

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2020
SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY

“Earth’s crammed
with heaven, and
every common
bush afire with
God; but only he
who sees, takes
off his shoes—the
rest sit around
it and pluck
blackberries.”

— Elizabeth Barrett Browning



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, visit our website: crosssound.org or call our office: (206) 842-6898

Please silence all mobile phones and electronic devices for the duration of the service.

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.

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

All Creatures of Our God and King

— *Words: Francis of Assisi, c. 1225; Music: Peter von Brachel, 1623*

All creatures of our God and King
Lift up your voice and with us sing
Alleluia, Alleluia
Thou burning sun with golden beam
Thou silver moon with softer gleam
Oh praise Him! Oh praise Him!
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Thou rushing wind that art so strong
Ye clouds that sail in heaven along
Oh praise Him, Alleluia!
Thou rising moon in praise rejoice
Ye lights of evening find a voice
Oh praise Him! Oh praise Him!
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

And all ye men of tender heart
Forgiving others take your part
O, sing ye, Alleluia!
Ye who long pain and sorrow bear
Praise God and on Him cast you care
Oh praise Him! Oh praise Him!
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless
And worship Him in humbleness
Oh praise Him, Alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son
And praise the Spirit, Three in One!
Oh praise Him! Oh praise Him!
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

CALL TO WORSHIP

For I will take you out of the nations;
I will gather you from all the countries
and bring you back into your own land.
I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean;
I will cleanse you from all your impurities and from all your idols.
I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you;
I will remove from you your heart of stone
and give you a heart of flesh.
And I will put my Spirit in you and move you
to follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws.
You will live in the land I gave your forefathers;
you will be my people, and I will be your God.
— Ezekiel 36:24-28

Renewing

CONFESSION 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).

God of such truth as sweeps away all lies,
of such grace as shrivels all excuses,
come now to find us and forgive us,
for we have lost our selves
in a shuffle of disguises
and the rattle of empty words.
We have been careless of our days,
our loves, our gifts, our opportunities...
Our prayer is to forgive us, not out of despair of ourselves
but out of love for you.

— Adapted from Ted Loder, *My Heart in My Mouth*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON AND RECEIVING OF GRACE

God does not deal with us according to our sins,
nor repay us according to our iniquities.
For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
so great is His steadfast love toward those who fear Him;
as far as the east is from the west,
so far does He remove our transgressions from us.
As a father shows compassion to his children,
so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear Him.
— Psalm 103:10-13

Blessed Be Your Name — *Matt Redman*

Blessed be Your name in the land that is plentiful
Where Your streams of abundance flow, blessed be Your name
And blessed be Your name when I'm found in the desert place
Though I walk through the wilderness, blessed be Your name

Every blessing You pour out I'll turn back to praise
And when the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say

Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your glorious name

Blessed be Your name when the sun's shining down on me
When the world's all as it should be, blessed be Your name
And blessed be Your name on the road marked with suffering
Though there's pain in the offering, blessed be Your name

You give and take away
You give and take away
My heart will choose to say
Lord, blessed be Your name

Indescribable

From the highest of heights to the depths of the sea
Creation's revealing Your majesty
From the colors of fall to the fragrance of spring
Every creature unique in the song that it sings
All exclaiming

Indescribable, uncontainable,
You placed the stars in the sky and You know them by name
You are amazing, God
All powerful, untamable,
Awestruck we fall to our knees as we humbly proclaim
You are amazing, God

Who has told every lightning bolt where it should go
Or seen heavenly storehouses laden with snow
Who imagined the sun and gives source to its light
Yet conceals it to bring us the coolness of night
None can fathom

Incomparable, unchangeable
You see the depths of my heart and You love me the same
You are amazing, God
You are amazing, God

Revelation Song — *Jennie Lee Riddle*

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain.
Holy, holy is He.
Sing a new song to Him who sits on
Heaven's Mercy Seat.

CHORUS

Holy, Holy, Holy is The Lord, God Almighty.
Who was and is and is to come.
With all creation I sing, "Praise to The King of Kings,
You are my everything. And I will adore You."

Clothed in rainbows, of living color.
Flashes of lightening, rolls of thunder.
Blessing and honor, strength and glory and power be,
To You, the only wise King.

