



God's grace has a
drenching about it.
A wildness about it.

—

Max Lucado

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

SCRIPTURE READING — Matthew 21:8-10

The very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. Jesus was in the center of the procession, and the people all around him were shouting,

“Hosanna to the Son of David!
Blessings on the one who comes in the name of the LORD!
Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

The entire city of Jerusalem was in an uproar as he entered.

PALM PROCESSIONAL — CROSS SOUND KIDS SING

Blessed Is He (Processional) — *Matthew 21:9; Zechariah 9:9*
Hosanna! Hosanna!
Blessed is He, Blessed is He,
Blessed is He who comes
In the name of the Lord!

Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna!
Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna!
Righteous is He, Victorious is He,
Humble is He who comes
In the name of the Lord!

CALL TO WORSHIP — *Zachariah 9:9*

Rejoice, Shout in triumph, O people!
Look, your king is coming to you O Jerusalem.
He is righteous and victorious, yet he is humble, riding on a donkey.

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.

Renewing

OPENING PRAYER

Merciful God, As we enter Holy Week and gather in this place before you, turn our hearts again to Jerusalem – To the perfect life, to the atoning death, and to the glorious resurrection of Jesus. Allow us to see the love, power, and beauty of the One who willingly gave his life on our behalf. And in your grace, use the events that unfolded this week so long ago, to lead each one of us into abundance of life today as we receive Him. Amen.

CONFESSION OF SIN

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

God of all Grace,

You love us perfectly, but we respond imperfectly.

We confess that we continue to turn away from you.

We continue to fall short of the calling that you have given us.

At many times, and in many ways this week:

We have failed to follow you. We have failed to trust you.

We have failed to reflect you. We have failed to rejoice in you.

And we have failed to lavishly love others in you.

We bring you this confession freely,

Knowing that you offer your grace to us fully.

Because Jesus bore our every sin upon the cross.

Continue to work on our wayward hearts,

And cause us to increasingly love, follow and reflect Him.

In His wonderful name, we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON AND RECEIVING OF GRACE

Blessed is the one whose transgressions
are forgiven, whose sins are covered.

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 32:1&5

Because of Jesus Christ,

And in Jesus Christ,

You are Loved and Forgiven.

Be at Peace. Amen.

Blessed Be Your Name — *Matt Redman*

Blessed be Your name in the land that is plentiful
Where Your streams of abundance flow, blessed be Your name
And blessed be Your name when I'm found in the desert place
Though I walk through the wilderness, blessed be Your name

Every blessing You pour out I'll turn back to praise
And when the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say

*Blessed be the name of the Lord, Blessed be Your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord, Blessed be Your glorious name*

Blessed be Your name when the sun's shining down on me
When the world's all as it should be, blessed be Your name
And blessed be Your name on the road marked with suffering
Though there's pain in the offering, blessed be Your name

You give and take away, You give and take away
My heart will choose to say, Lord, blessed be Your name

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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GIVING THANKS — Portions of Psalm 118

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;

his love endures forever.

I will give you thanks, for you answered me;

you have become my salvation.

You are my God, and I will praise you;

you are my God, and I will exalt you.

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his love endures forever.

STUDENT DISMISSAL & GREETING

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

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

QUOTES:

“The Christian community is a community of the cross, for it has been brought into being by the cross, and the focus of its worship is the Lamb once slain, now glorified. So, the community of the cross is a community of celebration, a eucharistic community, ceaselessly offering to God through Christ the sacrifice of our praise and thanksgiving. The Christian life is an unending festival. And the festival we keep, now that our Passover Lamb has been sacrificed for us, is a joyful celebration of his sacrifice, together with a spiritual feasting upon it.” — John Stott

“His death was not the death of a martyr, who sinks at last overwhelmed by enemies, but the death of a triumphant conqueror, who knows that even in dying he wins for himself and his people a kingdom and a crown of glory.” — J.C. Ryle

Message

Text: Matthew 21:1-17

Title: The Triumphal Entry

Speaker: Dave O'Connell

As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, ² saying to them, "Go to the village ahead of you, and at once you will find a donkey tied there, with her colt by her. Untie them and bring them to me. ³ If anyone says anything to you, say that the Lord needs them, and he will send them right away."

⁴ This took place to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet:

⁵ "Say to Daughter Zion, 'See, your king comes to you, gentle and riding on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.'"

⁶ The disciples went and did as Jesus had instructed them. ⁷ They brought the donkey and the colt and placed their cloaks on them for Jesus to sit on. ⁸ A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹ The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted,

"Hosanna to the Son of David!"

"Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!"

"Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

¹⁰ When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred and asked, "Who is this?"

¹¹ The crowds answered, "This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee."

¹² Jesus entered the temple courts and drove out all who were buying and selling there. He overturned the tables of the money changers and the benches of those selling doves. ¹³ "It is written," he said to them, "'My house will be called a house of prayer,' but you are making it 'a den of robbers.'"

¹⁴ The blind and the lame came to him at the temple, and he healed them. ¹⁵ But when the chief priests and the teachers of the law saw the wonderful things he did and the children shouting in the temple courts, "Hosanna to the Son of David," they were indignant.

