



The Psalms teach us to express our emotions to God. This is vital to learn. God is not a cold and distant father we must approach with impeccable composure and icy obedience. The Psalms dare us to tell God our deepest needs, longings, resentments, pain, griefs, and joys. And in doing so, we learn to admit the truth about ourselves.

In an age in which we often run to distraction, numbing both pain and joy with endless hot takes, retweets, and business, the Psalms call out to the depths—the depths of the human person, the depths of pain and joy, the depths of knowing God.

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Tish Harrison Warren

Welcome

Welcome to Cross Sound Church. Whether you are a follower of Jesus, someone interested in Christianity, or a skeptic about faith—God is calling you to worship. Wherever you are in life, we hope you feel welcome and at home. If you have never been to church (or not in a long time) and fear that you will not know what to do, how to act, or what to say, know this: God's grace is here and is for people like you.

We are a church that loves our cities: Bainbridge Island, Poulsbo, Silverdale, Kingston, and Seattle. And while we actively love and serve our communities, we don't pretend to have it all together. Instead, we are a church where there is freedom to struggle with our questions, doubts, and fears; and a place where real healing, joy, and power can be found.

We are a church rooted in the belief that the historic Christian gospel is true, compelling, and promises to change our lives powerfully, in the direction of freedom, hope, and generosity.

The gospel, which means 'Good News', tells us that God's Kingdom has entered history in order to renew us and the world. The gospel is more than entering God's Kingdom, it is also the way we face every struggle in life and make any progress in personal growth.

The good news is that Jesus lived the life we should have lived and died the death we deserved to die in order to put us in a place where only He deserves to be—in a right, safe, thrilling relationship with God the Father.

Cross Sound Church desires to be filled with both believers and non-believers, who together explore the claims of the gospel and its effects on our lives and on the world.

Our aim in worship is both ancient, with liturgy that connects us to the Church of old and those who have gone before us, as well as modern, accessible, and meaningful. Underneath it all is our desire to be God-honoring, God-exalting, God-glorifying! Let's worship God together.

Say hello

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As we gather to worship, please silence all mobile phones and devices for the duration of the service.

Gathering

CALL TO WORSHIP — Psalm 27:4,7-8,14

One thing I ask of the LORD,
 this is what I seek:
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD
 all the days of my life,
to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD
 and to seek him in his temple.
Hear my voice when I call, O LORD;
 be merciful to me and answer me.
You have said, “Seek my face.”
My heart says to you,
 Your face, LORD, I will seek.
Wait for the LORD;
 be strong and take heart
 and wait for the LORD.

Renewing

CONFESSION OF SIN

Confession happens within the context of relationship, both with God and with each other as we acknowledge our sin and need for forgiveness. Jesus promises that He freely forgives sins which frees us from past regrets. You are invited to personalize your confession as we pray silently.

**Lord God, we have given more weight to our successes
and our happiness than to your will.
We have eaten without a thought for the hungry.
We have spoken without an effort to understand others.
We have kept silence instead of telling the truth.
We have judged others, forgetful that you alone are the Judge.
We have acted rather in accordance with our opinions
than according to your commands.
Within your church we have been slow to practice love of our neighbors.
And in the world we have not been your faithful servants.
Forgive us and help us to live as disciples of Jesus Christ,
your Son, our Savior. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON AND RECEIVING OF GRACE

— based on Romans 8:34; 2 Corinthians 5:17

Hear the good news!
Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ,
and Christ died for us,
Christ rose for us,
Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us.
Anyone who is in Christ
is a new creation.
The old life has gone;
a new life has begun.
Know that you are forgiven, and be at peace.

Agnus Dei — Michael W. Smith

Alleluia, Alleluia
For the Lord God Almighty reigns
Alleluia, Alleluia
For the Lord God Almighty reigns
Alleluia
Holy, holy are you Lord God Almighty
Worthy is the Lamb, worthy is the Lamb
You are holy,
Holy are you Lord God Almighty
Worthy is the Lamb, worthy is the Lamb
Amen

The largest book in the Bible is primarily a book of poems set to music to sing God praises. This is all part of God's design to surround His presence with singing. Gratitude to God expresses dependence upon God and is an antidote for cynicism, criticism, and bitterness.

