



Make no mistake: if He rose at all it was as His body; if the cell's dissolution did not reverse, the molecules reknit, the amino acids rekindle, the Church will fall...Let us not mock God with metaphor, analogy, sidestepping transcendence; making of the event a parable, a sign painted in the faded credulity of earlier ages: let us walk through the door.

John Updike

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

This is the good news—

the grave is empty;

Christ is risen.

Hallelujah!

This is the good news—

the light shines in the darkness,

and the darkness can never put it out.

Hallelujah!

This is the good news—

once we were no people;

now we are God's people.

Hallelujah!

Christ is our peace,

the indestructible peace

we now share with each other.

Hallelujah!

CALL TO WORSHIP — Psalm 96:1-2,

Sing to the LORD a new song;

sing to the LORD, all the earth.

Sing to the LORD, praise his name;

proclaim his salvation day after day.

Renewing

CONFESSION OF SIN

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.

Almighty God,
in raising Jesus from the grave,
you shattered the power of sin and death.
We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear,
bound by the ways that lead to death.
We overlook the poor and the hungry
and pass by those who mourn;
we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed
and indifferent to calls for peace;
we despise the weak
and abuse the earth you made.
Forgive us, God of mercy.
Help us to trust your power
to change our lives and make us new,
that we may know the joy of life abundant
given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON AND RECEIVING OF GRACE — 1 Cor 15:54-57

“Death has been swallowed up in victory.”
“Where, O death, is your victory?
Where, O death, is your sting?”
The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law.
But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory
through our Lord Jesus Christ.
Know that you are forgiven, and be at peace.

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*

Revelation Song — Jennie Lee Riddle

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 lightening, 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

The Passion — Hillsong

The passion of our Saviour, The mercy of our God
The cross that leaves no question, Of the measure of His love

*Our chains are gone, Our debt is paid
The cross has overthrown the grave
For Jesus' blood that sets us free
Means death to death, And life for me*

The Innocent judged guilty, While the guilty one walks free
Death would be His portion, And our portion liberty

Chorus

I give my whole life, To honour this love
By the Lamb who was slain, I'm forgiven
The sinner's Saviour, Crown Him forever
For the Lamb who was slain, He is risen

ANNOUNCEMENTS, STUDENT DISMISSAL & GREETING

With the exception of the nursery, all students begin in the worship service. Upon dismissal students gather in room 231 for large group, then on to individual classes: Nursery Rm 234, PreK-2nd Rm 232, 3rd-6th Rm 231

EASTER SUNDAY

Text: John 20:1-16

Title: Resurrection Life

Speaker: Dave Sellers

Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. ² So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." ³ So Peter went out with the other disciple, and they were going toward the tomb. ⁴ Both of them were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵ And stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in. ⁶ Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there, ⁷ and the face cloth, which had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen cloths but folded up in a place by itself. ⁸ Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; ⁹ for as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that he must rise from the dead. ¹⁰ Then the disciples went back to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb, and as she wept she stooped to look into the tomb. ¹² And she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had lain, one at the head and one at the feet. ¹³ They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." ¹⁴ Having said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing, but she did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵ Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." ¹⁶ Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned and said to him in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means Teacher).

QUOTES:

'Christmas and Easter are so full of church pageant and family custom that it is entirely possible to forget how the stories told on these two days did indeed rupture history and leave the world changed, implausible as that may seem. At the same time, they have created a profound continuity. If we sometimes feel adrift from human kind, as if our technology-mediated life on this planet has deprived us of the brilliance of the night sky, the smell and companionship of mules and horses, the plain food and physical peril and weariness that made our great-grandparents' lives so much more like the life of Jesus than any we can imagine, then we can remind ourselves that these stories have stirred billions of souls over thousands of years, just as they stir our souls, and our children's. What gives them their power? They tell us that there is a great love that has intervened in history, making itself known in terms that are startlingly, and inexhaustibly, palpable to us as human beings. They are stories of love, lovingly enacted once, and afterward cherished and retold - by the grace of God certainly, because they are, after all, the narrative of an obscure life in a minor province. Caesar Augustus was also said to be divine, and there aren't many songs about him.' — Marilynne Robinson

'Easter week itself ought not to be the time when all the clergy sigh with relief and go on holiday. It ought to be an eight-day festival, with champagne served after morning prayer or even before, with loads of Alleluias and extra hymns and spectacular anthems. Is it any wonder people find it hard to believe in the resurrection of Jesus if we don't throw our hats in the air?' — Tom Wright

'I shall rise from the dead...I shall see the Son of God, the Son of Glory, and shine myself as that Son shines. I shall be united to the Ancient of Days, to God Himself, who had no morning, never began...No man ever saw God and lived. And yet I shall not live till I see God; and when I have seen him, I shall never die.' — John Donne

OFFERING — *Offering is a way for members and friends to support the worship and work of the church, it's 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



God, you have given us so much in Jesus Christ:
hope, joy, and peace.
Above all, you have given us life!
What can we give in return?
If the whole world were ours, it would not be enough.
What we have we offer to you;
our love, our loyalty, our lives.

