

SUNDAY, JANUARY 3, 2021

“God knows
us to the
bottom, yet
nevertheless,
loves us to
the skies.”

— Tim Keller



Order of Worship
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Gathering

King of Glory — *David Gate*

Your face outshines the brightest sun
Jesus You're glorious, You are so glorious
With eyes that blaze like burning fire
Jesus You're glorious, You are so glorious

King of glory, have Your glory
King of glory, have Your glory

Your voice like rushing waters sounds
Jesus You're powerful, You are so powerful
And in Your hands You hold the stars
Jesus You're powerful, You are so powerful

Welcome

There is a Fountain — *Words: William Cowper, 1771, Music: "Cleansing Fountain", Amer. camp meeting tune by Lowell Mason, 1830*

There is a fountain filled with blood, Drawn from Emmanuel's veins,
And sinners plunged beneath that flood, Lose all their guilty stains,
Lose all their guilty stains, lose all their guilty stains;
And sinners plunged beneath that flood, Lose all their guilty stains.

The dying thief rejoiced to see, That fountain in his day,
And there have I, though vile as he, Washed all my sins away.

Dear dying Lamb, thy precious blood, Shall never lose its power
'Til all the ransomed church of God, Be saved to sin no more.

E'er since by faith I saw the stream, Thy flowing wounds supply,
Redeeming love has been my theme, And shall be till I die!

When this poor lispings, stammering tongue, Lies silent in the grave,
Then in a nobler, sweeter song, I'll sing Thy power to save!

JESUS STORYBOOK BIBLE — Activity Sheet attached

SONG — Zach Fleury

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.

Message

Text: Matthew 13:1-13 & 18-23

Title: Living a Fruitful Life

Series: Church Without Walls

Speaker: Dave O'Connell

Later that same day Jesus left the house and sat beside the lake. ²A large crowd soon gathered around him, so he got into a boat. Then he sat there and taught as the people stood on the shore. ³ He told many stories in the form of parables, such as this one:

“Listen! A farmer went out to plant some seeds. ⁴As he scattered them across his field, some seeds fell on a footpath, and the birds came and ate them. ⁵Other seeds fell on shallow soil with underlying rock. The seeds sprouted quickly because the soil was shallow. ⁶But the plants soon wilted under the hot sun, and since they didn't have deep roots, they died. ⁷Other seeds fell among thorns that grew up and choked out the tender plants. ⁸Still other seeds fell on fertile soil, and they produced a crop that was thirty, sixty, and even a hundred times as much as had been planted! ⁹Anyone with ears to hear should listen and understand.”

¹⁰His disciples came and asked him, “Why do you use parables when you talk to the people?”

¹¹ He replied, “You are permitted to understand the secrets of the Kingdom of Heaven, but others are not. ¹² To those who listen to my teaching, more understanding will be given, and they will have an abundance of knowledge. But for those who are not listening, even what little understanding they have will be taken away from them. ¹³ That is why I use these parables,

For they look, but they don't really see.

They hear, but they don't really listen...

¹⁸“Now listen to the explanation of the parable about the farmer planting seeds: ¹⁹The seed that fell on the footpath represents those who hear the message about the Kingdom and don't understand it. Then the evil one comes and snatches away the seed that was planted in their hearts. ²⁰The seed on the rocky soil represents those who hear the message and immediately receive it with joy. ²¹But since they don't have deep roots, they don't last long. They fall away as soon as they have problems or are persecuted

It has been the practice of the church for thousands of years to have portions of the Bible read during worship services. We do this because we are people who need to be shaped by all of God's word.

for believing God's word. ²²The seed that fell among the thorns represents those who hear God's word, but all too quickly the message is crowded out by the worries of this life and the lure of wealth, so no fruit is produced. ²³The seed that fell on good soil represents those who truly hear and understand God's word and produce a harvest of thirty, sixty, or even a hundred times as much as had been planted!"

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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STORIES

BENEDICTION

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

Prayer Request Pray for our Cross Sound physicians, nurses, medical technicians, aides and counselors. Pray that they be the eyes, hands, and voice of Christ during this time of healthcare challenges.

Winter Women's Bible Study Starting in January: join us (via Zoom) for Ruth Chou Simon's study Truthfully, as we study together through the book of Colossians. Watch your email for full details, coming soon!

Bible Reading Plan Cross Sound Church uses BibleClassMaterial.com which offers an easy to use 5 Day Bible Reading Plan. Click the link to download and print out your material, ready to be used or duplicated as needed: www.crosssound.org/resources

Community Group - Sign-Up TODAY! The 10-week Winter session begins THIS WEEK! Email Roger Barber at irbarbers@gmail.com. Please indicate your group/day preference (see below):

Dave & Carrie Sellers - Tuesday (Kid Friendly)

Mark & Cheryl Harrison - Thursday (Poulsbo)

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

Dave & Laura O'Connell - Thursday (Kid Friendly)

Linda Gordon & Roger Barber - Saturday

Patrick & Jenny Kilby - Sunday (at noon) (Kid Friendly)

Jeff & Ann Ogard - Sunday (Poulsbo)

Crisis Hotline Volunteers Needed for Coffee Oasis, a ministry that helps local homeless youth, have seen a huge increase in the number of kids struggling emotionally and thus using a text hotline they offer. Interested? Email joshua.goss@thecoffeooasis.com or go to <https://thecoffeooasis.com/volunteer/>

Men's Ministry BIBLE STUDY: Friday mornings via zoom.

Email Roger: irbarbers@gmail.com for link

- MEN'S RETREAT: Save the date! Sept.17-21, 2021 @ Ft. Worden

Why were the people baptized?

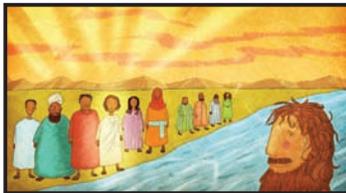
- a) As a sign that they were sorry for their sin and wanted to follow God.
- b) As a sign that they would never sin again.

Why was Jesus baptized?

- a) As a sign that he was sorry for his sin and wanted to follow God.
- b) As a sign that he was about to start on the rescue plan.



Jesus in the Story



What did you discover about Jesus from this story?

Jesus

A Verse from the Story to Learn at Home

Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!
(John 1:29)



Notes for parents: From the story we learned about Jesus' baptism. We learned that Jesus never sinned. He is the Lamb of God who is able to take away our sin. Please help your child to memorize the verse and the Scripture reference for next time. Please review with them the place of the book of John, using the diagram above. www.jesusstorybookbible.com



John 1:19 "Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world."