



You don't really get Jesus saying very often there'll be pie in the sky when you die. He's really talking about now and today, and it's supposed to be like that. You're supposed to delight in what's right in front of you.

Greg Boyle
Tattoos on the Heart

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 66:1-4

Shout for joy to God, all the earth;
sing the glory of his name;
 give to him glorious praise!
Say to God, “How awesome are your deeds!
 So great is your power that your enemies come cringing to you.
All the earth worships you
 and sings praises to you;
 they sing praises to your name.

CONFESSION OF SIN

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

Abba, Father,

**We come to you to confess our sin,
acknowledging we often look and act just like the culture around us,
desiring to blend in and not look foolish, whatever the cost.**

**Others of us have a sense of superiority,
impatiently looking down on people who disagree with us,
as we live like modern day Pharisees.**

**Jesus forgive us. Please give us the faith to believe
that you are always for us and never against us,
no matter how often we fall.**

**When Satan tempts us to despair because of our sin,
remind us that we have a Savior who stands before the throne of God
interceding for us. In Christ's name we pray. Amen**

RECEIVING OF GRACE — Colossians 1:11-14

May you be strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might,
for all endurance and patience with joy; ¹² giving thanks to the Father,
who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light.

¹³ He has delivered us from the domain of darkness

and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son,

¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Renewing

It Is Well with My Soul

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,
When sorrows like sea billows roll;
Whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,
“It is well, it is well with my soul.”

It is well (It is well)
With my soul (With my soul)
It is well, it is well with my soul.

My sin – oh the bliss of this glorious thought! –
My sin, not in part, but the whole
Was nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more,
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!

And, Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll;
The trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend,
Even so, it is well with my soul.

No Longer Slaves — *Jonathan David and Melissa Helser*

You unravel me with a melody
You surround me with a song
Of deliverance from my enemies
‘Til all my fears are gone

*I'm no longer a slave to fear
I am a child of God
I'm no longer a slave to fear
I am a child of God*

From my mother's womb
You have chosen me,
Love has called my name
I've been born again into Your family
Your blood flows through my veins

Chorus

You split the sea so I could walk right through it
My fears were drowned in perfect love
You rescued me so I could stand and sing
I am a child of God

Our God — *Chris Tomlin*

Water you turned into wine
Opened the eyes of the blind
There's no one like you
None like you

Into the darkness you shine
Out of the ashes we rise
There is no one like you
None like you

Our God is greater
Our God is stronger
God you are higher than any other
Our God is Healer
Awesome in power
Our God, Our God

And if our God is for us
Then who could ever stop us
And if our God is with us
Then what could stand against

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JESUS STORYBOOK BIBLE & STUDENT DISMISSAL

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.

LAMENTING — Habakkuk 1:2-4, 17-19

O LORD, how long shall I cry for help,
and you will not hear?

**Or cry to you “Violence!”
and you will not save?**

Why do you make me see iniquity,
and why do you idly look at wrong?

**Destruction and violence are before me;
strife and contention arise.**

So the law is paralyzed,
and justice never goes forth.

**For the wicked surround the righteous;
so justice goes forth perverted.**

Though the fig tree should not blossom,
nor fruit be on the vines,

**the produce of the olive fail
and the fields yield no food,**

the flock be cut off from the fold
and there be no herd in the stalls,

yet I will rejoice in the LORD;

I will take joy in the God of my salvation.

**GOD, the Lord, is my strength;
he makes my feet like the deer’s;
he makes me tread on my high places.**

GREETING

‘When you are casting vision, think bite-sized. Articulate the greater vision and then break it down so that it is accessible to everyone. God has made us all parts of one body for the purpose of giving him glory through the exaltation of Jesus. Helping people to see their parts in such a great mission will inspire ownership in the mission. Ownership will in turn inspire innovation and creativity and make the vision God has given your church achievable.’ — Brad House

The most significant visits are not cast by great orators from a stage. They are cast at the bedsides of our children. The greatest vision casting opportunities happen between the hours of 7:30 and 9:30 pm Monday through Sunday. In these closing hours of the day we have a unique opportunity to plant the seeds of what could be and what should be. Take every opportunity you get. — Andy Stanley

Message

Series: A New Beginning: What Now?

Text: Proverbs 29:18

Title: 20/20

Speaker: Dave Sellers

Where there is no prophetic vision the people cast off restraint,
but blessed is he who keeps the law.

NOTES:

OFFERING — Psalm 96:8-9

³ Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;
bring an offering, and come into his courts.
Worship the LORD in holy splendor;
tremble before him, all the earth.

