy Keller

“If any prophet, speaking in a trance, says, ‘Give me money (or anything else)’, do not listen to him.”

—Didache (writings of the apostles, AD 80-120)

“Shun, as you would the plague, a cleric who from being poor has become wealthy, or who, from being nobody has become a celebrity.” —Jerome (347)

“Earthly goods are given to be used, not to be collected... Hoarding is idolatry.” —Dietrich Bonhoeffer

“I continually find it necessary to guard against that natural love of wealth and grandeur which prompts us always, when we come to apply our general doctrine to our own case, to claim an exception.”

—William Wilberforce

### Prayers of the People

Heavenly Father, in the astonishing gift of your Son, you have given us every reason to be lavishly generous! Help us to remember your faithfulness toward us, to be thankful, and to worship you in all that we say and do. Knit us together as one body, united in the peace of Christ, as we receive your mercy with gratitude and joy. For this, O Lord, we pray:

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Risen Lord, we long for that future day when all of life will be saturated with joy, and we will have no bent towards greed, fear, or cynicism. Restore to wholeness all that is broken in the world, so that injustice and violence would fade, as the peace of Christ covers the earth.

For this, O Lord, we pray:

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Spirit of compassion, have mercy on all who suffer. Provide shelter from the cold for those who are homeless. Draw near to all who are lonely, fearful, or depressed. Heal the sick. Comfort the mourner. Strengthen the weak. Continue to bring help to Haiti in its devastation. Grant grace to us all that we may find hope in Christ.

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

### Beauty for Ashes

Beauty for ashes,  
 A garment of praise for my heaviness  
 Beauty for ashes.  
 Take this heart of stone and make it Yours, Yours.

I delight myself in the Richest of Fare,  
 Trading all that I have for all that is better.  
 A garment of praise for my heaviness.  
 You are the greatest taste,  
 You're the Richest of Fare.

### 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.

### Offering

My soul finds rest in God alone; my salvation comes from him. He alone is my rock and my salvation; he is my fortress, I will never be shaken.

— Psalm 62:1,2

GUIDE TO WORSHIP

**Take My Life**

Take my life and let it be  
 Consecrated, Lord, to Thee  
 Take my moments and my days  
 Let them flow in ceaseless praise  
 Take my hands and let them move  
 At the impulse of Thy love  
 Take my feet and let them be  
 Swift and beautiful for Thee

Take my voice and let me sing  
 Always, only for my King  
 Take my lips and let them be  
 Filled with messages from Thee  
 Take my silver and my gold  
 Not a mite would I withhold  
 Take my intellect and use  
 Every power as You choose

Here am I, All of me  
 Take my life, It's all for Thee

Take my will and make it Thine  
 It shall be no longer mine  
 Take my heart it is Thine own  
 It shall be Thy royal throne  
 Take my love, my Lord I pour  
 At your feet its treasure store  
 Take myself and I will be be  
 Ever, only, all for Thee

Here am I, All of me  
 Take my life, It's all for Thee  
 (repeat)

**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 NEEDS

- Ethan Via
- Haiti
- Dean Goodwin
- Tony Jacobellis (recovery)
- Chuck and Amy Getter
- Community Groups
- Penny Daniels (recovery)
- Alice Bundrant
- Hannah Hunt (Brain Cancer)
- Gene Shawley (Cancer - Chemo.)
- The Blain Family (Peace and Comfort)
- 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

## TONIGHT — BENEFIT FOR HAITI

Island to Island Caribbean Night Sun. Jan. 31, 6-8:30pm  
BHS Commons. Music, Dance, Dessert, Kid activities.

Come to an all island sponsored event to benefit Haiti through World Vision, Partners in Health and UNICEF. Latin American music played by Grupo Meridional (with Gwen Franz on viola).

Insights on Haitian relief effort by Dean Hirsh and Jay Inslee.

**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

## Jacob's Well Ministry's Thrift Store

Opening on Tuesday February 9th at 10:00 AM.  
1225 Hollis Street Bremerton, WA 98310  
Located behind the Los Cabos Restaurant,  
South of Kmart off Wheaton Way

## Ash Wednesday Service

Wednesday, February 17, 7-8PM at the BHS Commons

**Cross Sound Women's Retreat** February 26 & 27  
We will gather at Island Church on Friday, February 26 at 5:30pm and again on Saturday, February 27 at 8am.  
For more info: Regina Gurtler tntmomx2@aol.com

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## Ethan Via (2) has been diagnosed with Leukemia.

A website has been established to coordinate needs and to be a place for information. Please log in to <http://www.lotsahelpinghands.com/c/622397/> to sign up. You may call Keri Lamar (360) 297-0886 for additional information. Thank you for your willingness to pray and to serve this family during this time.

**Coming in March!** During our School of Discipleship time we will be offering an Intro. to Cross Sound Church. This seminar explores the philosophy of ministry and basic theological beliefs of our church. This is also the prerequisite for membership. Classes will be held the first 3 weeks of March meeting at 9AM (before service).

## Save the Dates!

Sunday evenings, March 7, 14 and 21 will be our next Parent Round Table Discussion dates. We are excited about this annual opportunity to gather together, share a meal and discuss how to love our kids and push them toward God. We are planning to meet in the BHS Commons from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. Dinner and childcare will be provided. More details later, but mark your calendars now for this cool time together.

## 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: \$7,055.00

Monthly Budget Needs: \$55,961.59

Giving for Month of January: \$41,159.73

"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.

Sermons are available online at [www.crosssound.org](http://www.crosssound.org).

If you would like to know more about Cross Sound Church,

**Welcome Packets** are available at the greeter table.



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**Thank you for your prayers for Anna Joy Schuler as she travels to Kenya the first of February. She has a one-way ticket to go and live on the farm and in the community - teaching, mentoring and loving the people there.**

**Please hold her up in prayer and feel to support her through email [annajoyshuler@gmail.com](mailto:annajoyshuler@gmail.com) or through a one-time or on-going giving - checks made payable to Nehemiah International.**

**She will be sending out updates, blogs and photos - so stay tuned to hear her adventures.**



Thank you to the Women of Cross Sound Church for sending Anna off with this Kenyan dinner and covering her with prayer!