

SUNDAY, MARCH 25 2018
PALM SUNDAY

“Life’s
greatest
happiness
is to be
convinced
we are
loved.”

— Victor Hugo, *Les Misérables*



Order of Worship
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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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To learn more about the entire staff and our team of Elders, Deacons, International Ministers, Stephen Ministry and Community Group Leaders please visit our website:

crosssound.org or call our office: **(206) 842-6898**

Gathering

Please join in song when ready

Gloria Patri

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

Hosanna (Praise is Rising)

Praise is rising, eyes are turning to You
We turn to You
Hope is stirring, hearts are yearning for You
We long for You

'Cause when we see You,
We find strength to face the day
And in Your presence
All our fears are washed away, washed away.

Hosanna! Hosanna
You are the God who saves us
Worthy of all our praises
Hosanna! Hosanna!
Come have Your way among us.
We welcome You here, Lord Jesus!

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rejoice,
Shout in triumph, O people!
Look, your king is coming to you O Jerusalem.
He is righteous and victorious,
yet he is humble, riding on a donkey.
He will proclaim peace to the nations.
His rule will extend from sea to sea.
—Zechariah 9:9-10

OPENING PRAYER

Merciful God,

As we enter Holy Week
And gather in this place before you,
Turn our hearts again to Jerusalem –

To the perfect life,
To the atoning death,
And to the glorious resurrection of Jesus.

Allow us to see the love, power, and beauty of the One
Who willingly gave his life on our behalf.

And in your grace,
Use the events that unfolded this week so long ago,
To lead each one of us into abundance of life today as
We receive Him.
Amen.

As we gather to worship, please silence all mobile phones and electronic devices for the duration of the service.

Renewing

CONFESSIONS OF SIN

(Confession happens within the context of relationship, both with God and with each other as we acknowledge our need for forgiveness. Jesus promises that He freely forgives sins removing all of our past regrets. You are invited to personalize your confession as we pray silently).

O Lord,
We confess that our hands have not been clean,
Our ways have not been right,
Our hearts have not been pure.
In many ways, we have failed to love,
And we have foolishly and sinfully turned away from you.

Out of the abundance of your love,
In the wondrous depths of your mercy,
And because of the cross of Jesus your Son,
Forgive us, we pray.

In your grace, lay hold of our hearts,
And empower us to find fullness of joy, in you.
We ask these things in Jesus' name, Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON AND RECEIVING OF GRACE

Jesus Christ gave his life to free us from every kind of sin,
to cleanse us, and to make us his very own people.
—Titus 2:14

So now there is no condemnation for those who belong to Christ
Jesus...
Nothing can ever separate us from God's love.
—Romans 8:1 & 38

Rejoice, and be at Peace!
Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

“The very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road.
Jesus was in the center of the procession, and the people all around him were shouting,

‘Hosanna to the Son of David!
Blessings on the one who comes in the name of the Lord!
Hosanna in the highest heaven!’

The entire city of Jerusalem was in an uproar as he entered.”
—Matthew 21:8-10

Blessed is He (Palm Sunday Processional)

Hosanna! Hosanna!	Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna!
Blessed is He,	Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna!
Blessed is He,	Righteous is He,
Blessed is He who comes	Victorious is He,
In the name of the Lord!	Humble is He who comes
	In the name of the Lord!

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

I Lift My Eyes Up

I lift my eyes up
Up to the mountains
Where does my help come from?
My help comes from You
Maker of heaven
Creator of the earth

Oh, how I need you Lord
You are my only hope
You are my only prayer
So I will wait for You
To come and rescue me
Come and give me life

Sing to the King

Sing to the King Who is coming to reign
Glory to Jesus, the Lamb that was slain
Life and salvation His empire shall bring
And joy to the nations when Jesus is King

Come, let us sing a song
A song declaring we belong to Jesus
He is all we need
Lift up a heart of praise
Sing now with voices raised to Jesus
Sing to the King

For His returning we watch and we pray
We will be ready the dawn of that day
We'll join in singing with all the redeemed
'Cause Satan is vanquished and Jesus is King

GIVING THANKS

I will exalt you, my God the King;
I will praise your name for ever and ever.
Every day I will praise you
and extol your name for ever and ever.
Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise;
his greatness no one can fathom.

The Lord is gracious and compassionate,
slow to anger and rich in love.
The Lord is trustworthy in all he promises
and faithful in all he does.
The Lord upholds all who fall
and lifts up all who are bowed down.
The Lord is near to all who call on him,
to all who call on him in truth.
My mouth will speak in praise of the Lord.
Let every creature praise his holy name
for ever and ever.
—Portions of Psalm 145

GREETING

Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you.
—Romans
Love one another deeply from the heart.
—1Peter 1:22

The largest book in the Bible is primarily a book of poems set to music to sing God's praises. This is all part of God's design to surround His presence with singing. Expressing gratitude to God expresses dependence upon God and is an antidote for cynicism, criticism, and bitterness.