Our Great God

Eternal God, unchanging, mysterious and unknown
Your boundless love unfailing, in grace and mercy shown
Bright seraphim in endless flight around your glorious throne
They raise their voices day and night in praise to You alone

Hallelujah! Glory be to our great God! (2x)

Lord we are weak and frail, helpless in the storm.
Surround us with your angels, hold us in your arms.
Our cold and ruthless enemy, his pleasure is our harm.
Rise up, oh Lord, and he will flee before our Sovereign God!

Hallelujah! Glory be to our great God! (2x)

Let every creature in the sea and every flying bird;
Let every mountain, every field and valley of the earth;
Let all the moons and all the stars in all the universe
Sing praises to the living God, who rules them by His word.

Hallelujah! Glory be to our great God! (4x)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

God our Father,
Remind us that you can handle our doubts and questions;
convince us that you can handle us.
Remind us that we are your sons and daughters.
For this, O Lord, we pray:
Lord, hear our prayer.

Jesus Christ, Word of God,
living forever to intercede for us,
pray for the Church, your broken and glorious body in the world.
For this, O Lord, we pray:
Lord, hear our prayer.

God of every land and nation,
listen to the cries of those who pray to you,
and grant that, as we proclaim the greatness of your name,
all people will know your power of love at work in the world.
For this, O Lord, we pray:
Lord, hear our prayer.

Fill us, Holy Spirit.
Wherever we go, let us spread love, joy and peace,
and show patience, kindness, goodness gentleness and self control.
Let us desire to become more like you
and worship you in all we think and do.
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 and ever,
Amen.

Sending

All Must Be Well — *Albert E. Brumley, 1929*

Some bright morning, When this life is over
I'll fly away
To that home, On God's celestial shore
I'll fly away

*I'll fly away, oh glory, I'll fly away
When I die, Hallelujah, by and by
I'll fly away*

When the shadows, Of this life have gone
I'll fly away
Like a bird, From these prison walls I'll fly
I'll fly away

Oh, how glad and happy, When we meet
I'll fly away
No more cold iron, Shackles on my feet
I'll fly away

Just a few more, Weary days and then
I'll fly away
To a land where, Joys will never end
I'll fly away

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

Gracious God, in words and interactions
we have proclaimed the mystery
of your love and forgiveness:
help us to love out our days
that we may be signs of your wonders in the world;
through Jesus Christ our Savior.
Amen.

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

All-Church Picnic Join us for a potluck at Fay Bainbridge on August 29 at 4pm!

Sunday Morning Prayer Share a pastry and cup of coffee, catch up with friends, have a 5-minute encouraging devotional, and then pray. Pray for our church, our worship service, for our community and beyond. Join us all summer long at 9am in the HS library.

Children's Ministry

AN OUTDOOR CHILDREN'S PROGRAM is be offered for preschool-6th grade during the sermon. We're so glad those of you with children are joining us. They are an important part of our worship, they belong here, and their wiggles and noises are part of the energy God has given them. Feel free to quietly explain the parts of service, and allow them to learn how to worship by watching you.

Men's Ministry As a church, we want to be supportive of each other via Community Groups, Men's Bible Study, small groups, worship, and friendships. If you want to connect, please email, text or call Dave Sellers (206) 334.5205.
- MEN'S RETREAT: Sept.17-19, 2021 at Ft. Worden Sign up here:
<https://crosssound.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/225443>
- FRIDAY AM BIBLE STUDY: email irbarbers@gmail.com for Zoom link

Women's Ministry — August

PROJECT BACKPACK FOR HELPLINE HOUSE: donate throughout August toward the 144 reams of paper we gave to Helpline House for students this fall! Designate and drop in offering basket, or donate online— click on the “Women's Ministry: Project Backpack” button.

Ensenada 2021! Saturday, Nov. 20th – Friday, Nov. 26th. Families, singles and youth are all encouraged to go. The number of homes we will build will depend on how many people sign up - so let us know if you're interested! Sign-up now for more info: <https://crosssound.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/787698>
Or email mail Stu Childers at Stuart@seattlePump.com

Financial Update: Last week's total \$12,471.44 Actual Income to Date \$141,979.00
Budgeted Income to Date \$111,374.80 Annual Budget (7/21-6/22): \$1,083,230

If you need support, would like prayer, have a question, or are suffering COVID-19 Hardship contact: info@crosssound.org Find info about COVID-19 at: www.doh.wa.gov/Emergencies/Coronavirus?

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.