

SUNDAY, APRIL 1 2018
EASTER SUNDAY

‘Make no mistake: if He rose at all it was as His body; if the cell’s dissolution did not reverse, the molecules reknit, the amino acids rekindle, the Church will fall...Let us not mock God with metaphor, analogy, sidestepping transcendence; making of the event a parable, a sign painted in the faded credulity of earlier ages: let us walk through the door.’

— John Updike



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	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

Christ the Lord is Risen Today (He is Not Dead)

Christ the Lord is risen today, Al - le - u - ia!	Love's redeeming work is done, Al - le-lu-ia!
Sons of men and angels say: Al - le - lu - ia!	Fought the fight, the battle won, Al - le-lu-ia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Al - le - lu - ia!	Death in vain forbids Him rise, Al - le-lu-ia!
Sing, ye heavens and earth reply: Al - le - lu - ia!	Christ has opened Paradise, Al - le-lu-ia!

Lives again our glorious King, Al - le-lu-ia!	Chorus
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Al - le-lu-ia!	Soar we now where Christ has led, Al - le-lu-ia!
Dying once He all doth save, Al - le-lu-ia!	Foll'wing our exalted Head, Al - le-lu-ia!
Where thy victory, O grave? Al - le-lu-ia!	Made like Him, like Him we rise, Al - le-lu-ia!
	Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Al -le-lu-ia!

Chorus
He is not dead, He is alive!
We have this hope in Jesus Christ!

CALL TO WORSHIP

Praise the Lord!

Praise the Lord from the heavens;
praise him in the heights!
Praise him, all his angels;
praise him, all his hosts!
Praise him, sun and moon,
praise him, all you shining stars!
Praise him, you highest heavens,
and you waters above the heavens!
Let them praise the name of the Lord!
For he commanded and they were created.
Kings of the earth and all peoples,
princes and all rulers of the earth!
Young men and maidens together,
old men and children!
Let them praise the name of the Lord,
for his name alone is exalted;
his majesty is above earth and heaven.
He has raised up a horn for his people,
praise for all his saints,
for the people of Israel who are near to him.
Praise the Lord!

—Psalm 148:15, 11-14

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

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).

**Lord Jesus, you were dead but now you are alive:
transform the torments of this world's sin
that we may see your radiant glory.
You were raised from death to life:
may the power of your resurrection live in us,
that we may be channels of your true life beyond measure.
To you, Jesus, who broke free from the bonds of death,
be honor and glory with the Father and the Holy Spirit,
now and for ever.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON AND RECEIVING OF GRACE

May the light of Christ, rising in glory,
banish all darkness from your hearts and minds,
forgive you your sins,
grant you the joy of his kingdom,
and raise you to new and everlasting life.

Amen.

The Power of the Cross

Oh, to see the dawn
Of the darkest day,
Christ on the road to Calvary.
Tried by sinful men,
Torn and beaten, then
Nailed to a cross of wood.

This, the power of the cross,
Christ became sin for us
Took the blame, bore the wrath
We stand forgiven at the cross.

Oh, to see the pain
Written on Your face,
Bearing the awesome
weight of sin.
Every bitter thought,
Every evil deed
Crowning Your
bloodstained brow.

Now the daylight flees
Now the ground beneath
Quakes as its Maker bows
His head.
Curtain torn in two,
Dead are raised to life,
“Finished!” the victory cry.

Oh, to see my name
Written in the wounds,
For through Your suffering
I am free.
Death is crushed to death
Life is mine to live,
Won through Your selfless love.

This, the power of the cross
Son of God, slain for us
What a love! What a cost!
We stand forgiven at the cross.

We Will Feast in the House of Zion

Chorus

We will feast in the house of Zion.
We will sing with our hearts restored.
“He has done great things,” we will say together.
We will feast, and weep no more.

We will not be burned by the fire;
He is the Lord our God.
We are not consumed by the flood -
Upheld, protected, gathered up.

In the dark of night before the dawn,
My soul be not afraid;
For the promised morning, Oh how long!
O God of Jacob, be my strength!

Every vow we've broken and betrayed,
You are the faithful One;
And from the garden to the grave,
Bind us together, bring shalom.

Crown Him with Many Crowns

Crown Him with many crowns,
The Lamb upon His throne;
Hark! How the heavenly anthem drowns
All music but its own!
Awake, my soul and sing
Of Him who died for thee,
And hail Him as thy matchless King
Through all eternity.

Crown Him the Lord of love!
Behold His hands and side,
Rich wounds yet visible above,
In beauty glorified.
No angel in the sky
Can fully bear that sight,
But downward bends his wondering eye
At mysteries so bright.

Crown Him the Lord of life,
Who triumphed o'er the grave,
And rose victorious through the strife
For those He came to save.
His glories now we sing,
Who died and rose on high,
Who died eternal life to bring
And lives that death may die.
Crown Him the Lord of heaven,
Enthroned in worlds above;
Crown Him the King to Whom is given
The wondrous name of Love.
Crown Him with many crowns
As thrones before Him fall;
Crown Him, ye kings, with many crowns,
For He is King of all.

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.

