



In many ways a church  
is simply a group of people  
who are living lives of love  
because they all agree  
on how they have been  
loved in Christ.

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Mark Dever

# 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 — Portions of Psalm 149

Praise the Lord!

Sing to the Lord a new song,  
    his praise in the assembly of his faithful people.  
Let God's people rejoice in their Maker;  
    let them be glad in their King.  
Let them praise his name with dancing  
    and make music to him with timbrel and harp.  
For the Lord takes delight in his people;  
    Let his faithful people rejoice in this and sing for joy.

CONFESSION OF SIN

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

**Heavenly Father, God of all Grace,**

**We confess together this morning that at many times,  
and in many ways, we have ignored, forgotten,  
and turned away from you.  
Forgive us once again we pray,  
in the glorious grace that is ours in Jesus Christ.  
And in that same grace, cause our hearts to be captivated by Him,  
and our lives to better reflect Him,  
as we follow Him together with joy as a church.  
We ask these things in His name,  
Amen.**

# Renewing

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON AND RECEIVING OF GRACE

I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover up my iniquity. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord." And you forgave the guilt of my sin.

—Psalm 32:5

It was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed...  
but with the precious blood of Christ

— 1Peter 1:18-19

Because of Jesus Christ, and in Jesus Christ, we are loved and forgiven. **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 divine, 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.

### **Our Great God**

Eternal God, unchanging, mysterious and unknown  
Your boundless love unfailing, in grace and mercy shown  
Bright seraphim in endless flight around your glorious throne  
They raise their voices day and night in praise to You alone  
*Hallelujah! Glory be to our great God! (2x)*

Lord we are weak and frail, helpless in the storm.  
Surround us with your angels, hold us in your arms.  
Our cold and ruthless enemy, his pleasure is our harm.  
Rise up, oh Lord, and he will flee before our Sovereign God!  
*Hallelujah! Glory be to our great God! (2x)*

Let every creature in the sea and every flying bird;  
Let every mountain, every field and valley of the earth;  
Let all the moons and all the stars in all the universe  
Sing praises to the living God, who rules them by His word.  
*Hallelujah! Glory be to our great God! (2x)*

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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** — *Billy Foote*

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

PRAYER OF TRUST AND PRAISE — Psalm 46:1-3, 6-7, 9-10

God is our refuge and strength,  
a very present help in trouble.  
**Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way,  
though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea,  
though its waters roar and foam,  
though the mountains tremble at its swelling.**

The nations rage, the kingdoms totter;  
he utters his voice, the earth melts.

**The LORD of hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our fortress.**

He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;  
he breaks the bow and shatters the spear;  
he burns the chariots with fire.

**“Be still, and know that I am God.  
I will be exalted among the nations,  
I will be exalted in the earth!”**

GREETING & STUDENT DISMISSAL

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*With the exception of the nursery, all students begin in the worship service. Upon dismissal students gather in room 231 for large group, then on to individual classes: Nursery Rm 234, PreK-2<sup>nd</sup> Rm 232, 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Rm 231*

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

QUOTES:

*“As Christians, we believe it is important that we worship corporately, for God has made us his family, and corporate worship is a family meeting with God. It is the covenant community engaging with God, gathering with his people to seek his face, to glorify and enjoy him, to hear his Word, to revel in the glory of union and communion with him, to respond to his Word, to render praise back to him, to give unto him the glory due his name.” — Ligon Duncan*

*We are beggars, rebels, and enemies, made heirs, friends, and children of God. . . . We gather, by his grace, to give something to God that he alone deserves and that we can only give him through Jesus Christ, in order that we might be what he made us to be (worshippers) and enjoy what he made us to enjoy: the greatest, deepest, best treasure in all the world the triune God himself, and communion with him. — Matt Merker*

*“There’s an element of worship and Christianity that cannot be experienced in private worship or by watching worship. There are some graces and blessings that God gives only in the ‘meeting together’ with other believers.” — Donald Whitney*

*“At home, in my own house, there is no warmth or vigor in me, but in the church when the multitude is gathered together, a fire is kindled in my heart and it breaks its way through.” — Martin Luther Societies of the Evangelical Awakening*

# Message

**Series: Why Church?**

**Sermon Title: I Rejoiced When They Said to Me**

**Passages: Psalm 95:1-3, Psalm 149:1, Psalm 122:1**

**Speaker: Dave O'Connell**

Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation. Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song. For the Lord is the great God, the great King above all gods.

Praise the Lord. Sing to the Lord a new song, his praise in the assembly of his faithful people.

I rejoiced when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord."