Yet Not I, But Through Christ in Me — *City Alight*

What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer,
There is no more for heaven now to give
He is my joy, my righteousness, and freedom
My steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace

To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus
For my life is wholly bound to his
Oh how strange and divine, I can sing: all is mine!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

The night is dark, but I am not forsaken
For by my side, the Saviour He will stay
I labour on in weakness and rejoicing
For in my need, His power is displayed

To this I hold, my Shepherd will defend me
Through the deepest valley He will lead
Oh the night has been won, and I shall overcome!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven
The future sure, the price it has been paid
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon
And He was raised to overthrow the grave

To this I hold, my sin has been defeated
Jesus now and ever is my plea
Oh the chains are released, I can sing: I am free!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

With every breath, I long to follow Jesus
For He has said that He will bring me home
And day by day I know He will renew me
Until I stand with joy before the throne

To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus
All the glory evermore to Him
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat:
Yet not I, but through Christ in me!

Sending

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

What a Beautiful Name — *Ben Fielding & Brooke Ligertwood*

You were the Word at the beginning, One with God the Lord Most High
Your hidden glory in creation, Now revealed in You, our Christ

What a beautiful Name it is, What a beautiful Name it is
The Name of Jesus Christ, my King,
What a beautiful name it is, Nothing compares to this
What a beautiful Name it is, The Name of Jesus

You wanted heaven opened to us, So Jesus, You brought heaven down
My sin was great, Your love was greater, What could separate us now?

What a wonderful name it is...

Death could not hold You, The veil tore before You
You silence the boast of sin and grave
The heavens are roaring, The praise of Your glory
For You are raised to life again
You have no rival, You have no equal
Now and forever, God You reign
Yours is the kingdom, Yours is the glory
Yours is the Name above all names

What a powerful Name it is...

BENEDICTION

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you.
The Lord lift up the light of his countenance upon you and give you peace;
in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
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

School of Discipleship: Cultivating The Fruit of The Spirit A 6-week class on becoming Christ-like in both our inner and outer life. Join Katie Pearson and Dave O'Connell as we seek to cultivate love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. 9:00am till 9:45am on Sundays in the BHS Library. Begins Sunday, April 16th.

Men's Ministry

- MEN'S BREAKFAST: Saturday April 15 @ 8am at the Church Office (typically on the 2nd Saturday is moved this month because of Holy Week)
- MEN'S HANGOUT: April 20, 5pm @ Tree House Cafe for pizza and connection

Women's Ministry

- BIBLE STUDY: Mondays at 6:30pm / Wednesdays at 9:15am
 - SPRING RETREAT at Harmony Hill, April 21-22. The focus this year is The Ministry of Storytelling led by Katie Pearson. For info: bit.ly/crosssoundwomen
- Questions? Email Ashley@CrossSound.org

Confirmation Class: April 30, May 7, May 14, May 21 (Baptism option Sunday June 11)

5th–8th graders are invited to learn more about what we believe and why. (We also offer this course as a preparation for baptism for those who have not yet had that opportunity). For more information contact bobbie@crosssound.org

Upcoming Mission Trip to Mexico City We will be visiting our sister church, El Redentor, and missionaries, Victor and Teresa Cruz in Mexico City, May 18-22. We will be building relationships and serving alongside them in order to be a blessing. If you are interested in joining the trip, email Jason: jason@4longs.com

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! (registration link coming soon)

CS Youth Events Email Josh@crosssound.org for details.

- 5TH-8TH MIRACLE RANCH SUMMER CAMP: JUNE 23-25 Currently in 5th through 8th grade. Includes Horseback Riding, Paintball, and High ropes course!
- HS SUMMER IMMERSION SERVANT LEADERSHIP CAMP: JULY 15-22 We are partnering with Sacred Roads again and serving the Warm Springs Nation.

GriefShare (GS) Has Begun: Thursdays through May 25, 2023 from 9:45am-12pm at the CSC Office. Contact Sue MacFarlane 206-714-5986 or jimorsuemac@hotmail.com

Worship Position Available: CSC is in search of a lead musician who is passionate and gifted in leading worship and inviting other musicians to be part of the team.

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!

NOTES:

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.