



If you want to know who God is, look at Jesus. If you want to know what it means to be human, look at Jesus. If you want to know what love is, look at Jesus. If you want to know what grief is, look at Jesus. And go on looking until you're not just a spectator, but you're actually part of the drama which has him as the central character.

N.T. Wright

# 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

I will praise the Lord at all times.  
    I will constantly speak his praises.  
I will boast only in the Lord;  
    let all who are helpless take heart.  
Come, let us tell of the Lord's greatness;  
    let us exalt his name together.  
— Psalm 34:1-3

## CONFESSION OF SIN

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

**Heavenly Father,**  
**It is by grace that we are here this morning,**  
**and it is for grace that we now come.**  
**You have loved us with an everlasting love.**  
**You have brought us into your kingdom and family.**  
**You have given us life, true life, in Jesus your Son.**

**Yet Father, our lives often times fail to reflect these realities.**  
**And we regularly fall back into living small and self-absorbed lives,**  
**With misplaced priorities, desires, and hearts.**  
**We miss out on you, and the joy found in your presence.**  
**We miss out on our joyful calling, to be instruments of your kingdom.**

**Father, forgive us.**  
**Keep working on us we pray.**  
**Cause us to treasure Jesus more than any other.**  
**And make our lives beautiful with Him, and for Him, we pray.**  
**Amen**

# Renewing

RECEIVING OF GRACE — 1 John 1:9

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

**He Will Hold Me Fast** — *Ada Habershon, Matt Merker*

When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;  
When the tempter would prevail, He will hold me fast.  
I could never keep my hold, Through life's fearful path,  
For my love is often cold; He must hold me fast.

*He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;  
For my Savior loves me so, He will hold me fast!*

Those He saves are His delight; Christ will hold me fast.  
Precious in His holy sight, He will hold me fast.  
He'll not let my soul be lost; His promises shall last.  
Bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me fast.

For my life He bled and died; Christ will hold me fast.  
Justice has been satisfied; He will hold me fast.  
Raised with Him to endless life, He will hold me fast  
'Til our faith is turned to sight, When He comes at last!

## **Seek Ye First**

Seek ye first the kingdom of God, And His righteousness  
And all these things shall be added unto you, Allelu, Alleluia

Man does not live by bread alone, But by every word  
That proceeds from the mouth of the Lord, Allelu, Alleluia

Alleluia, Alleluia  
Alleluia, Allelu, Alleluia

Ask and it shall be given unto you, Seek and ye shall find  
Knock and the door shall be opened unto you, Allelu, Alleluia

Alleluia, Alleluia  
Alleluia, Allelu, Alleluia

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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.

**Days of Elijah** — Robin Mark

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 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, it's the year of jubilee,  
And 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 David, Rebuilding a temple of praise.  
These are the days of the harvest, The fields are as white in Your world,  
And we are the labourers in Your vineyard, Declaring the word of the Lord!

*Chorus*

There's no God like Jehovah...

*Chorus*

JESUS STORYBOOK BIBLE

LAMENTING

My soul is in deep anguish.

**How long, Lord, how long?**

Turn, LORD, and deliver me;

**save me because of your unfailing love.**

I am worn out from my groaning.

**All night long I flood my bed with weeping**

Away from me, all you who do evil,

**for the LORD has heard my weeping.**

The LORD has heard my cry for mercy;

**the LORD accepts my prayer.** — Portions of Psalm 6

## 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

## 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*

*The kingdom arrived with Jesus; indeed, one might say that as Son of God incarnate, Jesus is the kingdom of God in person. His rule over Christians is regal in the full-blooded biblical sense, personal, direct, and absolute. His claims are the claims of God, overriding those of man. Yet his rule is not tyranny, for King Jesus is his people's servant, their shepherd and champion, ordering all things for their protection and enrichment. — Warren W. Wiersbe*

# Message

**Series: A New Beginning: What Now?**

**Title: Seeking the Peace & Prosperity of our Cities**

**Passages: Jeremiah 29:1, 3-7, 10-11**

**Speaker: Dave O'Connell**

This is the text of the letter that the prophet Jeremiah sent from Jerusalem to the surviving elders among the exiles and to the priests, the prophets and all the other people Nebuchadnezzar had carried into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon.

<sup>4</sup> This is what the Lord Almighty, the God of Israel, says to all those I carried into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: <sup>5</sup> “Build houses and settle down; plant gardens and eat what they produce. <sup>6</sup> Marry and have sons and daughters; find wives for your sons and give your daughters in marriage, so that they too may have sons and daughters. Increase in number there; do not decrease. <sup>7</sup> Also, seek the peace and prosperity of the city to which I have carried you into exile. Pray to the Lord for it, because if it prospers, you too will prosper.”

