



If you want to know who God is, look at Jesus. If you want to know what it means to be human, look at Jesus. If you want to know what love is, look at Jesus. If you want to know what grief is, look at Jesus. And go on looking until you're not just a spectator, but you're actually part of the drama which has Him as the central character.



N.T. Wright

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 63:2-5

I have seen you in the sanctuary
and beheld your power and your glory.
Because your love is better than life,
my lips will glorify you.
I will praise you as long as I live,
and in your name I will lift up my hands.
I will be fully satisfied as with the richest of foods;
with singing lips my mouth will praise you.

CONFESSION OF SIN

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

**Heavenly Father,
We confess that at many times and in many ways this week,
we have failed to reflect, honor, and follow you.**

**This has been true in our thinking and in our feeling,
And in the ways that we have lived with others and with you.**

**Forgive us again, dear Father. And thank you.
Thank you for your amazing grace given to us in Jesus.
Lift us up in Him, and enable us to walk more closely with Him, we pray.
Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON AND RECEIVING OF GRACE

Christ suffered for our sins once for all. He never sinned, but he died for sinners to bring you safely home to God. —1 Peter 3:18a (NLT)

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. —1 John 1:8-9

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! **Amen.**

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

Renewing

How Deep the Father's Love for Us — *Keith Getty and Stuart Townend*

How deep the Father's love for us, How vast beyond all measure
That He would give His only Son, To make a wretch His treasure

How great the pain of searing loss, The Father turns His face away
As wounds which mar the chosen One, Bring many sons to glory

Behold the Man upon a cross, My sin upon His shoulders
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice, Call out among the scoffers

It was my sin that held Him there, Until it was accomplished
His dying breath has brought me life, I know that it is finished

I will not boast in anything, No gifts, no powers, no wisdom
But I will boast in Jesus Christ, His death and resurrection

Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer
But this I know with all my heart, His wounds have paid my ransom

Desert Song — *Hillsong*

This is my prayer in the desert, when all that's within me feels dry
This is my prayer in my hunger and need, my God is the God who provides

This is my prayer in the fire, in weakness or trial or pain
There is a faith proved of more worth than gold, so refine me Lord through the flame

*I will bring praise, I will bring praise,
No weapon formed against me shall remain
I will rejoice, I will declare,
God is my victory and He is here*

This is my prayer in the battle, when triumph is still on its way
I am a conqueror and co-heir with Christ, so firm on His promise I'll stand

All of my life, in every season, You are still God
I have a reason to sing, I have a reason to worship

This is my prayer in the harvest, when favor and providence flow
I know I'm filled to be emptied again, the seed I've received I will sow.

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.

Come Alive (Dry Bones) — *Lauren Daigle and Michael Farren*

Through the eyes of man it seems, There's so much we have lost
As we look down the road, Where all the prodigals have walked
And one by one the enemy, Has whispered lies and led them off as slaves

But I know that You are God, Yours is the victory
We know there is more to come, That we may not yet see
So with the faith You've given us, We step into the valley unafraid

We call out the dry bones, "Come alive, come alive!"
We call out to dead hearts, "Come alive, come alive!"
Up out of the ashes, Let us see an army rise.
We call out to dry bones, "Come alive!"

God of endless mercy, God of unrelenting love
Rescue every daughter, Bring us back the wayward sons
And by Your Spirit breathe upon them, Show the world that You alone can save

So breathe, oh breath of God
Now breathe, oh breath of God
Breathe, oh breath of God
Now breathe

THANKSGIVING — Portions of Psalm 100 & Psalm 9

Enter his gates with thanksgiving
and his courts with praise;
give thanks to him and praise his name.
For the Lord is good and his love endures forever;

I will give thanks to you, Lord, with all my heart;
I will tell of all your wonderful deeds.
I will be glad and rejoice in you;
I will sing the praises of your name.

GREETING

Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you. — Romans 15:7

Be devoted to one another in love. — Romans 12:10

Love one another deeply from the heart. — 1Peter 1:22

PASSING CLIPBOARD

STUDENT DISMISSAL

QUOTES:

But you say, "I'm not religious." ...but everybody's religious. What is your religion? Well, your religion is what you rely upon... Your religion... is what you live for, is what you hope for... Your god is that to which you give yourself, you give your time, attention, your greatest thought, your money – you live for it. It is the thing that keeps you going... It is what you turn to when life gets so hard. Everybody has a religion. But the question is, what is your religion? — Martyn Lloyd-Jones

"Even flawed human beings know that you can't just overlook evil. It can't be dealt with, removed, or healed just by saying, 'Forget it.' It must be paid for, and dealing with it is costly. How much more should we expect that God could not just shrug off evil? The debt had to be paid. But he was so incredibly loving that he was willing to die in order to do it himself." — Tim Keller

"This is the God of the gospel of grace. A God, who out of love for us, sent the only Son He ever had wrapped in our skin. He learned to walk, stumbled and fell, cried for His milk, sweated blood in the night, was lashed with a whip and showered with spit, was fixed to a cross and died whispering forgiveness on us all." — Brennan Manning

"In giving us his Son Jesus, God has given us all he has; he can give us no more; we have everything in him." — David Prior

"In life and in death, in health and in sickness, let us lean all our weight on this mighty fact — that though we have sinned, Christ has died for sinner — and that though we deserve nothing, Christ has suffered on the cross for us, and by that suffering purchased heaven for all who believe in Him." — J.C. Ryle

Message

Series: Why Church?