CHORUS

Filled with wonder, awestruck wonder,
At the mention of Your Name.
Jesus, Your Name is power, breath and living water.
Such a marvelous mystery.

CHORUS

THANKSGIVING

The LORD is my strength and my shield;
in Him my heart trusts, and I am helped;
my heart exults,
and with my song I give thanks to Him.

— Psalm 28:7

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Speak O, Lord

Speak, O Lord, as we come to You
To receive the food of Your Holy Word.
Take Your truth, plant it deep in us;
Shape and fashion us in Your likeness,
That the light of Christ might be seen today
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us
All Your purposes for Your glory.

Series: Church Without Walls

Text: Luke 11:29-36

Title: Something Greater

Speaker: Dave Sellers

²⁹ When the crowds were increasing, he began to say, “This generation is an evil generation. It seeks for a sign, but no sign will be given to it except the sign of Jonah. ³⁰ For as Jonah became a sign to the people of Nineveh, so will the Son of Man be to this generation. ³¹ The queen of the South will rise up at the judgment with the men of this generation and condemn them, for she came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon, and behold, something greater than Solomon is here. ³² The men of Nineveh will rise up at the judgment with this generation and condemn it, for they repented at the preaching of Jonah, and behold, something greater than Jonah is here.

³³ “No one after lighting a lamp puts it in a cellar or under a basket, but on a stand, so that those who enter may see the light. ³⁴ Your eye is the lamp of your body. When your eye is healthy, your whole body is full of light, but when it is bad, your body is full of darkness. ³⁵ Therefore be careful lest the light in you be darkness. ³⁶ If then your whole body is full of light, having no part dark, it will be wholly bright, as when a lamp with its rays gives you light.”

QUOTES

‘...I don’t know if anyone can be converted without seeing themselves in a kind of blasting annihilating light, a blast that will last a lifetime.’ —Flannery O’Connor

‘Making a life commitment to Christ was not merely a philosophical shift. It was not a one-step process. It did not involve rearranging the surface prejudices and fickle loyalties of my life. Conversion did not “fit” my life. Conversion overhauled my soul and personality. It was arduous and intense. I experienced with great depth the power and authority of God in my life. In it I learned - and am still learning - how to love God with all my heart, soul, strength and mind. When you die to yourself, you have nothing from your past to use as clay out of which to reshape your future.’ —Rosario Champagne Butterfield

‘We usually ask little kids, What do you want to be when you grow up? I wonder if we’re setting them up for failure with that question. Maybe a better question is, Who are you? What do you think God made you to do when you grow up?’ —John Mark Comer

OFFERING

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.

— Romans 12:1

He Will Hold Me Fast — *Ada Habershon, Matt Merker*

When I fear my faith will fail,
Christ will hold me fast;
When the tempter would prevail,
He will hold me fast.
I could never keep my hold
Through life's fearful path,
For my love is often cold;
He must hold me fast.

He will hold me fast,
He will hold me fast;
For my Savior loves me so,
He will hold me fast!

Those He saves are His delight;
Christ will hold me fast.
Precious in His holy sight,
He will hold me fast.
He'll not let my soul be lost;
His promises shall last.
Bought by Him at such a cost,
He will hold me fast.

For my life He bled and died;
Christ will hold me fast.
Justice has been satisfied;
He will hold me fast.
Raised with Him to endless life,
He will hold me fast
'Til our faith is turned to sight
When He comes at last!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Father God, open our eyes.
We confess our blindness, doubts and fears,
our inward questions and complaints.
Create faith in us.
Give us trust in your power,
hope in your loving kindness,
and certainty of your redemption,
that we may rest in your salvation.
For this, O Lord, we pray:
Lord, hear our prayer.

Jesus you humbled yourself in service and death,
even death on a cross.
Our desire for comfort and acceptance
keeps us from speaking of you.
Forgive us our silence.
Strengthen us to face rejection
with security in your unchanging love,
that we may confess your name with joy.
For this, O Lord, we pray
Lord, hear our prayer.

Holy Spirit, protector, counselor, and teacher,
be with our ministry partners around the world.
May they know your loving presence
when separated from family and friends.
Give perseverance to learn languages,
empathy to understand cultures,
loving mercy in relationships,
and wisdom to know when and how to share the Gospel.
For this, O Lord, we pray:
Lord, hear our prayer.