¹⁶ "Do you hear what these children are saying?" they asked him.

"Yes," replied Jesus, "have you never read,

"From the lips of children and infants

you, Lord, have called forth your praise?"

¹⁷ And he left them and went out of the city to Bethany, where he spent the night.

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.

OFFERING — Ephesians 5:1-2 (MSG)

Keep company with God and learn a life of love. Observe how Christ loved us. His love was not cautious but extravagant. He didn't love in order to get something from us but to give everything of himself to us. Love like that.

The Lord Will Be My Refuge — *Bill Parrott*

When the world my heart is rending,
with its heavy storms of care
My glad thoughts to heaven rising,
find a refuge from despair
Faith's bright vision shall sustain me,
till life's pilgrimage is past
Fears may vex and troubles pain me,
I shall reach my home at last

*Oh, the Lord will be my refuge
Though the waters roar and the earth give way
The Lord Almighty, He is with me
I will be still and know
He is my God*

Though the nations are in uproar,
and death stands knocking at the door
There is a river freely flowing,
bringing life evermore
The God of Jacob is our fortress,
come and see what He has done
See the mighty, how they've fallen,
see them bow before the Son

Chorus

Though the earth may quake –
and the mountains fall
I will lift up my gaze to the Lord of all

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Heavenly Father, ruler of the world,
We pray this morning for all nations and peoples;
For you loved this world so much that you sent us your only Son.
Now, in Him, pour out your grace and establish peace.
This Easter week, bring life and healing to your world.

(Silent Prayer for our country and world during Holy Week)

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

Lord Jesus, our Good Shepherd and King,
You entered Jerusalem with the crowds singing “Hosanna”
But you knew as you entered that this was your road to the cross.
You came out of love to rescue and to redeem us.
Now make us a people willing to give ourselves for others too.

(Silent Prayer to praise your Savior and to dedicate yourself to Him)

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

Holy Spirit, our great Helper,
Bring the wonder of this week
The love of Good Friday and the victory of Easter –
To bear in the lives of all who are struggling;
Help to the hopeless, healing to the hurting and joy to all who sorrow.

(Silent Prayer to bring your own needs and the needs of others to Him)

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

This is My Father's World — *Maltbie D. Babcock, 1901*

This is my Father's world, And to my listening ears
All nature sings and round me rings, The music of the spheres.

This is my Father's world, I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas, His hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world, The birds their carols raise.
The morning light, the lily white, Declare their Maker's praise.

This is my Father's world, He shines in all that's fair;
In the rustling grass, I hear Him pass, He speaks to me everywhere.

This is my Father's world, O let me ne'er forget:
That though the wrong seems oft' so strong, God is the ruler yet.

This is my Father's world, The battle is not done
Jesus who died shall be satisfied, And earth and heaven be one.

BLESSED TO BLESS — GREG NANCE

Running Across America for Youth Mental Health

COMMUNION — *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 Son of Man came not to be served but to serve,
And to give his life as a ransom for many. — Mark 10:35

For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold
that you were redeemed..., but with the precious blood of Christ.
— 1Peter 1:17-18

BENEDICTION

May the blessing of God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
Be upon you, both now and forevermore.
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

Holy Week at Cross Sound Church

MAUNDY THURSDAY: April 14 at 7pm at the Church Office

GOOD FRIDAY: April 15 at 7pm at the High School Theater

EASTER EGG HUNT: April 16th at 10am at the Woodward Field - For Everyone!

EASTER SUNDAY: April 17 at 10am: Worship followed by a Prue House Potluck!

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 BI Ste.210). Dinner and childcare provided. *Please RSVP at info@crosssound.org*

Women's Retreat Registration for the Women's Gathering at the Resort at Port Ludlow on Saturday, May 7 is open! Sign up at crosssound.org/womens-ministry or: <https://crosssound.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1235806>

Weeds To Flowers: Saturday, May 14 at Ordway Elementary If you are interested in participating in this annual tradition of blessing our community by weeding and mulching the flower beds, in preparation for the school children to plant flowers *please email Kristin@crosssound.org*.

Difficult Conversations Workshop Join us on Sunday, May 22nd 6-8 pm at the Church office as Braver Angels, a non-profit organization focused on teaching people listening and speaking skills to improve difficult conversations, leads a workshop on "Helping Loved Ones Divided by Politics". Childcare provided. Free event/donations accepted. Sign up here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/families-politics-western-wa-alliancebraver-angels-kitsap-county-registration-310254939877>

5th-8th Grade Summer Retreat: June 17-19! We are kicking off Summer at Miracle Ranch in Port Orchard! Join us for a weekend of incredible FUN horseback riding, a rodeo, swimming time at the lake, archery, climbing wall, snack shop, large group meetings, and the opportunity to participate in high ropes and paintball. Register today, online! <https://crosssound.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1190973>

Sign Up for CS Kids Camp! We are excited to partner with New Life this Summer, July 11-15, 9am-12pm, rising K-5th grade. <http://www.bainbridgekidscamp.com/>

Healing Prayer: CSC's Session 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 BI, 98110).

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

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.