Who You Say I Am — Hillsong

Who am I that the highest King, Would welcome me
I was lost but He brought me in, Oh His love for me, Oh His love for me

*Who the Son sets free, Oh is free indeed
I'm a child of God, Yes I am*

Free at last He has ransomed me, His grace runs deep
While I was a slave to sin, Jesus died for me, Yes He died for me

*Who the Son sets free, Oh is free indeed
I'm a child of God, yes I am
In my Father's house, There's a place for me
I'm a child of God, yes I am*

I am chosen, Not forsaken, I am who You say I am
You are for me, Not against me, I am who You say I am

Be Thou My Vision — Dallan Forgaill, Mary E. Byrne, Eleanor Hull, Slane (Irish folk tune)

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 me dwelling, and I with thee one

Riches I heed 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

KENYA STORIES — Greg Livdahl, Jason Long, Kristin Dafoe

ANNOUNCEMENTS, STUDENT DISMISSAL & GREETING

Please stand and introduce yourself to one another.

QUOTES:

‘Some of us are taught to think that reading the Bible means sitting in God’s classroom and that prayer is politely raising our hand when we have a question about what he is teaching us in his Deuteronomy lecture. The Psalms, our prayer text within the biblical text, show us something quite different: prayer is engaging God, an engaging that is seldom accomplished by a murmured greeting and a conventional handshake. The engagement, at least in its initial stages, is more like a quarrel than a greeting, more like a wrestling match than a warm embrace.’

— Eugene H Peterson

Praying the Psalms bring our whole heart before the face of God, reorienting our own vision of God and his promises...the Psalms are given to us by God to guide our prayer and to transform us more and more into our identity in Christ, as members of the body of Christ. — J. Todd Billings

‘There is no literature in all the world that is more true to life and more honest than Psalms, for here we have warts-and-all religion. Every skeptical thought, every disappointing venture, every pain, every despair that we can face is lived through and integrated into a personal, saving relationship with God - a relationship that also has in it acts of praise, blessing, peace, security, trust, and love. Good poetry survives not when it is pretty or beautiful or nice but when it is true: accurate and honest. The psalms are great poetry and have lasted not because they appeal to our fantasies and our wishes but because they are confirmed in the intensities of honest and hazardous living.’ — Eugene Peterson

SERMON SERIES: SUMMER IN THE PSALMS

Text: Psalm 1

Title: A Thriving Life

Speaker: Dave Sellers

Happy are those

who do not follow the advice of the wicked
or take the path that sinners tread

or sit in the seat of scoffers,

²but their delight is in the law of the LORD,
and on his law they meditate day and night.

³They are like trees

planted by streams of water,
which yield their fruit in its season,
and their leaves do not wither.

In all that they do, they prosper.

⁴The wicked are not so

but are like chaff that the wind drives away.

⁵Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment
nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous,

⁶for the LORD watches over the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked will perish.

NOTES:

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 baptized or not prepared to share in the meal, we encourage you instead to spend this time in prayer (see back cover for "Prayers of Reflection").*

“You become like what you worship. When you gaze in awe, admiration, and wonder at something or someone, you begin to take on something of the character of the object of your worship.”

—NT Wright

OFFERING — *Offering is a way for members and friends to support the worship and work of the church, its mission and ministry. There are different ways to give:*

- Offering basket: place Check or Cash in a Giving Envelope on Sunday mornings
- Cross Sound app: look up “Church Center” on the App Store and follow prompts
- Online: www.crosssound.org/give • Stock: contact bookkeeper@crosssound.org
- Mail: Cross Sound Church PO Box 11748 or 600 Ericksen Ave NE #210, Bainbridge Is., WA 98110



So here's what I want you to do, God helping you:
Take your everyday, ordinary life—
your sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and walking-around life—
and place it before God as an offering.
Embracing what God does for you is the best thing you can do for him.

— Romans 12:1

Come All Ye Pining, Hungry, Poor — Steele, Murphy

Lord, we adore Thy boundless grace -
The heights and depths unknown
Of pardon, life, and joy, and peace
In Thy beloved Son.

