



The perfect church
service would be
one we were almost
unaware of; our
attention would have
been on God.

—

CS Lewis

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 49:13-16a

Shout for joy, O heavens;
 rejoice, O earth;
 burst into song, O mountains!
For the LORD comforts his people
 and will have compassion on his afflicted ones.
But Zion said, “The LORD has forsaken me,
 the Lord has forgotten me.”
“Can a mother forget the baby at her breast
 and have no compassion on the child she has borne?
Though she may forget,
 I will not forget you!
See, I have engraved you on the palms of my hands;
 your walls are ever before me.

CONFESSION OF SIN

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

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We confess. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON AND RECEIVING OF GRACE

May the God of love and power
forgive you and free you from your sins,
heal and strengthen you by his Holy Spirit,
and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Renewing

Treasure — *Kawika and Jenny Haglund*

You know the grace of our Lord, That though He was rich
Yet for your sake, became poor

*Treasure the Lord above all else
Look to the cross, how He treasured you*

Emptied Himself, became nothing, The nature of a servant
Humbled Himself to death

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

Rising Sun — *All Sons and Daughters*

Praise Him all you sinners, Sing oh sing you weary
Oh praise Him all you children of God
We lift high His glory, Shown throughout our stories
We praise Him as the children of God

*Our Great Redeemer, Glorious Savior, Your name is higher than the rising sun
Light of the morning You shine forever, Your name is higher than the rising sun
Your name is higher than the rising sun*

Praise His name forever, Speak it loud and clear now
Oh praise Him all you children of God

Chorus

Hallelujah name above all, Simply to speak Your name is praise
Hallelujah I will always forever, We lift your name in praise

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.

PRAYER OF LAMENT

As a deer pants for flowing streams,
so pants my soul for you, O God.

**My soul thirsts for God,
for the living God.**

When shall I come and appear before God?

**My tears have been my food
day and night,
while they say to me all the day long,
“Where is your God?”**

Deep calls to deep
at the roar of your waterfalls;
**all your breakers and your waves
have gone over me.**

By day the LORD commands his steadfast love,
and at night his song is with me,
a prayer to the God of my life.

**I say to God, my rock:
“Why have you forgotten me?**

Why do I go mourning
because of the oppression of the enemy?”

**As with a deadly wound in my bones,
my adversaries taunt me,
while they say to me all the day long,
“Where is your God?”**

Why are you cast down, O my soul,
and why are you in turmoil within me?
Hope in God; for I shall again praise him,
my salvation and my God.

GREETING & STUDENT DISMISSAL

QUOTES:

'It is often suggested that because doctrine divides, the best way to unite a church (or churches) is to dumb down and de-emphasize doctrine, because doctrinal distinctives will exclude some who cannot subscribe to them. This is true when the doctrinal distinction is secondary. It is untrue when the doctrine is justification by grace alone. Other distinctives create privileged or exclusive ghetto religion. But grace alone fashions a community which has no pride in its history, its privileges, its morality, its Bible knowledge, or anything that comes from within itself. It is therefore, a community that can live together in harmony and reach out with the barrier-breaking message of grace to a needy world.' — Christopher Ash

'The Christian life is about living to the glory of God. It is not a driven, frenetic, sweated, interminable quest for saving souls. It is doing for his glory what God has given us to do. As with the Olympic runner in the film Chariots of Fire, it is giving God pleasure in what we do well. Souls are saved by saved souls who live out their salvation by thinking and living differently, with a martyr's resolve, in a world marked by falsehood, baseness, injustice, impurity, ugliness and mediocrity.' — Richard John Neuhaus

'...we will have an impact for the gospel if we are like those around us yet profoundly different and unlike them at the same time, all the while remaining very visible and engaged.' — Timothy Keller

NOTES:

Message

Series: Why Church?

Text: Matthew 28:16-20

Title: The Sending God

Speaker: Dave Sellers

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷ And when they saw Him they worshiped Him, but some doubted. ¹⁸ And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in ² the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

APOSTLES CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

OFFERING — Romans 12:1

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.

