



My culture gives me no categories to view suffering – especially suffering at the hands of an oppressor – as victory. My culture sees suffering only as defeat, as evil. It never sees suffering as a means of victory. This is why I need to read John’s vision about what’s really going on from God’s perspective to correct my American, self-serving, “I will defend my rights at all costs” mind-set. I need to follow the slaughtered Lamb wherever He goes, so that I can reign with Him in victory.

Preston Sprinkle

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

CALL TO WORSHIP — Revelation:15:3-4

“Great and amazing are your deeds,
 O Lord God the Almighty!
Just and true are your ways,
 O King of the nations!
Who will not fear, O Lord,
 and glorify your name?
For you alone are holy.
 All nations will come
 and worship you,
for your righteous acts have been revealed.”

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.

**Eternal God, we confess that often we have failed
to be an obedient church:
we have not done your will;
we have broken your law;
we have rebelled against your love;
we have not loved our neighbors;
we have not heard the cry of the needy.
Forgive us, we pray.
Free us for joyful obedience.
Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

Renewing

ASSURANCE OF PARDON AND RECEIVING OF GRACE

*You did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear,
but you have received a spirit of adoption.
When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit
bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God,
and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ.*

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Romans 8:15-17

Lead Me To The Cross

Savior, I come, quiet my soul, remember
Redemption's hill
Where Your blood was spilled for my ransom

Everything I once held dear
I count it all as loss

Lead me to the cross
Where Your love poured out
Bring me to my knees
Lord, I lay me down
Rid me of myself, I belong to You
Oh, lead me,
Lead me to the cross

You were as I, tempted and tried, human
The Word became flesh, bore my sin and death
Now You're risen

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.

Good Good Father — *Pat Barrett, Tony Brown*

Oh, I've heard a thousand stories
Of what they think You're like
But I've heard the tender whisper
Of love in the dead of night
And You tell me
That You're pleased
And that I'm never alone

You're a good, good Father
It's who You are,
It's who You are,
it's who You are
And I'm loved by You
It's who I am, it's who I am,
it's who I am

Oh, and I've seen many searching
for answers far and wide
But I know we're all searching
For answers only You provide
'Cause You know just
what we need
Before we say a word

You are perfect in all
of Your ways
You are perfect in all
of Your ways
You are perfect in all
of Your ways to us

Oh, it's love so undeniable
I, I can hardly speak
Peace so unexplainable
I, I can hardly think

As You call me deeper still [x3]
Into love, love, love

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, STUDENT DISMISSAL & GREETING

Please stand and introduce yourself to one another.

QUOTES:

The Revelation is a gift—a work of intense imagination... — Eugene Peterson

Jesus himself spoke of victory—but it was not the victory one might expect, over the forces of Rome. Indeed, when others wanted to fight Rome, he hinted strongly if strangely that this was missing the proper target. The true enemy was empires. Jesus spoke about fighting a battle with the real enemy, the satan, the one who had led all humanity, Israel included, into rebellion against the creator God. And Jesus seems to have believed that the ultimate way to fight this true battle was by giving up his life. — NT Wright

Our heavenly Father loves us with an extravagant abandon. Passionate, undignified worship is our only reasonable response. — Matt Redman

In commanding us to glorify Him, God is inviting us to enjoy Him. — C.S. Lewis

NOTES:

MESSAGE SERIES: REVELATION

Text: Revelation 15:2-4, 19:1-15

Title: Worship

Speaker: Dave Sellers

After this I heard what seemed to be the loud voice
of a great multitude in heaven, crying out,

“Hallelujah! Salvation and glory and power belong to our God,
for his judgments are true and just; for he has judged the great prostitute
who corrupted the earth with her immorality,
and has avenged on her the blood of his servants.”

Once more they cried out,

“Hallelujah! The smoke from her goes up forever and ever.”

And the twenty-four elders and the four living creatures fell down and worshiped
God who was seated on the throne, saying, “Amen. Hallelujah!”⁵ And from the
throne came a voice saying,

“Praise our God, all you his servants,
you who fear him, small and great.”

Then I heard what seemed to be the voice of a great multitude, like the roar of
many waters and like the sound of mighty peals of thunder, crying out,

“Hallelujah! For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns.

⁷ Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory,

for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and his Bride has made herself ready;

⁸ it was granted her to clothe herself with fine linen, bright and pure”

— for the fine linen is the righteous deeds of the saints.

And the angel said to me, “Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the
marriage supper of the Lamb.” And he said to me, “These are the true words of God.”

¹⁰ Then I fell down at his feet to worship him, but he said to me, “You must not do
that! I am a fellow servant with you and your brothers who hold to the testimony of
Jesus. Worship God.” For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.

