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Tim Keller

# 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 — Psalm 95:1-7

Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord;  
let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.  
Let us come before him with thanksgiving  
and extol him with music and song.  
For the Lord is the great God,  
the great King above all gods.

In his hand are the depths of the earth,  
and the mountain peaks belong to him.  
The sea is his, for he made it,  
and his hands formed the dry land.

Come, let us bow down in worship,  
let us kneel before the Lord our Maker;  
for he is our God  
and we are the people of his pasture,  
the flock under his care.

CONFESSION OF SIN — based on Psalm 51:10-11

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

**Heavenly Father, Nothing is hidden from your sight.**  
**You know our weakness. You know our need. You know the depths of our sin.**  
**Forgive us once again dear Father,**  
**For all of the ways that we have failed to love others.**  
**And for all the ways that we have failed to follow & to love you.**  
**Turn us away from the darkness of our sin,**  
**And allow us to know the joy of walking intimately with you.**  
**And thank you. Thank you for your amazing grace.**  
**Your grace given to us in Jesus.**  
**Your grace that is greater than all of our sin.**  
**Amen.**

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

# Renewing

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON AND RECEIVING OF GRACE

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins  
and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. — 1 John 1:9

Therefore, there is no condemnation for those who belong to  
Christ Jesus... nothing can ever separate us from God's love. — Romans 8:1 & 38

Because of Jesus Christ,  
And in Jesus Christ,  
You are Forgiven.  
Be at Peace.

**Amen**

**Trinity Song** — *Sandra McCracken*

Holy Father, Son and Spirit  
Holy Communion, Three in One

Come with your peace, with your invitation  
Bind us together in Holy Love

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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.

**Cornerstone** — *Hillsong United*

My hope is built on nothing less  
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame  
But wholly trust in Jesus' name

*Christ alone, Cornerstone  
Weak made strong in the Savior's love  
Through the storm  
He is Lord, Lord of all*

When darkness seems to hide his face  
I rest on His unchanging grace  
In every high and stormy gale  
My anchor holds within the veil  
My anchor holds within the veil

When He shall come with trumpet sound  
Oh may I then in Him be found  
Dressed in His righteousness alone  
Faultless to stand before the throne

On Christ the solid rock I stand  
All other ground is sinking sand,  
All other ground is sinking sand

**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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ANNOUNCEMENTS, STUDENT DISMISSAL & GREETING

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

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

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

QUOTES:

“God gave us Revelation not to tickle our fancy, but to strengthen our hearts.”  
—Vern Poythress

*“The cure for our self-absorption is an encounter with God. The real God is infinitely glorious, weighty, and beautiful. When God moves from being a concept to a reality, he changes our beliefs and priorities by displaying his beauty, man’s sinfulness, and purifying man by grace. Once changed, we can live new lives for him.”* — Tim Keller

*“The world dwarfs us all, but God dwarfs the world.”* — J.I. Packer

*“The history of the universe, from creation to consummation, finds its significance in worship. God is glorious. Those who know and see Him cannot but stand in awe of Him, and worship Him with profound gratitude, joy, and satisfaction.”* — Vern Poythress

**Text: Revelation 4**

**Title: Behind the Curtain**

**Speaker: Dave O'Connell**

After this I looked, and there in heaven was an open door. The first voice that I had heard speaking to me like a trumpet said, "Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after this."

<sup>2</sup> Immediately I was in the Spirit, and there was a throne in heaven and someone was seated on it. <sup>3</sup> The one seated there had the appearance of jasper and carnelian stone. A rainbow that had the appearance of an emerald surrounded the throne.

<sup>4</sup> Around the throne were twenty-four thrones, and on the thrones sat twenty-four elders dressed in white clothes, with golden crowns on their heads. <sup>5</sup> Flashes of lightning and rumblings and peals of thunder came from the throne. Seven fiery torches were burning before the throne, which are the seven spirits of God. <sup>6</sup> Something like a sea of glass, similar to crystal, was also before the throne.

Four living creatures covered with eyes in front and in back were around the throne on each side. <sup>7</sup> The first living creature was like a lion; the second living creature was like an ox; the third living creature had a face like a man; and the fourth living creature was like a flying eagle. <sup>8</sup> Each of the four living creatures had six wings; they were covered with eyes around and inside. Day and night they never stop, saying,

Holy, holy, holy,  
Lord God, the Almighty,  
who was, who is, and who is to come.

<sup>9</sup> Whenever the living creatures give glory, honor, and thanks to the one seated on the throne, the one who lives forever and ever, <sup>10</sup> the twenty-four elders fall down before the one seated on the throne and worship the one who lives forever and ever. They cast their crowns before the throne and say,

<sup>11</sup> Our Lord and God,  
you are worthy to receive  
glory and honor and power,  
because you have created all things,  
and by your will they exist and were created.

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.

**Revelation Song** — *Matt Redman*

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain.  
Holy, holy is He.  
Sing a new song to Him who sits on  
Heaven's Mercy Seat.

*Holy, Holy, Holy is The Lord, God Almighty.  
Who was and is and is to come.  
With all creation I sing, "Praise to The King of Kings,  
You are my everything. And I will adore You".*

Clothed in rainbows of living color,  
Flashes of lightning, rolls of thunder.  
Blessing and honor, strength and glory and power be,  
To You, the only wise King.

