



Give to the blind,
the sick, the lame
and the destitute;
if you don't they die.

Men may have
no use for them,
but God has.

Lactantius (c.250-325)

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 89:15-18 (The Message)

Blessed are the people who know the passwords of praise,
who shout on parade in the bright presence of GOD.
Delighted, they dance all day long; they know
who you are, what you do—they can't keep it quiet!
Your vibrant beauty has gotten inside us—
you've been so good to us! We're walking on air!
All we are and have we owe to GOD,
Holy God of Israel, our King!

CONFESSION OF SIN

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

**Gracious God, open our lives
so that we are able to admit to you
the fullness of who we are:
the beautiful and good, the hurtful and hateful.
We confess that we do not follow Jesus in all that we do.
We love with condition.
We judge and condemn.
We cast the first stone
and keep the logs in our own eyes.
We do not turn to you as the source of our healing.
Forgive us, and empower us to be imitators of Christ in love and service.
Amen.**

RECEIVING OF GRACE

May the Father forgive you
by the death of his Son
and strengthen you
to live in the power of the Spirit all your days.
In the name of Jesus Christ,
We are forgiven!

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

Renewing

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing — Robert Robinson (1757)
Come, thou Fount of every blessing, Tune my heart to sing thy grace
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, Call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, Sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, Mount of thy redeeming love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer, Here by thy great help I've come
And I hope, by thy good pleasure, Safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, Wandering from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger, Interposed His precious blood.

O, to grace how great a debtor, Daily I'm constrained to be!
Let thy goodness, like a fetter, Bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, Prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart, O take and seal it, Seal it for thy courts above.

Jesus Paid It All — Words: Elvina M. Hall, 1865; Music: John T. Grape, 1865
I hear the Savior say, "Thy strength indeed is small,
Child of weakness, watch and pray, Find in Me thine all in all.
*Jesus paid it all, All to Him I owe,
Sin had left a crimson stain, He washed it white as snow.*

Lord, now indeed I find, Thy pow'r, and Thine alone,
Can change the leper's spots, And melt the heart of stone.
*Jesus paid it all, All to Him I owe,
Sin had left a crimson stain, He washed it white as snow.*

For nothing good have I, Whereby Thy grace to claim;
I'll wash my garments white, In the blood of Calv'ry's Lamb.
*Jesus paid it all, All to Him I owe,
Sin had left a crimson stain, He washed it white as snow.*

And when before the throne, I stand in Him complete;
"Jesus died my soul to save," My lips shall still repeat.
*Jesus paid it all, All to Him I owe,
Sin had left a crimson stain, He washed it white as snow.*

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.

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God — Words & music: Martin Luther (public domain)

A mighty fortress is our God, A bulwark never failing;
Our helper He, amid the flood, Of mortal ills prevailing;
For still our ancient foe, doth seek to work us woe;
His craft and power are great, and, armed with cruel hate,
On earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, Our striving would be losing
Were not the right man on our side, The man of God's own choosing.
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is He;
Lord Sabbaoth, His name, From age to age the same,
And He must win the battle.

And tho' this world, with devils filled,, Should threaten to undo us,
We will not fear, for God hath willed His truth to triumph through us:
The Prince of Darkness grim, we tremble not for him;
His rage we can endure, for lo, his doom is sure,
One little word shall fell him.

That word above all earthly powers, No thanks to them, abideth;
The Spirit and the gifts are ours, Through Him Who with us sideth;
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also;
The body they may kill: God's truth abideth still,
His kingdom is forever.

LAMENTING — Psalm 44:23-26

Awake! Why are you sleeping, O Lord?
Rouse yourself! Do not reject us forever!

Why do you hide your face?

Why do you forget our affliction and oppression?

For our soul is bowed down to the dust;
our belly clings to the ground.

Rise up; come to our help!

Redeem us for the sake of your steadfast love!

STUDENT DISMISSAL & GREETING

NOTES:

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.

Message

Text: Philemon

Title: The Gospel in Philemon

Speaker: Jon Bonker

Paul, a prisoner for Christ Jesus, and Greeting

To Philemon our beloved fellow worker ² and Apphia our sister and Archippus our fellow soldier, and the church in your house:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I thank my God always when I remember you in my prayers, ⁵ because I hear of your love and of the faith that you have toward the Lord Jesus and for all the saints, ⁶ and I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective for the full knowledge of every good thing that is in us for the sake of Christ. ⁷ For I have derived much joy and comfort from your love, my brother, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you.

Accordingly, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do what is required, ⁹ yet for love's sake I prefer to appeal to you—I, Paul, an old man and now a prisoner also for Christ Jesus — ¹⁰ I appeal to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I became in my imprisonment. ¹¹ (Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful to you and to me.) ¹² I am sending him back to you, sending my very heart. ¹³ I would have been glad to keep him with me, in order that he might serve me on your behalf during my imprisonment for the gospel, ¹⁴ but I preferred to do nothing without your consent in order that your goodness might not be by compulsion but of your own accord. ¹⁵ For this perhaps is why he was parted from you for a while, that you might have him back forever, ¹⁶ no longer as a bondservant but more than a bondservant, as a beloved brother—especially to me, but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

So if you consider me your partner, receive him as you would receive me. ¹⁸ If he has wronged you at all, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. ¹⁹ I, Paul, write this with my own hand: I will repay it—to say nothing of your owing me even your own self. ²⁰ Yes, brother, I want some benefit from you in the Lord. Refresh my heart in Christ.

