



Define yourself
radically as one
beloved by God.

—

Brennan Manning

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

Please join in song when ready

Gloria Patri — Words: Gloria Patri, 2nd Century, Music: Karl Digerness, 2009
Glory be to the Father As it was in the beginning
Glory be to the Son Shall be forever
Glory be to the Spirit, Three in One Amen, Amen, Amen

CALL TO WORSHIP — Psalm 63:1-4

You, God, are my God,
earnestly I seek you;
I thirst for you,
my whole being longs for you,
in a dry and parched 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.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Make confession to God the Lord, and let everyone acknowledge with me his/her sin and iniquity.

Heavenly Father,

We confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed — by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

Father, forgive us and renew us in the grace of your Son. Empower us together in Him, to delight in your will, to walk in your ways, and to live for the glory of His name, we pray.

Amen.

Renewing

ASSURANCE OF PARDON AND RECEIVING OF GRACE

Jesus Christ gave his life to free us from every kind of sin,
to cleanse us, and to make us his very own people. —Titus 2:14

So now there is no condemnation for those who belong to Christ Jesus...
Nothing can ever separate us from God's love. — Romans 8:1 & 38

In the name of Jesus Christ, We are forgiven!
Rejoice, and be at Peace! **Amen.**

You Said — *Reuben Morgan*

You said, "Ask and you will receive, Whatever you need."

You said, "Pray and I'll hear from heaven, And I'll heal your land."

You said Your glory will fill the earth, Like water in the sea.

You said, "Lift up your eyes, The harvest is here, your kingdom is near."

You said, "Ask and I'll give the nations to you." Oh Lord, that's the cry of my heart!
Distant shores and the islands will see Your light, As it rises on us.

Arise, O God, and Shine — *Words by William Hurn, Music by Chris Miner*

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.

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.

The Love of the Father — *James Ferguson & Rich Thompson*

Lift up your voices and lift up your praise
Join with the heavens declaring the wonders
Of His faithfulness forever

Sing of the victory, the hope of the world
The Savior has risen, the Spirit has come
To bring us into love forever

*We are the people of God
With the freedom of hope in our hearts
How great is the love of the Father*

Lifted from darkness and into the light
The sons and daughters are loved at a price,
Our God Has made us His forever

Chorus (x2)

This is the song of the redeemed
The ransomed and the free
Given life at such a price
This is love, this is love
And when the Father calls us home
And we see Him on the throne
Hear the voices sing as one
This is love, this is love

Chorus (x2)

LAMENT — Portions of Psalm 31

Turn your ear to me,
come quickly to my rescue;
be my rock of refuge,
a strong fortress to save me.
**Since you are my rock and my fortress,
for the sake of your name lead and guide me.
Keep me free from the trap that is set for me.**

For you are my refuge.
Into your hands I commit my spirit.
Deliver me, Lord, my faithful God.

Be merciful to me, Lord, for I am in distress;
my eyes grow weak with sorrow,
my soul and body with grief.
**My life is consumed by anguish
Because of all my enemies.**

But I trust in you, Lord;
I say, "You are my God."
**My times are in your hands;
deliver me from the hands of my enemies.**

Let me not be put to shame, Lord,
for I have cried out to you;
but let the wicked be put to shame.

Praise be to the Lord,
for he showed me the wonders of his love
when I was in a city under siege.
**Be strong and take heart,
all you who hope in the Lord.**

GREETING & STUDENT DISMISSAL

Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you.
— Romans 15:7

Love one another deeply from the heart.
— 1 Peter 1:22

With the exception of the nursery, all students begin in the worship service. Upon dismissal students gather in room 231 for large group, then on to individual classes: Nursery Rm 234, PreK-2nd Rm 232, 3rd-6th Rm 231

Message

Series: Why Church?

Title: Gospel Partners

Text: Philippians 1:3-5 & Matthew 5:13-16

Speaker: Dave O'Connell

I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, ⁴ always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, ⁵ because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now.

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“You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people’s feet.

¹⁴ “You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵ Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

QUOTES:

You weren't created just to consume resources – to eat, breathe, and take up space. God designed you and saved you to make a difference with your life. While many best-selling books offer advice on how to “get” the most out of life, that’s not the reason God made you. You were created and saved to add to life on earth... In God’s kingdom, you have a place, a purpose, a role, and a function to fulfill. — Rick Warren

What we have to offer the world is not merely entry into heaven. The gospel is the great antidote for the million illnesses in our world. It comforts the discouraged, breaks through the walls of the hard-hearted, gives answers to the thinker, provides a ballast for the insecure, and saves the sinful, all at the same time. The one happy destination never changes, but we have as many on-ramps as there are people to guide there. —Jimmy Needham

Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can, as long as you ever can. — John Wesley

Imagine what could happen if just 10 percent of all Christians in the world got serious about their role as real servants. Imagine all the good that could be done. Are you willing to be one of those people? — Rick Warren

OFFERING

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 through his poverty might become rich.