Come, all ye pining, hungry poor;
The Savior's bounty taste.
Behold a never-failing store
For every willing guest.

O wondrous gifts of love divine,
Dear Source of every good –
Jesus, in Thee what glories shine,
How rich Thy flowing blood.

Here shall your numerous wants receive
A free, a full supply;
He has unmeasured bliss to give
And joys that never die.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy Name.
Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done,
On earth, as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts,
As we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
The power, and the glory, forever.
Amen.

Sending

Everlasting God

Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord
We will wait upon the Lord
We will wait upon the Lord

Our God, You reign forever
Our hope, our strong deliverer

You are the Everlasting God, the Everlasting God
You do not faint, you won't grow weary
You're the defender of the weak
You comfort those in need
You lift us up on wings like eagles

BENEDICTION — Numbers 6:24-26

The LORD bless you and keep you;
the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;
the LORD turn his face toward you
and give you peace.

Amen.

Announcements

June 23: Jul Nickerson's Memorial Service You are invited to celebrate the life and passing of Jul Nickerson at 2pm on June 23 at Seabold Hall, Bainbridge Is.

June 30: Annual Congregational Meeting Please plan to stay after church to vote on the proposed budget and pray for the upcoming year of ministry that God has prepared for us.

July 7: School of Discipleship Begins Our highest calling as disciples is to become love, which requires bringing the desires of our soul before Jesus and spending time with him. If you are hungry for more depth, discernment, wisdom and joy in your "with-God life", join our summer book study starting July 7th at 8:45 am in the library. Our selection is Sacred Rhythms, Arranging our Lives for Spiritual Transformation, by Ruth Haley Barton. Contact Katie for details: katiepearson@crosssound.org

July 19-21 All-Church Camping at Crescent Beach! Crescent Beach is a beautiful private beach with tent sites just steps from the water! Tent sites costs \$35 per night (two tents allowed per site, doubling our capacity for guests). Please specify 1 or 2 nights. If you need financial aid, or require an RV or Trailer spot, email kristin@crosssound.org. 40 spots available. Sign up! It's gonna be fun!! bit.ly/CrescentBeach2024 or follow the QR code >



Annual Ensenada Homebuilding Trip Sign up! Every year for the past 25 years Cross Sound Church has sent a team to Ensenada, Mexico through YWAM's (Youth with a Mission) Homes of Hope organization, to build 16'x20' houses for families that live in very poor housing conditions. To date, we've had the opportunity to build over 45 homes. We have reserved room for 75 people to build 4 houses. We leave Sat Nov 23 and return Friday Nov 29 (the day after Thanksgiving). The cost of the trip is approx \$1,100 per person (includes roundtrip airfare, room and board, and transport from San Diego to Ensenada. CSC will raise funds for the cost of building materials. Interested in going? Sign up here (link or QR code!) >> bit.ly/CSCEnsenada2024 Questions? Contact Stu: stuart@seattlepump.com



Women & Children's Walk In The Woods Join us Thursday mornings at 9:15am! for a 3 mile walk around Gazam Lake. Park at 7377 Springridge Rd NE Bainbridge Island. Questions and/or RSVP to Brooke Wellman at (425)647-8542

Men's Breakfast: Second Saturdays of the month. 8am at the Church Office. Come and be known!

If you have any announcements that you would like included in the bulletin, please email Kristin@crosssound.org by Wednesday afternoons. Include basic info: Who, What, When and how to sign up!

Connect With Us

If you are new to Cross Sound Church, please tear this portion off and put it in the offering to let us know you were here. You may also use this to inform us of any changes in your contact information, or to submit prayer requests for the staff to pray over.

First time visitor () Interested in more info for: Please add me to:
Second time visitor () _____ Ministry () Email list ()
Regular attendee () Mailing list ()

Name(s): _____

Children & their ages: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number(s): _____

Email(s): _____

Prayer Requests/Comments: _____

We hope these are helpful to you as you consider your relationship with Jesus Christ and His people, the church.

Prayer for the Skeptic

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 those 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.