GIVING THANKS

Shout your praises to God, everybody!
Let loose and sing! Strike up the band!
Round up an orchestra to play for God,
Add on a hundred-voice choir.
Feature trumpets and big trombones,
Fill the air with praises to King God.
Let the sea and its fish give a round of applause,
With everything living on earth joining in.
Let ocean breakers call out, "Encore!"
And mountains harmonize the finale—
A tribute to God when he comes,
When he comes to set the earth right.
He'll straighten out the whole world,
He'll put the world right, and everyone in it.
—Psalm 98:4-9

CONFIRMATION/BAPTISM

Isaiah Beyer
Eliason Brouwer
Adelae Roa
Isaac Sellers

1. Do you believe at the beginning of time God created this perfect world for us to live in because of his unending love for his people and for his own glory?
2. Do you know that your heart is sinful and God would be right to be angry with you but there is hope because God is merciful and kind to you?
3. Do you believe Jesus is the only one who can take away your sin and that he is the one who makes you right with God?
4. Do you believe the Holy Spirit lives in you and gives you the power to obey God?
5. Do you promise to come to church to worship God because he is holy?
6. Do you promise to respect the leaders of the church and do your best to be a godly leader who serves other people?

RECEIVING OF NEW MEMBERS

1. Do you believe God created the world wonderfully and made us male and female to know him, love him, live with him, and glorify him?
2. Do you acknowledge yourselves to be sinners in the sight of God, justly deserving His displeasure, and without hope except in His sovereign mercy?

It has been the practice of the church for thousands of years to have portions of the Bible read during worship services. We do this because we are people who need to be shaped by all of God's word.

3. Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God, and Savior of sinners, and do you receive and rest upon Him alone for salvation?
4. Do you now resolve and promise, in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit, that you will endeavor to live as followers of Christ?
5. Do you promise to support the church in its worship and work to the best of your ability?
6. Do you submit yourselves to the government and discipline of the church, and promise to promote its purity and peace?

MESSAGE

Text: 1 Corinthians 15:1-20

Title: Resurrection

Speaker: Dave Sellers

Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand,² and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you— unless you believed in vain.

³For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁴that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁵and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. ⁷Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. ⁹For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. ¹¹Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

¹²Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? ¹³But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. ¹⁴And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain. ¹⁵We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified about God that he raised Christ, whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. ¹⁶For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised. ¹⁷And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. ¹⁸Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. ¹⁹If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied.

²⁰But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

QUOTES

“If Jesus rose from the dead, then you have to accept all that he said; if he didn’t rise from the dead, then why worry about any of what he said? The issue on which everything hangs is not whether or not you like his teaching but whether or not he rose from the dead.”

—Tim Keller

Q. How does Christ’s resurrection benefit us?

A. First, by his resurrection he has overcome death, so that he might make us share in the righteousness He won for us by his death.

Second, by his power we too are already now resurrected to a new life.

Third, Christ’s resurrection is a guarantee of our glorious resurrection.

—Heidelberg Catechism, #45

OFFERING

Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;
bring an offering, and come into his courts.

Worship the LORD in holy splendor;
tremble before him, all the earth.

—Psalm 96:8-9

How Great Thou Art

Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder
Thy power throughout the universe displayed

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou art.
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!

And when I think, that God, His son not sparing
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in;
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing
He bled and died to take away my sin.

When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation,
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart.
Then I shall bow, in humble adoration
And then proclaim: “My God, how great Thou art!”

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

**Your only Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, has saved us by his death, O Father. He paid the price of Adam’s sin, and reconciled us once again to you.
Glory to you forever!**

Sending

This day is the Passover feast, when Christ, the true Lamb of God, is slain, whose blood consecrates the homes of all the faithful.

Glory to you forever!

This is the day when you first saved our ancestors, freeing Israel from her slavery and leading her safely through the sea.

Glory to you forever!

This is the day when Jesus Christ vanquished hell, broke the chains of death and rose triumphant from the grave.

Glory to you forever!

This is the day when all who believe in him are freed from sin, restored to grace and holiness, and share the victory of Christ.

Glory to you forever!

This is the day that gave us back what we had lost; beyond our deepest dreams you made even our sin a happy fault.

Glory to you forever!

Crowning glory of all feasts! Evil and hatred are put to flight and sin is washed away, lost innocence regained, and mourning turned to joy.

Glory to you forever!

Feast truly blessed, when hatred is cast out, peace and justice find a home, and heaven is joined to earth and all creation reconciled to you.

Glory to you forever!

Therefore, heavenly Father, in the joy of this day, receive our sacrifice of praise, your church's solemn offering.

Glory to you forever!

May Christ, that Morning Star, who came back from the dead, shed his light of peace on all humankind, your Son, who lives and reigns forever and ever.

Amen and amen.

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

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

Easter pot-luck/party Apr. 1, 1-5 Prue's House - Bring a chair and food to share as it's a pot luck. Please bring 15 filled eggs per kid that would like to participate in Easter egg hunt. 9600 Mandus Olson Rd NE Any questions: Carrie Sellers carriesellers206@gmail.com

Women of Cross Sound - Clothing/Gadget Exchange

Start cleaning out those drawer, cupboards and closets for another Clothing/Gadget Exchange at the Cross Sound Church office - 600 Ericksen Ave, Suite #210. **Monday April 9 from 7 - 9 p.m.** Hopefully, this will be the perfect opportunity to motivate you to get to that Spring Cleaning done! Invite a friend or a neighbor - the more the merrier and it will be a fun evening of swapping junk - or treasures!

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 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 of 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.

Welcome Lunch April 29: If you are new to CSC or would just like an opportunity to meet some of the Cross Sound leaders please join us directly after the service 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

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.