Then I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse! The one sitting on it is called
Faithful and True, and in righteousness he judges and makes war.¹² His eyes are like
a flame of fire, and on his head are many diadems, and he has a name written that no
one knows but himself.¹³ He is clothed in a robe dipped in blood, and the name by
which he is called is The Word of God.¹⁴ And the armies of heaven, arrayed in fine
linen, white and pure, were following him on white horses.¹⁵ From his mouth comes
a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations, and he will rule them with a
rod of iron. He will tread the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God the Almighty.

COMMUNION

“My body is like this bread. It will break,” Jesus told them. “This cup of wine is like my blood. It will pour out.” “But this is how God will rescue the whole world. My life will break and God’s broken world will mend. My heart will tear apart - and your hearts will heal. Just as the passover lamb died, so now I will die instead of you. My blood will wash away all of your sins. And you’ll be clean on the inside - in your hearts.”

— Sally Lloyd-Jones, *The Jesus Storybook Bible*

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 • Stock: contact bookkeeper@crosssound.org
- Mail: Cross Sound Church PO Box 11748 or 600 Ericksen Ave NE #210, Bainbridge Is., WA 98110



Remember the words the Lord Jesus himself said:

“It is more blessed to give than to receive.”

— Acts 20:35

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”).

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.

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.**

Sending

Desert Song — *Hillsong*

This is my prayer in the desert,
when all that's within me feels dry
This is my prayer in my hunger and need,
my God is the God who provides

This is my prayer in the fire,
in weakness or trial or pain
There is a faith proved of more worth than gold,
so refine me Lord through the flame

I will bring praise, I will bring praise,
No weapon formed against me shall remain
I will rejoice, I will declare,
God is my victory and He is here

This is my prayer in the battle,
when triumph is still on its way
I am a conqueror and co-heir with Christ,
so firm on His promise I'll stand

All of my life, in every season, You are still God
I have a reason to sing, I have a reason to worship

This is my prayer in the harvest,
when favor and providence flow
I know I'm filled to be emptied again,
the seed I've received I will sow.

BENEDICTION

As you have been fed at this table, go to feed the hungry.

As you have been set free, go to set free the imprisoned.

As you have received, give.

As you have heard, proclaim.

And the blessing that you have received

from Father, Son, and Holy Spirit

be always with you. Amen.

Amen

Announcements

Men's Ministry email Dave Sellers at dave@crosssound.org with questions

- MEN'S RETREAT SEPTEMBER 15 - 17, 2023: SAVE THE DATE!
Men are invited to Fort Worden in Port Townsend for a weekend of fellowship, worship, studying scripture and even a little recreation. More details to follow!
- BIBLE STUDY Fridays at 6:30am via Zoom. Email brian@crosssound.org for info
- DATE CHANGE! Due to a scheduling conflict with Rotary Auction, this month, MEN'S BREAKFAST WILL TAKE PLACE ON July 15 at 8am at the Church Office

CS Kids Ministry NEEDS YOU! We would love to have you join us upstairs (and outdoors) as we dive into God's word with our children! We're seeking 27 volunteers (each person would only need to help 3 times during the entire Summer). Choose which weeks work for you!



CS Kids Camp STARTS TOMORROW! There's still time to sign up! 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 at bit.ly/CSkidscamp2023 or via QR >



CS Youth Events visit www.crosssound.org/youth-ministry for details
Swimming, Surfing, Scavenger Hunts, Bad Art, Board Games, Ride The Rails... SIGN UPS ARE LIVE! follow this QR Code >>>



Women's Ministry Questions? email Ashley Devynyns at ashley@crosssound.org

- WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY: Join us at Egleddale Park on Wednesdays as we study the book of 1 Timothy together. No homework required. Bring your Bible and a Lawn Chair. Childcare will be provided. bit.ly/CSCSummerStudy
- PICNIC WITH A PURPOSE: AUGUST 6: Don't miss this beloved tradition! Join us at Barb Ames' home as we collect backpacks and donations for Project Backpack in partnership with Helpline House. Please RSVP at Church Center by Monday, July 31 so we can plan food accordingly. bit.ly/PicnicWithPurpose2023
- PROJECT BACKPACK DRIVE: Please help us collect 100 backpacks for 7th-12th grade students by August 9. For more info: bit.ly/ProjectBackpack2023
- SOUND OF SUMMER CONCERT, AUGUST 30 AT 6:30PM: Bring a blanket, lawn chair and a snack to share as we gather at Battle Point for the final Sound of Summer concert! More info at: bit.ly/CSCSummerConcert2023



Annual Ensenada Homebuilding Trip 2023 Only a few spots left! Interested? Sign up here! bit.ly/ensenada2023 or QR code>> Questions? please contact Stu Childers at stuart@seattlepump.com.

GriefShare returns Thursdays starting September 7. For info and/or registration contact Sue MacFarlane 206-714-5986 or jimorsuemac@hotmail.com.

If you have any announcements that you would like included in the bulletin, please email 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: _____

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.