—2 Corinthians 8:9

Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

—2 Corinthians 9:7

Yet Not I, But Through Christ in Me — *City Alight*

What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer, There is no more for heaven now to give
He is my joy, my righteousness, and freedom, My steadfast love, my deep
and boundless peace

*To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus, For my life is wholly bound to his
Oh how strange and divine, I can sing: all is mine! Yet not I, but through Christ in me*

The night is dark, but I am not forsaken, For by my side, the Saviour He will stay
I labour on in weakness and rejoicing, For in my need, His power is displayed

*To this I hold, my Shepherd will defend me, Through the deepest valley He will lead
Oh the night has been won, and I shall overcome! Yet not I, but through Christ in me*

No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven, The future sure, the price it has been paid
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon, And He was raised to overthrow the grave

*To this I hold, my sin has been defeated, Jesus now and ever is my plea
Oh the chains are released, I can sing: I am free! Yet not I, but through Christ in me*

With every breath, I long to follow Jesus, For He has said that He will bring me home
And day by day I know He will renew me, Until I stand with joy before the throne

*To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus , All the glory evermore to Him
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat: Yet not I, but through Christ in me!*

The offering is a way for members and friends of Cross Sound Church to support the worship and work of the church, it's mission and ministry. There are different ways to financially give, via:

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Heavenly Father,

**You are at work in this world through your people,
Saving, healing, loving, serving, and making things new.
Help us to celebrate the work that you are doing in others,
And in your grace, help us to be committed to your work too.**

[Silent Prayer: Offering Ourselves and Our Collective Life to His Service]

For this, O Lord, we pray,

Lord, hear our prayer.

Lord Jesus,

**Help us to know how thoroughly you love us.
Help us to grasp the staggering reality of the cross.
Help us to rejoice in the life we now get to daily live with you.
And help us to follow you with joy, and to love others in you.**

[Silent Prayer: Praising our Savior for the cross and asking to live in light of it]

For this, O Lord, we pray,

Lord, hear our prayer.

Holy Spirit,

**Work in us – we need to grow in joy, commitment, trust, & love.
Work through us – our communities & friends need your touch.
Work in our country – we need healing, protection, wisdom, & help.
Work in our world – to bring peace, mercy, justice, and your saving grace.**

[Silent Prayer: Prayer of intercession for friends, our country, or our world]

For this, O Lord, we pray,

Lord, hear our prayer.

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, and the power,
and the glory forever and ever.
Amen**

Sending

O Love that Will Not Let Me Go — *George Matheson, 1882, Music: Christopher Miner, 1997*

O Love that will not let me go, I rest my weary soul in thee;
I give thee back the life I owe, That in thine ocean depths its flow
May richer, fuller be.

O Light that followest all my way, I yield my flickering torch to thee;
My heart restores its borrowed ray, That in thy sunshine's blaze its day
May brighter, fairer be.

O Joy that seekest me through pain, I cannot close my heart to thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain, And feel the promise is not vain,
That morn shall tearless be.

O Cross that liftest up my head, I dare not ask to fly from thee;
I lay in dust life's glory dead, And from the ground there blossoms red
Life that shall endless be.

MINISTRY PARTNER UPDATE — Rosie Garber from *Scarlet Road*

BENEDICTION — Hebrews 13:20-21

Now may the God of peace... equip you with everything good for doing his will,
and may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom
be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

COMMUNION — Mark 10:45, Isaiah 53:16, Isaiah 55:1

The Son of Man came not to be served but to serve,
And to give his life as a ransom for many.

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All of us, like sheep, have strayed away. We have left God's paths to follow our
own. Yet the Lord laid on him the sins of us all.

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Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters;
And he who has no money, come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.

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").

The benediction, different from good wishes or even a prayer, is a pronouncement of God's blessing. God sends us out in peace, giving us his presence as we go to be blessing-bearers to the world.

Announcements

IF:Gathering Online Access If you were unable to attend/view the event, *please contact Kristin@crosssound.org* to get login information for the recorded event.

Easter Sunday Egg Hunt at Prue's House We are continuing our annual tradition directly following service on Sunday, April 17 at noon. Details to follow.

Weeds To Flowers If you are interested in participating in this annual tradition of serving our schools by weeding and planting flower beds, *please email Kristin@crosssound.org*. This is a wonderful way to bless our community. Details to follow.

Parenting Round Table Join us for collaborative discussions around the topic of parenting toddlers through our post-high school adult-children. We'll meet 3 Sunday evenings from 5p-7p: April 24, May 3 and May 15 at the church office (600 Ericksen Ave Bl Ste.210). Dinner and childcare provided. Please RSVP at info@crosssound.org

Current 5th-8th graders

- SUMMER WEEKEND RETREAT! We are kicking off Summer at Miracle Ranch in Port Orchard! June 17th-19th, registration details will be coming soon!!
- CONFIRMATION CLASS CONTINUES through March 13 and 20. We ask that students attend all sessions. Email LauraOC@crosssound.org with questions

Attention Cross Sound Kids: SAVE THE DATE FOR KIDS CAMP! We are excited to partner with New Life this Summer, July 11-June 15, 9am-12pm, rising K-5th grade. You won't want to miss this! Registration details will be coming soon.

Healing Prayer: CSC's Session Please join us on the 3rd Wednesday of each month if you would like prayers for healing (physical, emotional, spiritual, relational) at 6:30pm at the Church office (600 Ericksen Ave. Ste #210 Bl, 98110). *"Is any one of you sick? He/she should call the elders of the church to pray over him/her and anoint him/her with oil in the name of the Lord."*—James 5:12

Tuesday Prayer Team Support your church family through prayer. Meets every Tuesday at 9am at the Church Office (600 Ericksen Ave. Ste #210 Bl, 98110)

Women's Ministry Questions? Contact Ashley at ashley@crosssound.org

- BIBLE STUDY The Gospel of John: Finding Identity and Purpose. Meets Monday evenings 6:45-8:15pm or Wednesday Mornings from 9:15-11:15am.
- SAVE THE DATE! THE WOMEN'S RETREAT IS BACK THIS SPRING! We are looking forward to gathering together on May 7. Details to follow

GriefShare Program: Rebuilding Your Life Through the Challenges of Loss

Thursday mornings, 9:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. February 3 through April 28, 2022. Questions? *Reach out to Linda Gordon at LLGonbi@gmail.com, Sue MacFarlane or Maree Zawoysky at info@crosssound.org*

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: _____
Second time visitor _____ Ministry Please add me to:
Regular attendee _____ Email list
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.