NOTES:

OFFERING — 1Chronicles 29:9

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

**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!

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The offering is a way for members and friends of Cross Sound Church to support the worship and work of the church, it's 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 Island, 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](mailto:bookkeeper@crosssound.org)



## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lord God, our Great God,

**Thank you for the gift of this day —**

**this day that you have given us to lift our gaze,**

**so that together we might worship you with joy and find our rest in you.**

**Thank you also for this weekly gathering and for your presence among us.**

**Use it to exalt your name, to grow us, and to bring glory to Jesus we pray.**

For this, O Lord, we pray,

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

*[Silent Prayer for our own growth in these things and for our church]*

Lord God, our Great God,

**As we begin this Lenten season, cause us to be freshly captivated by Jesus.**

**Turn our fickle hearts away from our many idols and sins.**

**Strengthen our resolve to abide in Jesus, and to walk closely with Him.**

**In our marriages, homes, schools, friendships, and workplaces,**

**Help us to live out of Christ's presence, power, goodness, and love.**

For this, O Lord, we pray,

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

*[Silent Prayer for individuals that God has placed in our lives]*

Lord God, our Great God,

**Our hearts are heavy over what is taking place in Ukraine. Lord, have mercy.**

**We pray that you would thwart the evil intentions of Putin and his allies.**

**We pray that you would protect and give courage to the Ukrainian people.**

**We pray for those suffering in Russia and for those courageously protesting there.**

**Grant wisdom to global leaders, and in mercy, intervene with your grace.**

For this, O Lord, we pray,

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

*[Silent Prayer for what is taking place in Ukraine and the surrounding region]*

## 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

## **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

On our Father's love relying  
Jesus every need supplying  
Yes in living or in dying  
All must be well

## BENEDICTION — Ephesians 3:20-21

Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine,  
according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church  
and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever!

# Announcements

## **Current 5th-8th graders**

- **SAVE THE DATE!** We are kicking off Summer with a weekend retreat at Miracle Ranch in Port Orchard! June 17th-19th, registration details will be coming soon - but this will fill up quickly!!
- **CONFIRMATION CLASS** will be offered the following consecutive Sundays: March 6, 13, and 20. We ask that students attend all 3 of these sessions. If you have any questions, email Laura: [lauraoc@crosssound.org](mailto:lauraoc@crosssound.org)

**Attention Cross Sound Kids: Save the Date for Kids Camp!** We are excited to be partnering 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.

**Healing Prayer: CSC's Session** (some of the church's leaders) meets on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month for church business and prayer. Please join us on the 3rd Wednesday of each month if you would like prayers for healing (physical, emotional, spiritual, relational) at 6:30 pm at the Church office (600 Ericksen Ave. Ste #210 BI, 98110). *"Is any one of you sick? He/she should call the elders of the church to pray over him/her and anoint him/her with oil in the name of the Lord."*—James 5:12

## **Women's Ministry**

- **BIBLE STUDY** Please consider joining us for our winter session as we study *The Gospel of John: Finding Identity and Purpose* for a 12-week video study. We gather at the Cross Sound Office on **MONDAY** evenings from 6:45 - 8:15pm or **Wednesday Mornings** from 9:15 - 11:15am. It's not too late to join! Questions? *Contact Ashley at [ashley@crosssound.org](mailto:ashley@crosssound.org)*
- **SAVE THE DATE!** **THE WOMEN'S RETREAT IS BACK THIS SPRING!** We are looking forward to gathering together on May 7. More details will be coming soon.

**GriefShare Program: All Forms of Loss** *This 13-week session takes place Thursday mornings, 9:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. February 3 through April 28, 2022.* If you've lost a spouse, child, family member, or friend, you've probably found there may not be many people who understand the deep hurt you feel. GriefShare groups meet weekly to help you face these challenges and move toward rebuilding your life. Questions? *Reach out to Linda Gordon at [LLGonbi@gmail.com](mailto:LLGonbi@gmail.com), Sue MacFarlane or Maree Zawoysky at [info@crosssound.org](mailto:info@crosssound.org)*

**Men's Ministry BIBLE STUDY** Friday mornings, via Zoom. *Email Roger at [irbarbers@gmail.com](mailto:irbarbers@gmail.com) for Zoom link*

- **MEN'S CYCLING GROUP** 4th Saturday of the month. Women also welcome! Just show up at 8am the BHS Flagpole, weather permitting, and have fun!

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If you need support, would like prayer, have a question, or are suffering COVID-19 Hardship contact: [info@crosssound.org](mailto:info@crosssound.org) Find info about COVID-19 at: [www.doh.wa.gov/Emergencies/Coronavirus?](http://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: \_\_\_\_\_

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*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.*