



When He tells us
to love our enemies,
He gives, along
with the command,
the love itself.

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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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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 — Isaiah 43:1-3 (The Message)

But now, GOD'S Message,
 the God who made you in the first place, Jacob,
 the One who got you started, Israel:
"Don't be afraid, I've redeemed you.
 I've called your name. You're mine.
When you're in over your head, I'll be there with you.
 When you're in rough waters, you will not go down.
When you're between a rock and a hard place,
 it won't be a dead end—
Because I am GOD, your personal God,
 The Holy of Israel, your Savior.

CONFESSION OF SIN

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

We confess, Father, that we do not live as your sons and daughters.
We are more ready to resent or retaliate than to forgive,
more ready to manipulate than to serve, more ready to fear than to love.
We are more ready to keep our distance than to welcome,
more ready to compete than to help.
We are full of mistrust and cold unbelief.
We fail to love, because we fail to believe in your love.
Lord, forgive us, and help us.

Renewing

RECEIVING OF GRACE

May the God of love
bring you back to himself,
forgive you your sins,
and assure you of his present and eternal love in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.
Amen.

Create in Me a Clean Heart — *Keith Green*

Create in me a clean heart, O God
And renew a right spirit within me
Create in me a clean heart, O God
And renew a right spirit within me

Cast me not away from Thy presence, O Lord
And take not Thy Holy Spirit from me
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation
And renew a right spirit within me

No One Like Our God — *Matt Redman*

Hallelujah, chains are broken, Your death has spoken life to us
And every accusation, all our condemnation, Silenced at the cross

Hallelujah, free salvation, The burden of a world so lost
Lifted from our shoulders, Carried by the Savior's passion at the cross

*There is no one like our God, There is no one like our Savior
How great is Your blessing, How great is Your love
There is no one like our God*

Never has there been
Never will there be
A God like You who came down in mercy
Never will there be
A greater hope than this
There is no one like our God

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.

Sing To The King — *Chris Tomlin*

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

LAMENTING — *Psalm 102:3-8, 18-22 (The Message)*

I'm wasting away to nothing,

I'm burning up with fever.

I'm a ghost of my former self,

half-consumed already by terminal illness.

My jaws ache from gritting my teeth;

I'm nothing but skin and bones.

I'm like a buzzard in the desert,

a crow perched on the rubble.

Insomniac, I twitter away,

mournful as a sparrow in the gutter.

All day long my enemies taunt me,

while others just curse.

Write this down for the next generation

so people not yet born will praise GOD:

“GOD looked out from his high holy place;

from heaven he surveyed the earth.

He listened to the groans of the doomed,

he opened the doors of their death cells.”

Write it so the story can be told in Zion,

so GOD'S praise will be sung in Jerusalem's streets

And wherever people gather together

along with their rulers to worship him.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, GREETING & STUDENT DISMISSAL

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.

QUOTES:

We are saved by a man who died loving his enemies — Tim Keller

Real love is the very opposite of idealization. Rather, it has to do with knowledge, a deep, real, sensitive knowledge of the other people in your life and the care you give them. Love is a kind of knowing. The real lover is neither Rossetti or Picasso. The real lover is the man who broke down on Women's Hour this morning. He spent three years looking after his dying wife, tending her each day, brushing her teeth, washing her hair, putting a new necklace around her neck each morning, something she had done for herself before she got dementia.

'Why don't you put her in a home and get a life?' his friends would ask him.

'Because she is my life,' he told them. — Olivia Fane

Have you ever noticed that people who are self-focused and narcissistic are usually really unhappy, if not depressed? Sadly, I know this from experience. But have you also noticed that people who are generally others focused and more selfless are usually very happy? That's not a coincidence. It's the way of Jesus in action. When we're down, one of the best things we can do is serve somebody else. It's the backdoor to joy. And it's always unlocked.' — John Mark Comer

A commitment is falling in love with something and then building a structure of behavior around it for those moments when love falters. — David Brooks

Message

Series: A New Beginning: What Now?

