



A sacred world needs a fearless church.

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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 and Community Group Leaders, visit our website: crosssound.org call our office: (206) 842-6898 or email info@crosssound.org

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 60:1-3

Arise, shine, for your light has come,
and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.
For behold, darkness shall cover the earth,
and thick darkness the peoples;
but the LORD will arise upon you,
and his glory will be seen upon you.
And nations shall come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your rising.

CONFESSION OF SIN

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

God in raising Jesus from the dead
you have given us the ultimate sign of your power and love
to deliver us from our sin and death
and to make all things new.
We acknowledge that we still have doubts and fears.
We question your existence.
We question your goodness.
We continue to live mostly for ourselves.
We confess and ask you to forgive us.
We commit this new year to you.
Give us growing certainty in the joy of your salvation.

Renewing

ASSURANCE OF PARDON AND RECEIVING OF GRACE — Isaiah 1:18

“Come now, let us reason together”
says the LORD.

“Though your sins are like scarlet,
they shall be white as snow;
though they are red as crimson,
they shall be like wool.” **Amen**

Come, All Ye Pining, Hungry, Poor — *Steele, Murphy*

Lord, we adore Thy boundless grace -
The heights and depths unknown
Of pardon, life, and joy, and peace
In Thy beloved Son.

Come, all ye pining, hungry poor;
The Savior's bounty taste.
Behold a never-failing store
For every willing guest.

O wondrous gifts of love divin,
Dear Source of every good –
Jesus, in Thee what glories shine,
How rich Thy flowing blood.

Here shall your numerous wants receive
A free, a full supply;
He has unmeasured bliss to give
And joys that never die.

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.

Continue to Love Me — *Michelle Patterson*

Continue to love me, with that same love
Righteous and unchanging
Continue to love me, with that same love
Priceless and unfailing

Your love, it reaches to the sky
Your righteousness, a mountain high
How priceless, Your unending love
Both high and low among men
Take cover under Your wings
How priceless, Your unending love

How priceless, Your unending love
How priceless, Your unending love

Lion and the Lamb — *Leeland Mooring, Brenton Brown, Brian Johnson*

He's coming on the clouds
Kings and kingdoms will bow down
Every chain will break
As broken hearts declare His praise
For who can stop the Lord Almighty

Our God is the Lion, the Lion of Judah
He's roaring with power
And fighting our battles
And every knee will bow before Him
Our God is the Lamb, the Lamb that was slain
For the sins of the world
His blood breaks the chains
Every knee will bow before the Lion and the Lamb
Every knee will bow before Him

Open up the gates
Make way before the King of kings
The God who comes to save
Is here to set the captives free
For who can stop the Lord Almighty

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ANNOUNCEMENTS, STUDENT DISMISSAL & GREETING

SONG OF PREPARATION

Speak, O Lord — *Getty/Townend*

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

NOTES:

MESSAGE

Text: Luke 1:1-4

Title: Certainty

Speaker: Dave Sellers

Many have undertaken to draw up an account of the things that have been fulfilled among us, ² just as they were handed down to us by those who from the first were eyewitnesses and servants of the word. ³ Therefore, since I myself have carefully investigated everything from the beginning, it seemed good also to me to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus, ⁴ so that you may know the certainty of the things you have been taught.

QUOTES:

It takes the whole Bible to read any part of the Bible. — Eugene H Peterson

So anyone who thinks that he has understood the divine scriptures or any part of them, but cannot by his understanding build up this double love of God and neighbour, has not yet succeeded in understanding them. — Augustine of Hippo

Any person who only sticks with Christianity as long as things are going his way, is a stranger to the cross. — Tim Keller

COMMUNION

OFFERING — based on 2 Corinthians 9:6,8

The one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly;
the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.
Responding to God's bountiful gifts to us in Christ,
we have opportunity to share out of our abundance.

The Master's Calling — *Thad Cockrell*

Listen while you still can hear
Listen while you still can hear
The Master's calling, The Master's calling

Bow down while your knees still bend
Bow down while your knees still bend
The Master's calling, The Master's calling

I don't wanna walk away, Walk away from Him
No, I don't wanna walk away, Walk away from Him
Bind me to your side, Bind me to your side

Seek him though your eyes don't see
Seek him though your eyes don't see
The Master's calling, The Master's calling

Praise him while your lips still sing
Praise him while your lips still sing
The Master's calling, The Master's calling

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Offering is a way for members and friends of Cross Sound to support the worship and work of the church, it's mission and ministry. There are different ways to give:

- Offering basket: place Check or Cash in a Giving Envelope on Sunday mornings
- Cross Sound app: look up "Church Center" on the App Store and follow prompts
- Online: www.crosssound.org/give • Stock: contact_bookkeeper@crosssound.org

• Mail: Cross Sound Church PO Box 11748 or 600 Ericksen Ave NE #210, Bainbridge Is., WA 98110



PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, which 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,
The power, and the glory, For ever and ever. Amen.

Financial Update: as of Dec 28: giving total \$60,232.79 Actual Income to Date \$416,328.83
Budgeted Income to Date \$640,800 Annual Budget (July '21-June '22): \$1,110,853

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

All Must Be Well — *Indelible Grace*

Through the love of God our Savior, All will be well
Free and changeless is His favor, All is well
Precious is the blood that healed us
Perfect is the grace that sealed us
Strong the hand stretched forth to shield us, All must be well

Though we pass through tribulation, All will be well
Ours is such a full salvation, All is well
Happy still in God confiding
Fruitful if in Christ abiding
Steadfast through the Spirit's guiding, All must be well

We expect a bright tomorrow; All will be well
Faith can sing through days of sorrow, All is well
On our Father's love relying
Jesus every need supplying
Yes in living or in dying, All must be well

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BENEDICTION — African Blessing

All our problems,
We send to the cross of Christ!
All our difficulties,
We send to the cross of Christ!
All the devil's works,
We send to the cross of Christ!
All our hopes,
We set on the risen Christ!

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up the light of his countenance upon you and give you peace; in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Announcements

Intro to Cross Sound Church: Jan 29, Feb 5, 12, 26, 8:45-9:45am at the BHS Library.

What do we believe as a church? What is our theology, vision, mission? Where has God taken us and where is God leading us? This is a four week class that is required for church membership but in no way obligates you to become a member. In fact, why do we even have church membership? Come and find out more about Cross Sound Church. Email dave@crosssound.org with questions.

Community Group Leaders' Training: You're invited to a small group leader's training meeting on Saturday, January 7th from 9am-10:30 at the church office, where we'll be discussing a new vision for small groups at Cross Sound Church. Please email dave@crosssound.org if you're planning to attend.

Cuba Donations for January Missions Trip There is a group from Cross Sound traveling to Cuba in the New Year. They have 4 suitcases to bring much needed items, and are asking for donations, specifically: medicines, food, and children's clothes. You may deliver donations to the church office, or bring to church on Sunday. Contact Shannon Roa for more information: sadelaem@yahoo.com. Thank you!

Men's Board Game Group Join in on a game night without compare - an evening of food, beverages, and most of all, Board Games! Be a learner, even a winner, in your favorite board game... have a great time and get to know some people. Who's got game? Sign up today on the clipboard or email kristin@crosssound.org

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: Please add me to:
Second time visitor () _____ Ministry () Email list ()
Regular attendee () 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.