



‘The quickest way
to find yourself
is to lose yourself
in God.’

—

Mark Buchanan

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 — Portions of Psalm 30 (NLT)

I will exalt you, Lord, for you rescued me.
You brought me up from the grave.

Sing to the Lord!
Praise his holy name.

You have turned my mourning into joyful dancing.
You have clothed me with joy, that I might
sing praises to you and not be silent.

O Lord my God, I will give you thanks forever!

Renewing

CONFESSION OF SIN

"It is fitting that by the confession of our own wretchedness, we show forth the goodness and mercy of our God, among ourselves and before the whole world." — John Calvin, 1536

Heavenly Father,
Instead of worshipping, we worry.
Instead of following you, we go our own way.
Instead of living lives of freedom and love by your grace,
we often live in small, self-preoccupied ways.
Forgive us, once again, we pray.
For our sinful attitudes, actions, and hearts.
Rejuvenate and grow us in your grace.
Make us more and more like Jesus, we pray.

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

If you have confessed your sins, seeking God's grace in God's Son,
hear these glorious words again: You are forgiven!

Agnus Dei — Michael W. Smith

Alleluia, Alleluia, For the Lord God Almighty reigns
Alleluia, Alleluia, For the Lord God Almighty reigns
Alleluia, Holy, holy are you Lord God Almighty
Worthy is the Lamb, worthy is the Lamb
You are holy, Holy are you Lord God Almighty
Worthy is the Lamb, worthy is the Lamb
Amen

We Will Feast in the House of Zion — Sandra McCracken

*We will feast in the house of Zion.
We will sing with our hearts restored.
“He has done great things,” we will say together.
We will feast, and weep no more.*

We will not be burned by the fire;
He is the Lord our God.
We are not consumed by the flood -
Upheld, protected, gathered up.

Chorus

In the dark of night before the dawn,
My soul be not afraid;
For the promised morning, Oh how long!
O God of Jacob, be my strength!

Chorus

Every vow we've broken and betrayed,
You are the faithful One;
And from the garden to the grave,
Bind us together, bring shalom.

Chorus

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.

Come All Ye Pining, Hungry, Poor — Steele, Murphy

Lord, we adore Thy boundless grace -
The heights and depths unknown
Of pardon, life, and joy, and peace
In Thy beloved Son.

Come, all ye pining, hungry poor;
The Savior's bounty taste.
Behold a never-failing store
For every willing guest.

O wondrous gifts of love divin,
Dear Source of every good –
Jesus, in Thee what glories shine,
How rich Thy flowing blood.

Here shall your numerous wants receive
A free, a full supply;
He has unmeasured bliss to give
And joys that never die.

SENDING — The Wellman Family: Jim, Brooke, Simone and Blaise

ANNOUNCEMENTS, STUDENT DISMISSAL & GREETING

Please stand and introduce yourself to one another.

Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you.

— Romans 15:7

Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth
for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart...

— 1Peter 1:22

QUOTES:

“Sunday for the child of God is meant to be the best day of the week. And worship has a strategic and irreplaceable value. It’s meant to be packed with promise, full of surprises, and pulsing with life.” — Matt Merker

“Sing Praises. What jubilation! ...He is worthy, He is Creator, He is goodness. Sing praises, keep on with the glad work. Never let the music pause. He never ceases to be good; let us never cease to be grateful. Strange that we should need so much urging to perform so heavenly an exercise.”—Charles Spurgeon

“Worship is a lifestyle, a continual experience of magnifying the glory of God. This adoration should be carried out through a Christian’s actions, thoughts, and words. Wherever we are, that place should be transformed into a palace for praise. Whatever we are doing, that activity should be a platform for worship. Ceaseless praise all day every day, should be a living reality to every believer. Nevertheless, the public gathering of God’s people is always a special privilege and should be maximized to the fullest.” — Steven Lawson

“Be not afraid of saying too much in the praises of God; all the danger is of saying too little.”—Matthew Henry

NOTES:

SERMON SERIES: SUMMER IN THE PSALMS

Title: It is Good!