MESSAGE

Text: Matthew 21:1-11
Title: Entrance of The King
Speaker: Dave O'Connell

Now when they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, ²saying to them, “Go into the village in front of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them to me. ³If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, ‘The Lord needs them,’ and he will send them at once.” ⁴This took place to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet, saying,

⁵“Say to the daughter of Zion,
‘Behold, your king is coming to you,
humble, and mounted on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.’”

⁶The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them. ⁷They brought the donkey and the colt and put on them their cloaks, and he sat on them. ⁸Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹And the crowds that went before him and that followed him were shouting, “Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!” ¹⁰And when he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred up, saying, “Who is this?” ¹¹And the crowds said, “This is the prophet Jesus, from Nazareth of Galilee.”

QUOTES

“The love for equals is a human thing. The love for the less fortunate is a beautiful thing. The love for the more fortunate is a rare thing. And then there is the love for the enemy – love for the one who does not love you but mocks, threatens, and inflicts pain. This is God’s love. It conquers the world.”

—Frederick Buechner

“His death was not the death of a martyr, who sinks at last overwhelmed by enemies, but the death of a triumphant conqueror, who knows that even in dying he wins for himself and his people a kingdom and a crown of glory.”

—J.C. Ryle

“No matter what, in spite of everything, God would love his children with a never stopping, never giving up, unbreaking, always and forever love.”

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

OFFERING

Keep company with God and learn a life of love. Observe how Christ loved us. His love was not cautious but extravagant. He didn't love in order to get something from us but to give everything of himself to us. Love like that.

—Ephesians 5:1-2 (The Message)

Beautiful Things

All this pain
I wonder if I'll ever find my way
I wonder if my life could really change
At all

All this earth
Could all that is lost ever be found?
Could a garden come up from this ground
At all?

You make beautiful things
You make beautiful things out of the dust
You make beautiful things
You make beautiful things out of us

All around
Hope is springing up from this old ground
Out of chaos life is being found
In You

You make beautiful things
You make beautiful things out of the dust
You make beautiful things
You make beautiful things out of us

You make me new
You are making me new

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Heavenly Father, ruler of the world,
We pray this morning for all nations and peoples;
For you loved this world so much that you sent us your only
Son. Now, in Him, heal divisions, bring justice, and establish
peace. This Easter week, bring life and healing to your world.
For this, O Lord, we pray:
Lord, hear our prayer.

Lord Jesus, our Good and Perfect King,
You entered Jerusalem with the crowds singing “Hosanna” –
But you knew as you entered, that this was your road to the
cross. You came out of love to rescue and to redeem us.
Now make us a people willing to give ourselves for others too.
For this, O Lord, we pray:
Lord, hear our prayer.

Holy Spirit, our great Helper,
Bring the wonder of this week to bear in our lives.
Help us to welcome Jesus as our King this Palm Sunday.
Capture and seal our hearts with the love of Good Friday.
Enable us live in & live out the hope, victory & joy of Easter.
For this, O Lord, we pray:
Lord, hear our prayer.

And for what else should we pray?
Please add your own prayers at this time, ending with,
“For this, O Lord, we pray” and all responding,
“**Lord, hear our prayer.**”
Now gathering our prayers into one, let us pray boldly as our
Savior has taught us:

**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 for ever. Amen.**

COMMUNION

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

His body and blood were given for you,
This meal his great gift to fill and renew.
Now celebrate Him and know that this taste,
Is sure sign and seal of his glorious embrace.
—The Communion Table

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 a follower of Jesus or are not prepared to share in the meal, we encourage you instead to spend this time in prayer (“Prayers for Reflection”). We hope this time is helpful to you as you consider your relationship with Jesus Christ and with his people, the church.

Sending

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.

Hosanna

I see the king of glory
Coming down the clouds with fire
The whole earth shakes, the whole earth shakes
I see his love and mercy
Washing over all our sin
The people sing, the people sing

Hosanna, hosanna
Hosanna in the highest

I see a generation
Rising up to take their place
With selfless faith, with selfless faith
I see a near revival
Stirring as we pray and seek
We're on our knees, we're on our knees

Heal my heart and make it clean
Open up my eyes to the things unseen
Show me how to love like you have loved me
Break my heart for what breaks yours
Everything I am for your kingdom's cause
As I walk from earth into eternity

BENEDICTION

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and
peace as you trust in Him,
And may He, through us His church,
Forever be praised.

Amen.

