



Jesus comes not for the  
super-spiritual but for the  
wobbly and the weak-kneed  
who know they don't have  
it all together, and who are  
not too proud to accept the  
handout of amazing grace.



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.



# Renewing

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON AND RECEIVING OF GRACE

I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover up my iniquity.  
I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord."  
And you forgave the guilt of my sin.  
— Psalm 32:5

It was not with perishable things such as silver or gold  
that you were redeemed... but with the precious blood of Christ  
—1Peter 1:18-19

Because of Jesus Christ,  
and in Jesus Christ,  
we are loved and forgiven.  
**Amen.**

### **Come Thou Fount**

Come, thou Fount of every blessing, Tune my heart to sing thy grace  
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, Call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet, Sung by flaming tongues above.  
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, Mount of thy redeeming love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer, Hither by Thy help I'm come  
And I know, Thy hand will lead me, Safely home by Thy good grace  
Jesus sought me when a stranger, Wandering from the fold of God;  
He, to rescue me from danger, Interposed His precious blood.

O, to grace how great a debtor, Daily I'm constrained to be!  
Let Thy goodness, like a fetter, Bind my wandering heart to Thee.  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, Prone to leave the God I love;  
Here's my heart, O take and seal it, Seal it for Thy courts above.

Oh that day when freed from sinning, I shall see Thy lovely face  
Full arrayed in blood-washed linen, How I'll sing Thy sovereign grace  
Come, my Lord, no longer tarry, Bring Thy promises to pass  
For I know Thy pow'r will keep me, Till I'm home with Thee at last

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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.

## **His Mercy is More**

What love could remember no wrongs we have done  
Omniscient, all knowing, He counts not their sum  
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore  
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more

*Praise the Lord! His mercy is more!  
Stronger than darkness, new every morn  
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more!*

What patience would wait as we constantly roam  
What Father, so tender, is calling us home  
He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor  
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more

*Chorus*

What riches of kindness Christ lavished on us  
His blood was the payment, His life was the cost  
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford  
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more

*Chorus*

## **Who You Say I Am**

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  
I am who You say I am

## STUDENT DISMISSAL, ANNOUNCEMENTS & GREETING

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

Be devoted to one another in love.  
— Romans 12:10

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

## SONG OF PREPARATION

**Speak, O Lord** — *Getty/Townend*

Speak, O Lord, as we come to You, To receive the food of Your holy word  
Take Your Truth, plant it deep in us, Shape and fashion us in Your likeness  
That the light of Christ might be seen today, In our acts of love and our deeds of faith  
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us, All Your purposes for Your glory

Teach us, Lord, full obedience, Holy reverence, true humility  
Test our thoughts and our attitudes, In the radiance of Your purity  
Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see, Your majestic love and authority  
Words of power that can never fail, Let their Truth prevail over unbelief

QUOTES:

MESSAGE SERIES: SURPRISING JOY

**Title: Citizens of heaven**

**Passages: Philippians 3:12-4:1**

**Speaker: Jon Bonker**

<sup>3:12</sup> Not that I have already obtained it or have already become perfect, but I press on so that I may lay hold of that for which also I was laid hold of by Christ Jesus. <sup>13</sup> Brethren, I do not regard myself as having laid hold of it yet; but one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and reaching forward to what lies ahead, <sup>14</sup> I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. <sup>15</sup> Let us therefore, as many as are perfect, have this attitude; and if in anything you have a different attitude, God will reveal that also to you; <sup>16</sup> however, let us keep living by that same standard to which we have attained.

<sup>17</sup> Brethren, join in following my example, and observe those who walk according to the pattern you have in us. <sup>18</sup> For many walk, of whom I often told you, and now tell you even weeping, that they are enemies of the cross of Christ, <sup>19</sup> whose end is destruction, whose god is their appetite, and whose glory is in their shame, who set their minds on earthly things. <sup>20</sup> For our citizenship is in heaven, from which also we eagerly wait for a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ; <sup>21</sup> who will transform the body of our humble state into conformity with the body of His glory, by the exertion of the power that He has even to subject all things to Himself.

<sup>4:1</sup> Therefore, my beloved brethren whom I long to see, my joy and crown, in this way stand firm in the Lord, my beloved.

OFFERING — 1CHRONICLES 29:9

Then the people rejoiced because they had offered so willingly,  
for they made their offering to the Lord with a whole heart.