Text: Psalm 92

Speaker: Dave O'Connell

- ¹ It is good to praise the Lord
and make music to your name, O Most High,
² proclaiming your love in the morning
and your faithfulness at night,
³ to the music of the ten-stringed lyre
and the melody of the harp.
⁴ For you make me glad by your deeds, Lord;
I sing for joy at what your hands have done.
- ⁵ How great are your works, Lord,
how profound your thoughts!
⁶ Senseless people do not know,
fools do not understand,
⁷ that though the wicked spring up like grass
and all evildoers flourish,
they will be destroyed forever.
⁸ But you, Lord, are forever exalted.
- ⁹ For surely your enemies, Lord,
surely your enemies will perish;
all evildoers will be scattered.
¹⁰ You have exalted my horn like that of a wild ox;
fine oils have been poured on me.
¹¹ My eyes have seen the defeat of my adversaries;
my ears have heard the rout of my wicked foes.
- ¹² The righteous will flourish like a palm tree,
they will grow like a cedar of Lebanon;
¹³ planted in the house of the Lord,
they will flourish in the courts of our God.
¹⁴ They will still bear fruit in old age,
they will stay fresh and green,
¹⁵ proclaiming, "The Lord is upright;
he is my Rock, and there is no wickedness in him."

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").*

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

“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.”

—Matthew 11:28-29

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



As you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in all earnestness, and in our love for you—see that you excel in this act of grace also. For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich.

—2 Corinthians 8:7&9

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Shout To The Lord — Darlene Zschech

My Jesus my Savior, Lord there is none like You
All of my days, I want to praise, The wonders of Your mighty love
My comfort my shelter, Tower of refuge and strength
Let every breath all that I am, Never cease to worship You

Shout to the Lord all the earth let us sing, Power and majesty praise to the King
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar at the sound of Your Name.
I sing for joy at the work of Your hands, Forever I'll love You forever I'll stand
Nothing compares to the promise I have in You

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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,
The power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Sending

Living Waters — Kristyn Getty, Ed Cash

Are you thirsty, are you empty?
Come and drink these living waters
Tired and broken, peace unspoken?
Rest beside these living waters

Christ is calling, find refreshing
At the cross of living waters
Lay your life down, all the old gone
Rise up in these living waters

*There's a river that flows
With mercy and love
Bringing joy to the city of our God
There our hope is secure
Do not fear anymore
Praise the Lord of living waters*

Spirit moving, mercy washing
Healing in these living waters
Lead your children to the shore line
Life is in these living waters

Chorus

Are you thirsty, are you empty?
Come, and drink these living waters
Love, forgiveness, vast and boundless?
Christ, He is our living waters

Chorus

There our hope is secure
Do not fear anymore
Praise the Lord of living waters

BENEDICTION

May the blessing of God,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
Be with you all.
And may our lives together,
Sing His praise!

Amen.

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

Sunday School Volunteers Needed We still need some more volunteers in order to make our kids classes run every Sunday. Volunteer frequency is flexible! If this is something you'd like to do, please join us in this important work! Contact suzanne@crosssound.org for more information.

August 18: Confirmation (date change!) We will be introducing the 5-8th grade students who chose to confirm their faith during Service on 8/18. This will be a time of celebration as a whole congregation, and we look forward to welcoming them into the CSC family!

August 18: Women's Ministry: Picnic with a Purpose: Mark Your Calendar! Join us after church as we gather at the home of Barb Ames for our annual Women's Ministry Summer Picnic. Don't miss this beloved tradition! Please RSVP at: bit.ly/2024picnicwithapurpose by Monday, August 12 so we can plan food.

August 25: Sign up for our Annual Golf Fundraiser is live! Join us at Meadowmeer for our Annual fundraiser benefitting the Ensenada Homebuilding trip! This event is a fun, 9-hole scramble format tournament with teams of 4 people. Includes lunch. Registration website, hole sponsorships and donations is now live! Sign up at <https://cross-sound-church-golf-tournament.perfectgolfevent.com> or follow QR>



Women's Bible Summer Study Has Begun! Please join the Women of Cross Sound for Summer Bible Study as we study 2 Timothy. Monday Evenings @ 7 at Ashley's Home & Wednesday Morning @10 at Battle Point Park. Childcare is provided Wednesday mornings. If interested, email ashley@crosssound.org or visit: <http://bit.ly/crosssoundwomen> or sign up on the clipboard!

School of Discipleship Our highest calling as disciples is to become love, which requires bringing the desires of our soul before Jesus and spending time with him. If you are hungry for more depth, discernment, wisdom and joy in your "with-God life", join our summer book study, Sundays at 8:45 am in the library. Our selection is Sacred Rhythms, Arranging our Lives for Spiritual Transformation, by Ruth Haley Barton. Contact Katie for details: katiepearson@crosssound.org

Men's Breakfast: Second Saturdays of the month. 8am at the Church Office. Come and be known!

Men's Bible Study Fellowship (BSF) Begins September 10 on Tuesday evenings at the CS Church Office. This years' focus is on the book of Revelation and our hope in Jesus' return. Questions? Email Tony Merritt - merritts.wa@gmail.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: _____

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.