<sup>10</sup> This is what the Lord says: “When seventy years are completed for Babylon, I will come to you and fulfill my good promise to bring you back to this place. <sup>11</sup> For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”

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## OFFERING

Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work. — 2 Corinthians 9:7-8

**Your Labor Is Not In Vain** — *Wendell Kimbrough/Paul Zach/Isaac Wardell*

Your labor is not in vain  
though the ground underneath you is cursed and stained  
Your planting and reaping are never the same  
But your labor is not in vain.

Your labor is not unknown  
though the rocks they cry out and the sea it may groan.  
The place of your toil may not seem like a home  
but your labor is not unknown. (refrain)

*For I am with you, I am with you.  
I am with you, I am with you  
For I have called you,  
called you by name  
Your labor is not in vain.*

The vineyards you plant will bear fruit  
the fields will sing out and rejoice with the truth,  
for all that is old will at last be made new:  
the vineyards you plant will bear fruit. (refrain)

The houses you labored to build  
will finally with laughter and joy be filled.  
The serpent that hurts and destroys shall be killed  
and all that is broken be healed. (refrain)



## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Father,

You gave us your Son to us to bring us back to you.  
Now that you have given us life in Him,  
and brought us into your family of love and grace, continue  
to transform us, and make us all that we were meant to be.

For this, O Lord, we pray:  
Lord, hear our prayer.

Lord Jesus,

You have given us a great calling in this world,  
To be your agents of love, grace, and blessing.  
Guide us by your Word and empower us by your Spirit,  
To bless our families, neighbors, and cities.

For this, O Lord, we pray:  
Lord, hear our prayer.

Holy Spirit,

Thank you for being our great help.  
Continue to teach us to lean on you and to keep in step with you.  
Continue to speak the wonders of the gospel into our forgetful hearts.  
So that individually and together, we can live astonished by grace!

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

## **All Must Be Well** — *Indelible Grace*

Through the love of God our Savior, All will be well  
Free and changeless is His favor, All is well  
Precious is the blood that healed us  
Perfect is the grace that sealed us  
Strong the hand stretched forth to shield us  
All must be well

Though we pass through tribulation, All will be well  
Ours is such a full salvation, All is well  
Happy still in God confiding  
Fruitful if in Christ abiding  
Steadfast through the Spirit's guiding  
All must be well

We expect a bright tomorrow; All will be well  
Faith can sing through days of sorrow, All is well  
On our Father's love relying  
Jesus every need supplying  
Yes in living or in dying  
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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## BENEDICTION

May the God of endurance and encouragement  
grant you to live in such harmony with one another,  
in accord with Christ Jesus,  
that together you may with one voice glorify  
the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. — Romans 15:5-6

## **Amen**

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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 Picnic** Join us for a potluck at Fay Bainbridge on August 29 at 4pm!

**Sunday Morning Prayer** Share a pastry and cup of coffee, catch up with friends, have a 5-minute encouraging devotional, and then pray. Pray for our church, our worship service, for our community and beyond. Join us all summer long at 9am in the HS library.

## Children's Ministry

AN OUTDOOR CHILDREN'S PROGRAM is be offered for preschool-6th grade during the sermon. We're so glad those of you with children are joining us. They are an important part of our worship, they belong here, and their wiggles and noises are part of the energy God has given them. Feel free to quietly explain the parts of service, and allow them to learn how to worship by watching you.

**Men's Ministry** As a church, we want to be supportive of each other via Community Groups, Men's Bible Study, small groups, worship, and friendships. If you want to connect, please email, text or call Dave Sellers (206) 334.5205.  
- MEN'S RETREAT: Sept.17-19, 2021 at Ft. Worden Sign up here:  
<https://crosssound.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/225443>  
- FRIDAY AM BIBLE STUDY: email [irbarbers@gmail.com](mailto:irbarbers@gmail.com) for Zoom link

## Women's Ministry — August

SUMMER BOOK CIRCLE: Wednesday morning at Eagledale Park, 9:45-11:15 AM; Prayer in the Night by Tish Harrison Warren. Bring chair/blanket to sit on; NO CHILDCARE THIS WEEK

PROJECT BACKPACK FOR HELPLINE HOUSE: donate throughout August toward the 144 reams of paper we gave to Helpline House for students this fall! Designate and drop in offering basket, or donate online— click on the “Women's Ministry: Project Backpack” button.

**Ensenada 2021!** Saturday, Nov. 20th – Friday, Nov. 26th. Families, singles and youth are all encouraged to go. The number of homes we will build will depend on how many people sign up - so let us know if you're interested! Sign-up now for more info: <https://crosssound.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/787698>  
Or email mail Stu Childers at [Stuart@seattlePump.com](mailto:Stuart@seattlePump.com)

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

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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.*