Title: Join the Party!

Text: Psalm 34:8, Psalm 89:1-2 & Romans 10:9-15

Speaker: Dave O'Connell

Psalm 34:8 — Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the one who takes refuge in him.

Psalm 89:1-2 — I will sing of the Lord's great love forever; with my mouth I will make your faithfulness known through all generations.

Romans 10:9-15 (NLT) — If you openly declare that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is by believing in your heart that you are made right with God, and it is by openly declaring your faith that you are saved. As the Scriptures tell us, "Anyone who trusts in him will never be put to shame."...For "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

But how can they call on him to save them unless they believe in him? And how can they believe in him if they have never heard about him? And how can they hear about him unless someone tells them? And how will anyone go and tell them without being sent? That is why the Scriptures say, "How beautiful are the feet of messengers who bring good news!"

NOTES:

OFFERING — 1 Chronicles 29:9

Then the people rejoiced because they had offered so willingly, for they made their offering to the Lord with a whole heart.

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

Chorus:

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

The offering is a way for members and friends of Cross Sound Church to support the worship and work of the church, its mission and ministry. There are different ways to financially give, via:

- Offering basket: place Check or Cash in a Giving Envelope on Sunday mornings
- Mail: Cross Sound Church PO Box 11748 or 600 Ericksen Ave #210, Bainbridge Is., WA 98110
- Cross Sound app: look up "Church Center" on the App Store and follow the prompts
- Online: <https://www.crosssound.org/give> • Stock: contact: bookkeeper@crosssound.org

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Heavenly Father,

**You loved the world so much, that you gave us your Son.
In Him we have life, and love, and forgiveness, and peace.
Help us to daily rejoice in this good news!
Help us to live in its light, and to speak of it with joy**
(Silent Prayer) For this, O Lord, we pray,
Lord, hear our prayer.

Lord Jesus,

**You bore our sin once and for all upon the cross.
You came to give us life, and life to the full.
Help us to know the unending depths of your love for us.
And help us to heed your glorious invitation to follow you.**
(Silent Prayer) For this, O Lord, we pray,
Lord, hear our prayer.

Holy Spirit,

**Awaken our world to the unshakable hope that is found in Jesus.
Awaken our church so that we might truly be astonished by grace.
Awaken us to the many needs and cares of those around us.
And by your power, make us instruments of Jesus' love, grace, and touch.**
(Silent Prayer) 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. Amen.**

COMMUNION

The Son of Man came not to be served but to serve,
And to give his life as a ransom for many.

Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; And he who has no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.

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").

Sending

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*

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

Chorus

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

UPDATE & PRAYER

Greg Nance — Running Across America

BENEDICTION

Now may the God of peace... equip you with everything good for doing His will, and may He work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. 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

Holy Week at Cross Sound Church

MAUNDY THURSDAY: April 14 at 7pm at the Church Office

GOOD FRIDAY: April 15 at 7pm at the High School Theater

EASTER EGG HUNT: April 16th at 10am. Location TBD. Details to follow

EASTER SUNDAY: April 17 at 10am: Worship followed by a Prue House Potluck!

Difficult Conversations? Braver Angels is a non-profit organization focused on teaching people listening and speaking skills to improve difficult conversations. Family members are having divisive political arguments, avoiding each other, or even cutting off lifetime relationships. There is a better way! Join us for this workshop, "Helping Loved Ones Divided by Politics" on Sunday, May 22nd 6-8 pm at the Church office. Childcare provided. This is a free event, with the option to donate to Braver Angels. Please sign up here : <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/families-politics-western-wa-alliancebraver-angels-kitsap-county-registration-310254939877>

Community Groups Spring Session Begins 4/10 and ends 6/18. Sign up today on the clipboard or email Roger Barber: irbarbers@gmail.com

Weeds To Flowers: Saturday May 14 at Ordway Elementary If you are interested in participating in this annual tradition, email Kristin@crosssound.org for details

Parenting Round Table Join us for collaborative discussions around the topic of parenting toddlers through our post-high school adult-children. We'll meet 3 Sunday evenings from 5p-7p: April 24, May 3 and May 15 at the church office (600 Ericksen Ave BI Ste.210). Dinner and childcare provided. *Please RSVP at info@crosssound.org*

5th-8th Grade Summer Retreat! We are kicking off Summer at Miracle Ranch in Port Orchard! July 17th-19th, registration details will be coming soon!!

Attention Cross Sound Kids: DON'T MISS KIDS CAMP! We are excited to partner with New Life this Summer, July 11-15, 9am-12pm, rising K-5th grade. Registration today! <http://www.bainbridgekidscamp.com/>

Women's Ministry Contact Ashley at ashley@crosssound.org

- BIBLE STUDY Meets MONDAY evenings from 6:45 - 8:15pm or Wednesday Mornings from 9:15 - 11:15am. It's not too late to join!
- SAVE THE DATE! THE WOMEN'S RETREAT IS BACK THIS SPRING! We are looking forward to gathering together on May 7. Details to follow

Prayer Groups (Church Office: 600 Ericksen Ave. Ste #210 BI, 98110)

- HEALING PRAYER: 3RD WEDNESDAYS @ 6:30PM Please join CSC's Session if you would like prayers for healing (physical, emotional, spiritual, relational)
- PRAYER TEAM: TUESDAYS @9AM Support your church family through prayer.

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.