Confident of your obedience, I write to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say. ²² At the same time, prepare a guest room for me, for I am hoping that through your prayers I will be graciously given to you.

Epaphras, my fellow prisoner in Christ Jesus, sends greetings to you, ²⁴ and so do Mark, Aristarchus, Demas, and Luke, my fellow workers.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Amen.

OFFERING — *Romans 12:1*

I urge you, in view of God's mercy,
to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God—
this is your spiritual worship.

Grace — Niki Shepherd, Jonny Robinson, Rich Thompson

Your grace that leads this sinner home
From death to life forever
And sings the song of righteousness
By blood and not by merit

Your grace that reaches far and wide
To every tribe and nation
Has called my heart to enter in
The joy of Your salvation

*By grace I am redeemed
By grace I am restored
And now I freely walk into
The arms of Christ my Lord*

Your grace that I cannot explain
Not by my earthly wisdom
The prince of life, without a stain
Was traded for this sinner
Chorus

Let praise rise up and overflow
My song resound forever
For grace will see me welcomed home
To walk beside my Savior

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Heavenly Lord,
you long for the world's salvation:
stir us from apathy,
restrain us from excess,
and revive in us new hope
that all creation will one day be healed
and made new in Jesus.
For this, O Lord, we pray;
Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for our team serving this week in Ensenada.
Give them your power to serve others
and your humility to receive from others.
Give them unity as a group and hospitality
to welcome many people in.
For this, O Lord, we pray;
Lord, hear our prayer.

Draw near the suffering and hurting in our midst.
Be close to those who are discouraged and depressed,
assure all of us of hope that cannot perish or fade.
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

In Christ Alone — Music: Keith Getty; Lyrics: Stuart Townend, 2001

In Christ alone my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my song
This cornerstone, this solid ground, Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love, what depths of peace
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My comforter, my all in all, Here in the love of Christ I stand

In Christ alone! – who took on flesh, Fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness, Scorned by the ones He came to save
Till on that cross as Jesus died, The wrath of God was satisfied –
For every sin on Him was laid: Here in the death of Christ I live

There in the ground His body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious day, Up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory, Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine – Bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life, no fear in death, This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell, no scheme of man, Can ever pluck me from His hand
Till he returns or calls me home, Here in the power of Christ I'll stand!

BENEDICTION

May God give to you and to all those whom you love
his comfort and his peace,
his light and his joy,
in this world and the next;
and the blessing of God almighty,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
be among you, and remain with you always.

Announcements

CS KIDS - ADVENT IS COMING! We are extremely excited to be providing families with Ann Voskamp's 'The Wonder of the Greatest Gift', an interactive family celebration of Advent. *These will be available for pick-up on Sunday, November 28th at the check-in table.*

- OUR ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PAGEANT will be taking place on Sunday, December 19th! Thank you to Krista Schei for leading the charge this year! Rehearsals will be Sunday 12/5 and 12/12 at 9am (outside Sunday school classrooms), and Saturday Dec 18th from 10am-12pm (HS 100 Building). Sign-up your kids for their role now, and/or check out a few ways you can help! <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C084AAEA728A64-cross3>

CHURCH LUNCHEON Our next gathering will follow the Christmas Pageant on Sunday, December 19: Soup, Bread, Mac n' Cheese Bake! Mark your calendars and bring something to share! We look forward to spending time with you!

Socks & Underwear! Cross Sound Youth is looking to gather 200 pairs of new warm winter socks and underwear which will be part of our gift bags to the homeless this winter. Donations can be dropped at our office (600 Ericksen Ave. N.E.) in a bin outside the office door or at church. *The drive ends November 28nd.*

Men's Ministry BIBLE STUDY Friday mornings, via Zoom. *Email Roger at irbarbers@gmail.com for Zoom link*

- MEN'S EVENT: Thurs, December 9th, 5:30 pm at Brass Kraken in Poulsbo. Men, join together for dinner and hang out. *Come to know and to be known!*
- MEN'S CYCLING GROUP 4th saturday of the month. Women also welcome! Just show up at 8am the BHS Flagpole, weather permitting, and have fun!

Women's Ministry FALL BIBLE STUDY — 2021 Join us for this fall's study, *Elijah: Faith and Fire* by Priscilla Shirer. Tues evenings, 6:45- 8:15 pm, or Wed mornings, 9:15-11:15 am. CS office: 600 Ericksen Ave NE, Suite 210. Masks required.

Positions Available!

WOMEN'S MINISTRY LEAD: PART-TIME POSITION Women's Ministry at Cross Sound is committed to encouraging and equipping women to share the transforming presence of Jesus Christ, both in and outside the Church. *If you're interested in finding out about this position email Dave Sellers dave@crosssound.org*

SOUND & VIDEO LEAD: PART-TIME POSITION. Primarily performed on Sunday mornings, this person would be in charge of overseeing the sound and livestream set-ups, managing livestream videos, and managing the high school students and grads who are currently doing these tasks. Experience in these areas or related technology aptitude is helpful, but not required for those interested in the position. *Please reach out to info@crosssound.org with interest or inquiries.*

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.