^{All} **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

CS Kids - Please pick up your Holy Week devotion at the Kids Check table. The family activity starts today (Palm Sunday) and continues throughout the entire week leading up to Easter. We invite you amidst the busyness of your week to pause with your family and consider what Jesus has done for us!

“Weeds to Flowers” Demonstrate our partnership with BHS!

Join in our annual “Weeds to Flowers” service project for BHS. Sat. March 31, 9am-11am. Mark your calendar now. Beautify our place of worship, bless our community and get to know others from Cross Sound. All ages welcome. Bring your garden tools and work gloves.

Easter Week: Please join us as we celebrate Easter Week.

Maundy Thursday - Messianic Seder Service March 29 at CSC@ Ericksen 7PM,

Good Friday service March 30 at BHS Commons 7PM,

Easter Sunday April 1 at 10AM at BHS Commons.

Easter pot-luck/party Apr. 1, 1-5 Prue’s House - Bring a chair and food to share as it’s a pot luck. Please bring 15 filled eggs per kid that would like to participate in Easter egg hunt. 9600 Mandus Olson Rd NE Any questions: Carrie Sellers carriesellers206@gmail.com

Women of Cross Sound - Clothing/Gadget Exchange

Start cleaning out those drawer, cupboards and closets for another Clothing/Gadget Exchange at the Cross Sound Church office - 600 Ericksen Ave, Suite #210. **Monday April 9 from 7 - 9 p.m.** Hopefully, this will be the perfect opportunity to motivate you to get to that Spring Cleaning done! Invite a friend or a neighbor - the more the merrier and it will be a fun evening of swapping junk - or treasures!

New Spring Women’s Book Study Please consider joining us as we begin a new study every Wed from 9:00 - 11:30 a.m., beginning Apr. 11 - June. We will be studying together several different books and discussing in small, book club style format. Childcare is provided. Contact Carrie at carriesellers206@gmail.com

Welcome Lunch April 29: If you are new to CSC or would just like an opportunity to meet some of the Cross Sound leaders please join us directly after the service at Mark & Cheryl Harrison’s home for lunch. 1237 Hawley Way NE, Bainbridge Island. Please email Penny@crosssound.org for more info or to RSVP.

Kids, are you ready for an ADVENTURE this summer?

Grow in your relationship with God during Cross Sound Kids Camp at Island Lake! Enjoy swimming, rock climbing, archery, arts and crafts, low ropes course and lots of games. Best of all, campers will get to hear about God’s love for them during Fireside skits/talks! **August 13-17, M-F, 9 am - 5 pm, Cost: \$150/child.** Full or partial scholarships can be provided. Ages: Kids entering Kindergarten through 7th grade. Kids will be divided up into age-related groups. For those entering 5/6/7 grades... Extreme Adventure Activities (high ropes course, dirt bikes) are available for an additional fee. Questions? Contact Katie Fixter at kfixter5@gmail.com

Financial Update: Last week’s total: \$17,318.50 Annual Budget (7/17-6/18): \$977,232 Budgeted Income to Date: \$742,148 Actual Income to Date: \$736,718

CS Kids and Youth Group

Small Beginnings Nursery (new-2yrs) Room #234

Contact: Laura O'Connell, oconnells1908@yahoo.com. Children are invited to be dropped off at this class before the church service begins.

Cross Sound Kids:

Children will attend the worship portion of the service and then be sent to their classrooms as a whole Sunday school group.

Contact: Laura O'Connell, oconnells1908@yahoo.com or Katie Fixter, kfixter5@gmail.com

Little Kids (3-5yrs) Room #232

Kindergarten Room #231

First & Second grades Room #229

Third & Fourth grades Room #225

Fifth & Sixth grades Room #222

YOUTH GROUP

Junior High, Bainbridge High School Library

Senior High, Bainbridge High School Library

WEDNESDAYS 6:30-8pm – H.S. CSC Youth Group at the Brouwer's home: 8874 Battle Point Dr. NE. Bainbridge Island.

THURSDAYS 6:30-8pm – Jr. High CSC Youth Group at the Cross Sound Office: 600 Ericksen Ave. NE #210.

Contact Josh Brouwer at josh@crosssound.org with any questions or to be involved.

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

Second time visitor

Regular attendee

Interested in more info for:

_____ Ministry

Please add me to:

Email list Mailing list

Name(s): _____

Children & their ages: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number(s): _____

Email(s): _____

Prayer Requests: _____

If you have prayer requests or prayers of thanksgiving that you would like to share please email Penny@crosssound.org or indicate on the prayer request page and drop it in the offering basket. Our prayer team prays for these requests throughout the week.

NOTES:

PRAYERS FOR REFLECTION:

Prayer of those struggling with the truth:

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.