*Chorus*

Filled with wonder, awestruck wonder,  
At the mention of Your Name.  
Jesus, Your Name is power, breath and living water.  
Such a marvelous mystery.

*Chorus*



PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, which 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,  
The power, and the glory, For ever.  
Amen.**

COMMUNION — John 6:35

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. — 1Pet 1:17-18

Behold what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called  
children of God! And that is what we are! — 1John 3:1

OFFERING — *Offering is a way for members and friends to support the worship  
and work of the church, its mission and ministry. There are different ways to give:*

- Offering basket: place Check or Cash in a Giving Envelope on Sunday mornings
- Cross Sound app: look up "Church Center" on the App Store and follow prompts
- Online: [www.crosssound.org/give](http://www.crosssound.org/give) • Stock: contact [bookkeeper@crosssound.org](mailto:bookkeeper@crosssound.org)
- Mail: Cross Sound Church PO Box 11748 or 600 Ericksen Ave NE #210, Bainbridge Is., WA 98110



# Sending

**Lord of Lords** — *Hillsong United*

Beholding Your beauty is all that I long for  
To worship You, Jesus, is my sole desire  
For this very heart You have shaped for Your pleasure  
Purposed to lift Your Name higher

Here in surrender, in pure adoration  
I enter Your courts with an offering of praise  
I am Your servant, come to bring You glory  
As is fit for the work of Your hands

*Now unto the Lamb Who sits on the throne  
Be glory and honor and praise  
All of creation resounds with the song  
Worship and praise Him, the Lord of lords*

Spirit now living and dwelling within me  
Keep my eyes fixed ever on Jesus' face  
Let not the things of this world ever sway me  
I'll run 'til I finish the race

*Now unto the Lamb Who sits on the throne  
Be glory and honor and praise  
All of eternity echoes the song  
Worship and praise Him, the Lord of lords*

Holy Lord, You are holy  
Jesus Christ is the Lord

*Now unto the Lamb Who sits on the throne  
Be glory and honor and praise  
Call all the sinners to join in the song  
Worship and praise Him, the Lord of lords*

BENEDICTION — 2Corinthians 13:14

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,  
the love of the Father, and  
the fellowship of the Holy Spirit  
be with you all.

**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

## Clipboard - Interested? Sign Up!

- BABYSITTING/DATE NIGHT HS Fundraiser • ROTARY VOLUNTEER GROUP
- CS KIDS SUMMER PROGRAM (details below) • SUQUAMISH KITCHEN

**Join the Suquamish Community Kitchen Team!** The Kitchen Team (or a subset thereof) meets on select Wednesdays at United Church of Christ, Division Ave., Suquamish, to cook for and serve dinner to up to 125 people from the North Kitsap and Bainbridge Island communities. If you would like to participate, sign up today!



**CS Kids: Summer Volunteers Needed!** Interested in serving in Kids Ministry? We're looking to give our regularly scheduled teachers a much deserved break during the summer months and would love to have you join us upstairs (and outdoors) as we dive into God's word with our children!

**Graduating Seniors** Please submit a PICTURE to Josh, by Friday, May 26!

**Women's Ministry** Email [Ashley@CrossSound.org](mailto:Ashley@CrossSound.org) for details.

- "IF" Saturday on May 20th at the church office from 9:30-11.
- Spring Book Study Starts the week of May 15 at the church office for 4 weeks
  - Monday night (6:30-8:15) is reading "The Cost of Control"
  - Wednesday morning (9:15-11:15) is reading either "The Cost of Control", "Letters to Malcolm" OR "Don't Hold Back"

**CS Kids Camp: July 10-14** An unforgettable experience for kids ages Pre-K through 5th grade! We will play games, engage in worship, make new friends - all while learning about Jesus! Sign up today! [bit.ly/CSkidscamp2023](http://bit.ly/CSkidscamp2023) or follow this QR Code >>>



**CS Youth Events** Email [Josh@crosssound.org](mailto:Josh@crosssound.org) for details.

- 5TH-8TH MIRACLE RANCH SUMMER CAMP: JUNE 23-25
- HS SUMMER IMMERSION SERVANT LEADERSHIP: JULY 15-22

**Annual Ensenada Homebuilding Trip 2023** Every year Cross Sound Church sends a team of people to Ensenada, Mexico to build houses for families who are living in very poor housing conditions. Over the past 20 years, we've had the opportunity to build over 40 homes. Interested? Sign up here! [bit.ly/ensenada2023](http://bit.ly/ensenada2023) or QR code>> Questions? please contact Stu Childers at [stuart@seattlepump.com](mailto:stuart@seattlepump.com).



**GriefShare** continues Thursdays, 9:45am-12pm at the Church Office through June 1. NEW Session begins Sept. 7! Contact Sue MacFarlane for info: 206-714-5986

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If you have any announcements that you would like included in the bulletin, please email [Kristin@crosssound.org](mailto:Kristin@crosssound.org) by Wednesday afternoons. Include basic info: Who, What, When and how to sign up!

# 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:      Please add me to:  
Second time visitor ( )      \_\_\_\_\_ Ministry ( )      Email list ( )  
Regular attendee ( )      \_\_\_\_\_      Mailing list ( )

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Children & their ages: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Email(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Prayer Requests/Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

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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.*