THE LORD'S 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 forever and ever.
Amen.

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Lord Jesus, your perfect life,
your death and your resurrection
are the source of all blessing
in this life and the life to come.
As we eat this bread and drink this cup,
renew us in the joy and glory
of knowing and serving you.
We come to this table on the basis
of your goodness only and not our own.
As you have completely and fully offered
yourself to us, we now completely and fully
offer ourselves to you as a living sacrifice.
Amen

Steadfast — *Sandra McCracken*

I will build my house, Whether storm or drought
On the rock that does not move
I will set my hope, On Your love O Lord
And Your faithfulness will prove

Chorus

You are steadfast, steadfast

By the word You spoke, All the starry host
Are called out by name each night
In Your watchful care, I will rest secure
As You lead us lead us with Your light

Chorus x2

I will not trust, In the strength of kings
On Your promise I will stand
I will shout for joy, I will raise my voice
Hallelujah to the Lamb!

Chorus x2

In the moment of emptiness, All was fulfilled
In the hour of darkness, Your light was revealed
In the presence of death, Your life was affirmed
In the absence of holiness, You are still God

Chorus x4

Communion, also called the Lord's Supper, is the family meal of Christians. We invite all 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

Who You Say I Am — *Hillsong*

Who am I that the highest King
Would welcome me
I was lost but He brought me in
Oh His love for me
Oh His love for me

Who the Son sets free
Oh is free indeed
I'm a child of God
Yes I am

Free at last He has ransomed me
His grace runs deep
While I was a slave to sin
Jesus died for me
Yes He died for me

Who the Son sets free
Oh is free indeed
I'm a child of God, yes I am
In my Father's house
There's a place for me
I'm a child of God, yes I am

I am chosen / Not forsaken
I am who You say I am
You are for me / Not against me
I am who You say I am

BENEDICTION

May Christ our King
make you faithful and strong to do His will,
that you may reign with Him in glory;
and the blessing of God almighty,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
be among you, and remain with you always.

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

Ash Wednesday February 26 at 7 pm at the Church Office. Many associate Ash Wednesday with Roman Catholicism; it's also commonly practiced by Protestants. Ash Wednesday is the beginning of Lent, the 40 days leading up to Easter and at its core is getting the gospel: gospel dynamics, gospel application, and gospel stories going deeper into our lives. We look forward to seeing you.

Young Life Fundraiser Dinner & Silent Auction is coming this Saturday Feb 29th, 5:30 pm to The Masonic Community Center 1299 Grow Ave. on Bainbridge. Get ready for a Delicious Dinner, Drinks, Dessert Dash, Silent Auction and Wine Grab ~ Hollywood style! *Get Tickets at: bink.younglife.tickets \$30*

Confirmation Class Begins again. Every spring at CSC we offer our Confirmation class, a time where our 5th–8th graders learn more about God, the Church, the Sacraments of Baptism and Communion and Living out their faith in their everyday world. We will offer this class for 3 consecutive Sundays - March 8, 15, 22. For those that wish, Confirmation Sunday will be on Sunday, April 19. We consider this a very important opportunity for our youth and our hope would be that all of our young people not only know Jesus but also understand what it is that they believe and why. *If you have further questions, need clarification or have input, please don't hesitate to contact Kate Pippinger, katepippinger@gmail.com or Laura O'Connell, oconnells1908@yahoo.com.*

Island Lake Camp Registration is OPEN! Kinder-8th grade. It's the best week of the Summer! *Register online at crosssound.org/events*

Host a Basque Student This July, Basque teens will experience the Gospel for the first time in their lives, while building relationships with the host family and others in the group. *Please contact Robin Duncan at (206) 601-8820 if you are interested in leadership or hosting!*

DivorceCare meets every Monday, through April 27, from 6:30–8:30pm at the Church Office. Contact Lisa Wangen 206-488-8404.