Text: Matthew 5:43-48

Title: Love

Speaker: Dave Sellers

You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.'⁴⁴ But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you,⁴⁵ so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven. For he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust.⁴⁶ For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same?⁴⁷ And if you greet only your brothers, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same?⁴⁸ You therefore must be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

NOTES:

OFFERING — Acts 20:35

Remember the words the Lord Jesus himself said:
“It is more blessed to give than to receive.”

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

God of Love,
we pray on behalf of the world that you have made.
Look upon us in mercy not in judgement;
draw us and all people from hatred to love;
and establish your kingdom of justice and peace on earth as in heaven.
For this, O Lord, we pray;
Lord, hear our prayer.

Christ of Love,
you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross
that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace;
so clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love,
may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you,
for the honor of your name.
For this, O Lord, we pray;
Lord, hear our prayer.

Spirit of Love,
soften our hearts to those around us who need your care:
the brokenhearted, the fearful, the lonely;
those sick, those suffering, those persecuted, those without work,
without a home; those with broken homes, those who struggle to find hope.
Be near to us, Lord. Help us love one another.
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

My Hope is Built on Nothing Less — *Edward Mote, 1834*

My hope is built on nothing less, Than Jesus' blood and righteousness.
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,, But wholly trust in Jesus' Name.

*On Christ the solid Rock I stand,
All other ground is sinking sand;
All other ground is sinking sand.*

When darkness seems to hide His face, I rest on His unchanging grace.
In every high and stormy gale, My anchor holds within the veil.

His oath, His covenant, His blood, Support me in the whelming flood.
When all around my soul gives way, He then is all my Hope and Stay.

When He shall come with trumpet sound, Oh may I then in Him be found.
Dressed in His righteousness alone, Faultless to stand before the throne.

BENEDICTION

May Christ make his home in you
as you find your home in his love;
and the blessing of God almighty,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
be among you, and remain with you always
Amen. **Amen**

COMMUNION — 1Peter 1:17-18

Please join us immediately after the Benediction at the Theater entrance to celebrate the Lord's Supper.

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.

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.

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").

Announcements

Surviving the Holidays: Grief Recovery Group An invitation to anyone grieving a recent or past death of a child, spouse, family member or friend. This is not a Bible Study, but a 2-hour class, including video and discussion time. Meet at the church office (600 Ericksen Ave NE, Suite 210) on Thursday 11/18 (overflow date on 12/9) from 10am—12:30pm. *RSVP to kristin@crosssound.org*

Christmas Wreaths and Greens: Oct 23—Nov 14 As Cross Sound celebrates our 25th Anniversary, we are continuing our long tradition of selling Christmas Wreaths and Greens to benefit our Missions Committee. *Order your wreaths and greens online at www.crosssound.org/events*

All Church Potluck and Ensenada Send-Off: NEXT Sunday, November 14! Join us directly after service. SIGN UP today on the clipboard to bring a pot of chili and/or cornbread to share! *If you're interested in joining our Hospitality Team to help with Church Events, email kristin@crosssound.org*

Socks & Underwear! Cross Sound Youth is doing its annual Warm Winter Sock & Underwear Drive. We are 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.* Thank you!

Women's Ministry

- ADVENT BRUNCH: SAVE THE DATE Join us on Saturday, December 4 for our annual Cross Sound Women's Advent Event! 10 AM, outdoors at IslandWood; Details and RSVP link to follow - put it on your calendar!
- FALL BIBLE STUDY — 2021 Join us for this fall's study, *Elijah: Faith and Fire* by Priscilla Shirer. Choose either Tuesday evenings, 6:45- 8:15 pm, or Wednesday mornings, 9:15-11:15 am. We will learn together what it was like for Elijah to be a part of God's greater plan, and how he was a person just like us. Cross Sound office: 600 Ericksen Ave NE, Suite 210. Masks required.

Position Available CSC is looking to hire a part-time SOUND & VIDEO LEAD. This position would primarily be 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.*

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

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.