Your Labor is Not in Vain — *Wendell Kimbrough/Paul Zach/Isaac Wardell*

Your labor is not in vain
though the ground underneath you is cursed and stained
Your planting and reaping are never the same
But your labor is not in vain.

Your labor is not unknown
though the rocks they cry out and the sea it may groan.
The place of your toil may not seem like a home
but your labor is not unknown. (refrain)

*For I am with you, I am with you.
I am with you, I am with you
For I have called you,
called you by name
Your labor is not in vain.*

The vineyards you plant will bear fruit
the fields will sing out and rejoice with the truth,
for all that is old will at last be made new:
the vineyards you plant will bear fruit. (refrain)

The houses you labored to build
will finally with laughter and joy be filled.
The serpent that hurts and destroys shall be killed
and all that is broken be healed. (refrain)

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 Trish Maguire: bookkeeper@crosssound.org

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Heavenly Father,
**grant us grace to lead a life worthy
of the calling to which you have called us to go in your Son:
to the ends of the earth, the end of our street
and to the one at the our hallway.
As well as to be bear with one another in humble love
in the unity of the Holy Spirit.**

(Silent Prayer)

For this, O Lord, we pray,
Lord, hear our prayer.

Jesus, our King,
**risen King of the world,
rule over us in justice and mercy;
bring an end to the war and suffering in Ukraine
and establish your peace.**

(Silent Prayer)

For this, O Lord, we pray,
Lord, hear our prayer.

Spirit of life,
**heal our broken hearts, bodies, and relationships.
Renew us in your presence,
and make us instruments of you life and love.**

(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 — *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").*

Financial Update: March 20 giving total \$40,230.25 Actual Income to Date \$855,043.41
Budgeted Income to Date \$810,303.75 Annual Budget (July '21-June '22): \$1,083,230.00

Sending

I'll Fly Away — *Albert E. Brumley, 1929*

Some bright morning, When this life is over, I'll fly away
To that home, On God's celestial shore, I'll fly away

I'll fly away, oh glory, I'll fly away
When I die, Hallelujah, by and by, I'll fly away

When the shadows, Of this life have gone, I'll fly away
Like a bird, From these prison walls I'll fly, I'll fly away

Oh, how glad and happy, When we meet, I'll fly away
No more cold iron, Shackles on my feet, I'll fly away

Just a few more, Weary days and then, I'll fly away
To a land where, Joys will never end, I'll fly away

CAROL PERRY

BENEDICTION

Peace between nations,
peace between neighbors,
peace between family members
in the love of the God of life;
and the blessing of God almighty,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
be among you, and remain with you always.
Amen.

Announcements

Men's Treehouse Hangout on Thursday 3/31, 5:30—7:30pm at the Tree House Cafe in Lynnwood Center on Bainbridge. We've got the back room reserved for pool, darts, and connecting together. Come and go at your leisure; we'll order pizza as needed. Invite friends if you'd like. Looking forward to spending time together!

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

Dave & Carrie Sellers / Tuesday (Bainbridge) (Kid Friendly)

Mark & Cheryl Harrison / Thursday (Poulsbo)

Bob Cordell & Bill Parrott / Thursday (Poulsbo) (Kid Friendly)

Linda Gordon & Roger Barber / Saturday (Bainbridge)

Patrick & Jenny Kilby / Sunday (at noon on Bainbridge) (Kid Friendly)

Dave & Laura O'Connell / Thursday (Bainbridge) (Kid Friendly)

Fred & Robbin Kroger and Tom & Linda Hittle / Sunday (Bainbridge)

Easter Sunday at Prue's House We are continuing our annual tradition directly following service on Sunday, April 17 at noon. Details to follow.

Weeds To Flowers If you are interested in participating in this annual tradition of serving our schools by weeding and planting flower beds, *please email Kristin@crosssound.org*. This is a wonderful way to bless our community. Details to follow.

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: SAVE THE DATE FOR KIDS CAMP! We are excited to partner with New Life this Summer, July 11-June 15, 9am-12pm, rising K-5th grade. You won't want to miss this! Registration details will be coming soon.

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.

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

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.