Women's Ministry Questions? kerri@crosssound.org; 402-770-5636

- WINTER BIBLE STUDY: 9 week study of 1 Peter has begun! Wed mornings: 9:15–11:15am (childcare); Tues evenings: 6:30–8:00 pm; (meal provided). Both meet at the church office.
- WOMEN'S RETREAT: Guest speaker, Foxy Davison, will lead us as we rest, reflect, and connect. March 20–21 at IslandWood, 4450 Blakely Ave NE, Bainbridge Island. *Sign up online now at crosssound.org/events; click on women's retreat for more information.*

Men's Ministry Questions? dave@crosssound.org, (206) 334–5205

- MEN'S EVENT! Thursday, Feb. 27 at 5:30 at Brass Kraken, Poulsbo
- MEN'S BREAKFAST: 1st Saturdays, 8am at the CSC Office: Connect with other men and focus on Jesus. Come and be known!
- MEN'S RETREAT is September 18–20. Please mark your calendars
- BIBLE STUDY Fridays at 6:30am at Church Office. Contact Roger Barber irbarbers@gmail.com with questions or interest.

Emotionally Healthy Relationships The focus here is on loving others. This is video, book and discussion based. Sundays 6–8:15p at the church office (March 1,8,15,22,29, April 19,26, May 3). *For more information sign up on the clipboard or dave@crosssound.org*

CS Kids and Youth Group

All children newborn through 6th grade need to check in and wear their printed nametag before they arrive at class.

CROSS SOUND KIDS

Contact: Laura O'Connell, lauraoc@crosssound.org, Kate Pippinger, katepippinger@gmail.com or Sandy Halbert sandy@crosssound.org
Children will attend the worship portion and then be sent to their classrooms as a whole Sunday school group.

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

Contact: Laura O'Connell, lauraoc@crosssound.org. *Children are invited to be dropped off at this class before the church service begins.*

Toddlers (2-4 years, must be potty trained) Room #232

Lead Teachers: Chris and Joanna Livdhal, Keith and Mary Van Eaton, Lisa Grant and Lacey Redinger

Pre-K/Kindergarten Room #231

Lead teachers: Keagan Daniels, Jason and Bethany Hickner, Candace Luckman, Kareese Pippinger,

First & Second grades Room #229

Lead teachers; Ann Asher, Jennifer Cordell, Patrick and Jenny Kilby, Clint and Chelsea Ramsey, Dianne Stever

Third & Fourth grades Room #225

Lead teachers; Knox Duncan, Nate and Dinha Moore, Kate Pippinger, Carol Raney

Fifth & Sixth grades Room #222

Lead teachers; Carrie Sellers, Cheryl Keech, Trish Maguire, Bill Parrott.

YOUTH GROUP

Contact Josh Brouwer at josh@crosssound.org

Junior High, Bainbridge High School Library

Lead teachers; Carrie Beyer, John Daniels, Sean Luckman

Senior High, Bainbridge High School Library

Lead teachers; Jamie Brouwer, Chip Halbert, Kerry Sutorius and Dana Webber

EVENING YOUTH GROUP at Church Office: 600 Ericksen Ave. NE

- WEDNESDAYS 6:30–8pm - High School (begins Sept 25)
- THURSDAYS 6:30–8pm - Jr. High (begins September 26)

Community Groups

Winter Session is underway! Cross Sound Community Groups are small groups of 10-16 members. The groups meet weekly, bi-weekly or monthly in homes. The time together is split among Bible study, personal application and relationships. Please email Roger Barber irbarbers@gmail.com if you are interested in joining or changing a group and indicate the group or day of the week that you are interested in joining. (Unless otherwise noted each of the following groups meet on Bainbridge).

Location - Time

Tuesday evenings (Kid Friendly) - Carrie & Dave Sellers
Thursday evenings (Poulsbo/Kid Friendly) - Cordell/Parrott
Thursday evenings (Poulsbo) - Kerri & Marc Koenig
Saturday evenings - Linda Gordon & Roger Barber
Sunday afternoons (Kid Friendly) - Jenny & Patrick Kilby
Sunday Afternoons (Kid Friendly) - Laura & Dave O'Connell
Sunday evenings (Poulsbo) - Anne & Jeff Ogard
TBD (Poulsbo) - Cheryl & Mark Harrison

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.

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: _____

Comments

We welcome your feedback on any aspect of worship.

If you have prayer requests or prayers of thanksgiving that you would like to share please email Kristin@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: