

SUNDAY, APRIL 22 2018
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

“If asked
whether I am
finally letting
God love me,
just as I am,
I would
answer,
‘No, but I’m
trying.’”

— Brennan Manning (shortly before his death)



Order of Worship
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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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crosssound.org or call our office: **(206) 842-6898**

Gathering

Please join in song when ready

Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father

Glory be to the Son

Glory be to the Spirit, Three in One

As it was in the beginning

Shall be forever

Amen, Amen, 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.

PREPARATION

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

CALL TO WORSHIP

"Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid; for the Lord God is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation." With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. And you will say in that day: "Give thanks to the Lord, call upon his name, make known his deeds among the peoples, proclaim that his name is exalted. "Sing praises to the Lord, for he has done gloriously; let this be made known in all the earth. Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel."

—Isaiah 12:2-6

Renewing

CONFESSIONS OF SIN

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

Loving God,

Yours is surpassing beauty, unspeakable goodness, and intoxicating grace. Your steadfast love greets us every morning, and your faithfulness is our constant friend. Yet we have trusted and delighted in your creation rather than you, and we have looked to our idols to make us satisfied, complaining when they have failed us. We have pressured people with the heavy weight of our needs and expectations, and sinned against them when they have disappointed us. Father, forgive us for our many sins. We don't deny them or excuse them, but confess them.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON AND RECEIVING OF GRACE

Thank you, Lord, that when we fly repenting to your outstretched arms, you will not cast us off, because Jesus brings us near. You don't condemn us, for he died in our place. You will not point out our mountain of sin, for Jesus has leveled them, and his beauty covers all of them.

Amen.

Amen.

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.

Desert Song

This is my prayer in the desert,

when all that's within me feels dry

This is my prayer in my hunger and need,

my God is the God who provides

This is my prayer in the fire,

in weakness or trial or pain

There is a faith proved of more worth than gold,

so refine me Lord through the flame

I will bring praise, I will bring praise,

No weapon formed against me shall remain

I will rejoice, I will declare,

God is my victory and He is here

Text in bold is read by the entire congregation. Plain text is read by the worship leader only.

This is my prayer in the battle,
when triumph is still on its way
I am a conqueror and co-heir with Christ,
so firm on His promise I'll stand

All of my life, in every season, You are still God
I have a reason to sing, I have a reason to worship

This is my prayer in the harvest,
when favor and providence flow
I know I'm filled to be emptied again,
the seed I've received I will sow.

Days of Elijah

These are the days of Elijah,
Declaring the Word of the Lord
And these are the days of Your servant, Moses,
Righteousness being restored
And though these are the days of great trial,
Of famine and darkness and sword
Still we are the voice in the desert, crying,
“Prepare ye the way of the Lord!”

Behold, He comes riding on the clouds
Shining like the sun, at the trumpet call
Lift your voice, in the year of jubilee
For out of Zion's hill salvation comes

These are the days of Ezekiel,
The dry bones becoming as flesh
And these are the days of Your servant, Moses,
Righteousness being restored
These are the days of the harvest,
The fields are as white in the world
And we are the labourers in Your vineyard,
Declaring the Word of the Lord.

GIVING THANKS

“Behold, God is my salvation;
I will trust, and will not be afraid;
for the Lord God is my strength and my song,
and he has become my salvation.”
With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. 4
And you will say in that day:
“Give thanks to the Lord,
call upon his name,
make known his deeds among the peoples,
proclaim that his name is exalted.
“Sing praises to the Lord, for he has done gloriously;
let this be made known in all the earth.
Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion,
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.”

—Psalm 107: 1-2,7-8,14-15

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

MESSAGE

Series: Outrageous Hope

Text: 1 Peter 2:4-10

Title: Family Matters

Speaker: Dave Sellers

As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, ⁵ you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶For it stands in Scripture:

“Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone,
a cornerstone chosen and precious,
and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.”

⁷So the honor is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe,

“The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone,”

⁸and

“A stone of stumbling,
and a rock of offense.”

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

⁹But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. ¹⁰Once you were not a people, but now you are God’s people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

QUOTES

‘Our promises in baptism - as parents and congregation - signal that what counts as “family” is not just the closed, nuclear unit that is so often idolized as “the family.” Thus, if Christian congregations are truly going to live out of and into the significance of baptism, they will need to become communities in which the bloodlines of kin are trumped by the blood of Christ - where “natural” families don’t fold into themselves in self-regard.’

—James KA Smith

‘Christians do not believe marriage and family exist for themselves, but rather serve the ends of the more determinative community called church. The assumption that the family is an end in itself can only make the family and marriage more personally destructive. When families exist for no reason other than their own existence, they become quasi-churches, which ask sacrifices far too great for insufficient reasons.’

—Stanley Hauerwas

‘...families are definitely the training ground for forgiveness. At some point you pardon the people in your family for being stuck together in all their weirdness, and when you can do that, you can learn to pardon anyone. Even yourself, eventually. It’s like learning to drive on an old car with a tricky transmission: if you can master shifting gears on that, you can learn to drive anything.’

—Anne Lamott

OFFERING

Jesus looked up and saw the rich putting their gifts into the offering box, and he saw a poor widow put in two small copper coins. And he said, “Truly, I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all of them. For they all contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty put in all she had to live on.”

Thou Lovely Source of True Delight

Thou lovely source of true delight
Whom I unseen adore
Unveil Thy beauties to my sight
That I might love Thee more,
Oh that I might love Thee more.

Thy glory o’er creation shines
But in Thy sacred Word
I read in fairer, brighter lines
My bleeding, dying Lord,
See my bleeding, dying Lord

’Tis here, whene’er my comforts droop
And sin and sorrow rise
Thy love with cheering beams of hope
My fainting heart supplies,
My fainting heart’s supplied

But ah! Too soon the pleasing scene
Is clouded o’er with pain
My gloomy fears rise dark between
And I again complain,
Oh and I again complain

Jesus, my Lord, my life, my light
Oh come with blissful ray
Break radiant through the shades of night
And chase my fears away,
Won't You chase my fears away

Then shall my soul with rapture trace
The wonders of Thy love
But the full glories of Thy face
Are only known above,
They are only known above

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

**Father, you call us as disciples of your Son.
Lead us to sit at his feet and hear his voice,
that we would relate to each other as family,
to follow in the way of his kingdom.
For this, O Lord, we pray:
Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Lord Jesus, bless leaders of cities and nations
who walk humbly, act justly, and seek peace.
Assure all who are persecuted for your name
of their reward and place in your kingdom.
For this, O Lord, we pray:
Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Holy Spirit, you are the inheritance of the meek,
comfort of the mourner, filler of the hungry,
lifter of the poor, joy of the persecuted.
Draw near the pure in heart to show them God.
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.**”

Now gathering our prayers into one, let us pray boldly as our
Savior has taught us:

**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 for ever. Amen.**

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 a follower of Jesus or are not prepared to share in the meal, we encourage you instead to spend this time in prayer (“Prayers for Reflection”). We hope this time is helpful to you as you consider your relationship with Jesus Christ and with his people, the church.

Sending

COMMUNION

Lord Jesus,

Your perfect life, your death and your resurrection are the source of all blessing in this life and the life to come. As I eat this bread and drink this cup, renew me in the joy and glory of knowing and serving you. I come to this table on the basis of your merit only and not my own. As you have completely and fully offered yourself for me, I now completely and fully offer myself to you as living sacrifice. Amen

Because He Lives

God sent His Son,
They called Him Jesus.
He came to love,
Heal and forgive.
He lived and died
To buy my pardon;
An empty grave is there
To prove my Savior lives.

Because He lives,
I can face tomorrow.
Because He lives,
All fear is gone -
Because I know
He holds the future,
And life is worth the living
Just because He lives.

The Love of the Father

I will build my house
Whether storm or drought
On the rock that does not move
I will set my hope
On Your love O Lord
And Your faithfulness will prove

You are steadfast, steadfast
By the word You spoke
All the starry host
Are called out by name
each night
In Your watchful care
I will rest secure
As You lead us lead us with Your light

EASTER STORY

BENEDICTION

In the love of the God of life: and the blessing of God almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. Amen.

^{All} Amen

How sweet to hold
A newborn baby
And feel the pride
And joy he gives.
But greater still
The calm assurance –
This child can face
Uncertain days
Because He lives.

And then one day
I'll cross the river,
I'll fight life's final
War with pain.
And then as death
Gives way to victory,
I'll see the lights of glory
And I'll know He lives.

I will not trust
In the strength of kings
On Your promise I will stand
I will shout for joy
I will raise my voice
Hallelujah to the Lamb!

In the moment of emptiness
All was fulfilled
In the hour of darkness
Your light was revealed
In the presence of death
Your life was affirmed
In the absence of holiness
You are still God

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

Congregational Meeting: TODAY immediately after worship. Join us as we talk and dream together about a Ministry Center.

New Spring Women's Book Study Please consider joining us as we begin a new study every Wed from 9:00 - 11:30 a.m., beginning Apr. 11 - June. We will be studying together several different books and discussing them in small, book club style format. Childcare is provided. Contact Carrie at carriesellers206@gmail.com

Video Series & Class: Jesus Among Secular Gods

In some segments of society, the Christian worldview has been dismissed, or simply mocked as unintelligent. But is it? Is the Christian faith rational and reasonable? Do the popular philosophies of the day provide a coherent and thoughtful worldview? Join us for a 6-week study with world-renowned thinkers Ravi Zacharias & Vince Vitale (fresh from their sit down presentation at Google) as we explore the claims of Christianity and also consider topics such as atheism, pluralism, humanism, scientism, and hedonism. Begins at 9 am, April 15th, in the BHS Library.

Mark your calendars for our "Annual Blessed to be a Blessing Pentecost Missions Fair, Sunday May 20: Please plan to join us after church for our 10th annual Pentecost Missions Fair. Cake walk, potluck and Bbq, live music, opportunities to share stories about God's glory as experienced on mission. If your group is interested in having a table at the fair please contact Penny Daniels (penny@crosssound.org) We will celebrate together and lunch will be hosted by Young Life! There will also be a cake walk to support Immersion. Please plan to bring cakes or treats!

Welcome Lunch June 3: If you are new to CSC or would just like an opportunity to meet some of the Cross Sound leaders please consider joining us for a welcome lunch at Mark & Cheryl Harrison's home for lunch. 1237 Hawley Way NE, Bainbridge Island. Please email Penny@crosssound.org for more info or to RSVP.

Kids, are you ready for an ADVENTURE this summer?

Grow in your relationship with God during Cross Sound Kids Camp at Island Lake! Enjoy swimming, rock climbing, archery, arts and crafts, low ropes course and lots of games. Best of all, campers will get to hear about God's love for them during Fireside skits/talks! **August 13-17, M-F, 9 am - 5 pm, Cost: \$150/child.** Full or partial scholarships can be provided. Ages: Kids entering Kindergarten through 7th grade. Kids will be divided up into age-related groups. For those entering 5/6/7 grades... Extreme Adventure Activities (high ropes course, dirt bikes) are available for an additional fee. Questions? Contact Katie Fixter at kfixter5@gmail.com

Men's Retreat - Sept. 21-23 @ Fort Worden

Sign ups start TODAY for the summer men's retreat. Friday check-in starts at 4pm. Friday night BBQ at 6pm, speaker throughout the weekend, and plenty of free time to go into Port Townsend for lunch or visit the café on campus, fish the sound, hike the trails or beach, golf, play Bocci Ball or tennis, hang out or just relax. The cost of the retreat is \$194 for a private room and \$158 for a bunk in the bunk room. There are scholarships available. For more info Contact Roger Barber irbarbers@gmail.com

Financial Update: Last week's total: \$8,143.00 Annual Budget (7/17-6/18): \$977,232 Budgeted Income to Date: \$803,632 Actual Income to Date: \$803,378

CS Kids and Youth Group

Small Beginnings Nursery (new-2yrs) Room #234

Contact: Laura O'Connell, oconnells1908@yahoo.com. Children are invited to be dropped off at this class before the church service begins.

Cross Sound Kids:

Children will attend the worship portion of the service and then be sent to their classrooms as a whole Sunday school group.

Contact: Laura O'Connell, oconnells1908@yahoo.com or Katie Fixter, kfixter5@gmail.com

Little Kids (3-5yrs) Room #232

Kindergarten Room #231

First & Second grades Room #229

Third & Fourth grades Room #225

Fifth & Sixth grades Room #222

YOUTH GROUP

Junior High, Bainbridge High School Library

Senior High, Bainbridge High School Library

WEDNESDAYS 6:30-8pm – H.S. CSC Youth Group at the Brouwer's home: 8874 Battle Point Dr. NE. Bainbridge Island.

THURSDAYS 6:30-8pm – Jr. High CSC Youth Group at the Cross Sound Office: 600 Ericksen Ave. NE #210.

Contact Josh Brouwer at josh@crosssound.org with any questions or to be involved.

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

Second time visitor

Regular attendee

Interested in more info for:

_____ Ministry

Please add me to:

Email list Mailing list

Name(s): _____

Children & their ages: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number(s): _____

Email(s): _____

Prayer Requests: _____

If you have prayer requests or prayers of thanksgiving that you would like to share please email Penny@crosssound.org or indicate on the prayer request page and drop it in the offering basket. Our prayer team prays for these requests throughout the week.

NOTES:

PRAYERS FOR REFLECTION:

Prayer of those struggling with the truth:

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.