**Be Thou My Vision**

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 my dwelling, and I with thee one

Riches I need 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

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The offering is a way for members and friends of Cross Sound Church to support the worship and work of the church, its 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 [bookkeeper@crosssound.org](mailto:bookkeeper@crosssound.org)

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Heavenly Father,

**What wondrous love you have given to us  
In giving us the gift of your only Son.  
Cause us to treasure Him above all others,  
And to live out our new lives in Him.**

For this, O Lord, we pray:

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Lord Jesus,

**Awaken us to the stunning nature of your sacrifice,  
And to the unfathomable depths of your love.  
Help us not to have gospel-amnesia, but to live  
In light of your presence, promises, and power.**

For this, O Lord, we pray:

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Holy Spirit,

**Thank you for being our true compass and help.  
Thank you for indwelling your people and church.  
Work in us, so that we might grow in grace & godliness.  
Work through us, so that we might be a blessing in your world.**

For this, O Lord, we pray:

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Lord God, our Triune God,

**Help us to forget what lies behind.  
Help us to reach forward to what lies ahead.  
Help us to press on toward the goal,  
And to stand firm as faithful citizens of heaven.**

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.  
Amen.**

# Sending

**The Lion and The Lamb** — *Leeland Mooring, Brenton Brown, Brian Johnson*

He's coming on the clouds  
Kings and kingdoms will bow down  
Every chain will break  
As broken hearts declare His praise  
For who can stop the Lord Almighty

Our God is the Lion, the Lion of Judah  
He's roaring with power  
And fighting our battles  
And every knee will bow before Him  
Our God is the Lamb, the Lamb that was slain  
For the sins of the world  
His blood breaks the chains  
Every knee will bow before the Lion and the Lamb  
Every knee will bow before Him

Open up the gates  
Make way before the King of kings  
The God who comes to save  
Is here to set the captives free  
For who can stop the Lord Almighty

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Who can stop the Lord

BENEDICTION

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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

**All-Church Luncheon TODAY!** We will continue to meet and eat together, potluck-style, the first Sunday of every Summer month. See you there!

**Ensenada Fundraiser: Golf at Meadowmeer** We are continuing our annual tradition on September 24. Mark your calendar and stay tuned for details!

## **MISSIONS TEAM: URGENT REQUEST**

John Hays serves on the Cross Sound Missions Team. He is also a Board Member for Kitsap based nonprofit, Scarlet Road. A Scarlet Road client is in desperate need of a car that runs and can be licensed. (Her own car died recently.) Please reach out to John personally if you have a car to donate or have an idea on where one can be found. *John can be reached at (206) 419-5001.*

## **Men's Ministry**

- CORRECTION: MEN'S BREAKFAST: Saturday, August 13, 8am at the CS Office
- RETREAT SEPTEMBER 16-18 @ FORT WORDEN! This year's focus is *Man's Journey towards Maturity*, looking at seven Hebrew words that express seven different aspects of what a mature man looks like. You are invited to fish the sound, hike the trails or beach, play golf or tennis, hang out, relax and study scripture. Sign up! <https://crosssound.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1342195>

## **Women's Ministry**

- PROJECT BACKPACK DONATIONS - we have committed to 100 backpacks for Helpline House!! Please consider donating... delivery requested August 8-12.
- PICNIC WITH A PURPOSE at Barb Ames' Home on Sunday, August 14 from 12-2 pm *RVSP requested: Email [ashley@crosssound.org](mailto:ashley@crosssound.org)*

**Children & Youth Ministry Summer Schedule has been published!** Go to <https://www.crosssound.org/events> for details and registration information.

**Ensenada is November 19-25!** Building homes for those in desperate need. PLEASE NOTE, we've reached max capacity at 60 people, but you may still sign up! *If you are interested in learning more, or taking a spot if one opens, sign up online: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/805094FAFA623AAF94-ensenada>*

**13-week GriefShare Program Begins Sep 8** All of us will experience grief at one point or another. This class will help you face new challenges and move toward rebuilding your life. Classes meet Thursday mornings (except Thanksgiving) Sep 8—Dec 8. Registration opens in August. *Email [info@crosssound.org](mailto:info@crosssound.org) if interested.*

# 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): \_\_\_\_\_

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*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.*