

SUNDAY, APRIL 4, 2021
EASTER SUNDAY

“When the world asks if there is any hope, we can say absolutely! No one is exempt from tragedy or disappointment — God himself was not exempt. Jesus offered no immunity, no way out of the unfairness, but rather a way through it to the other side.”

— Philip Yancey



Order of Worship
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Easter Lilies in honor of our loved ones...

Anthony Flannery, Sr.

Mark Flannery

Jeanne Sackman

Barb Franzen

Peter Serda

Angenette Boothby

Keldon Boothby

Megan Downing

Geri Seigneur

Bernadine Asher

Edmund Johnson

Hannah, Hazel and Marina

Leeanna Glasby

Patricial Snow

June Roggenbauer

Grover Fleury

Luella Fleury

Wendy Fleury

Reverend Jed

Sheila Minton

Kathy Madson

Beth Carlson

Harry Cummings

Linda Sellers

Grammy Jean Shafer-Halbert

*If you purchased an Easter Lily,
don't forget to bring it home with you after the service!*

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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Gathering

Christ the Lord is Risen Today — Charles Wesley, 1739

Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!
Sons of men and angels say: Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!
Sing, ye heavens and earth reply: Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!
Dying once He all doth save, Alleluia!
Where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!

Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!
Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids Him rise, Alleluia!
Christ has opened Paradise, Alleluia!

Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!
Foll'wing our exalted Head, Alleluia!
Made like Him, like Him we rise, Alleluia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

PREPARATION

Christ is risen

All: He is Risen indeed.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth.
Worship the LORD with gladness;
come before him with joyful songs. Know that the LORD is God.
It is he who made us, and we are his;
we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.
Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise;
give thanks to him and praise his name
For the LORD is good and his love endures forever;
his faithfulness continues through all generations. — Psalm 100

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All: He is Risen indeed.

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)

**Our God, in raising Jesus from the dead
you have given us the ultimate sign of your power and love
to deliver us from our brokenness and death
and to make all things new.
We confess that we still have doubts and fears.
We question your existence.
We continue to live mostly for ourselves
Forgive us. Have mercy on us.
Raise us from the death of sin that we may live with Jesus
in the joy of his resurrection, now and forever.**

Renewing

ASSURANCE OF PARDON AND RECEIVING OF GRACE

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

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

— *Isaiah 1:18*

The Love of the Father — *James Ferguson & Rich Thompson*

Lift up your voices and lift up your praise
Join with the heavens declaring the wonders
Of His faithfulness forever

Sing of the victory, the hope of the world
The Savior has risen, the Spirit has come
To bring us into love forever

*We are the people of God
With the freedom of hope in our hearts
How great is the love of the Father*

Lifted from darkness and into the light
The sons and daughters are loved at a price,
Our God Has made us His forever

Chorus (x2)

This is the song of the redeemed, The ransomed and the free
Given life at such a price, This is love, this is love
And when the Father calls us home, And we see Him on the throne
Hear the voices sing as one, This is love, this is love

Chorus (x2)

10,000 Reasons — *by Matt Redman*

*Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul, Worship His holy name
Sing like never before, O my soul, I'll worship Your holy name*

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning
It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes

You're rich in love, and You're slow to anger
Your name is great, and Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find

And on that day when my strength is failing
The end draws near and my time has come
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years and then forevermore

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.

What a Beautiful Name — *Ben Fielding & Brooke Ligertwood*

You were the Word at the beginning
One with God the Lord Most High
Your hidden glory in creation
Now revealed in You, our Christ

What a beautiful Name it is
What a beautiful Name it is
The Name of Jesus Christ, my King
What a beautiful name it is, Nothing compares to this
What a beautiful Name it is, The Name of Jesus

You wanted heaven opened to us
So Jesus, You brought heaven down
My sin was great, Your love was greater
What could separate us now?

What a wonderful name it is...

Death could not hold You, The veil tore before You
You silence the boast of sin and grave
The heavens are roaring, The praise of Your glory
For You are raised to life again
You have no rival, You have no equal
Now and forever, God You reign
Yours is the kingdom, Yours is the glory
Yours is the Name above all names

What a powerful Name it is...

GIVING THANKS
— Psalm 57:7-11 (MSG)

I'm ready, God, so ready, ready from head to toe,
Ready to sing, ready to raise a tune: Wake up, soul!
Wake up, harp! wake up, lute! Wake up, you sleepyhead sun!"
I'm thanking you, GOD, out loud in the streets,
singing your praises in town and country.
The deeper your love, the higher it goes;
every cloud is a flag to your faithfulness.
Soar high in the skies, O God!
Cover the whole earth with your glory!

Message

Text: Matthew 28:1-10

Title: Resurrection

Speaker: Dave Sellers

Now after the Sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. ² And behold, there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³ His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. ⁴ And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men. ⁵ But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. ⁶ He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. ⁷ Then go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and behold, he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him. See, I have told you." ⁸ So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹ And behold, Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came up and took hold of his feet and worshiped him. ¹⁰ Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see me."

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.

*universal

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 (MSG)

The offering is a way for members and friends of Cross Sound Church to support the church's mission and ministry. If you are our guest today, please feel no obligation to give.

Sending

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Risen Lord, we come to you, today, rescued by your holiness. You have so loved the world that you sent your only Son, Jesus, for the forgiveness of sins and for the restoration of all things. We give you thanks. Give to us the love you have promised, the hope you have provided, and the life you have started. Have mercy upon us and hear our prayers.

(silent reflection)

May we praise you this day and all days to come.

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

May the God of peace,
who of death brings a new world, new hope and a new future,
fill you with His new life;
and the blessing of God almighty,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
be among you, and remain with you always.
All: **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

Hope And Healing This morning Haitian Christians met for worship before the sun came up. They met so early, not because it is Easter, but to avoid violent protests, gangs, kidnappings and worse. Pray for their safety and endurance.

Island Lake Camp Registration is OPEN! Kinder-8th grade. It's the best week of the Summer! *Stay tuned for details and sign-ups.*

Ensenada 2021! We missed going to Ensenada, Mexico to build homes last year, but we hope to go this year! Saturday, Nov. 20th – Friday, Nov. 26th. Families, singles and youth are all encouraged to go. We've already had people inquire about the Ensenada trip, so we are moving forward with the planning. The number of homes we will build will depend on how many people sign up - so let us know if you're interested! Sign-up now for more information: <https://crosssound.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/787698>
Or email mail Stu Childers at Stuart@seattlePump.com

Community Groups SPRING SESSION: This ten-week session runs 4/11 through 6/19. Email Roger Barbers at irbarbers@gmail.com, indicating the group or week day you prefer.

Dave & Carrie Sellers - Tuesday (Bainbridge, Kid Friendly)

Mark & Cheryl Harrison - Thursday (Poulsbo)

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

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

Linda Gordon & Roger Barber - Saturday (Bainbridge)

Patrick & Jenny Kilby - Sunday, noon (Bainbridge, Kid Friendly)

Jeff & Ann Ogard - Sunday (Poulsbo)

Women's Ministry BIBLE STUDY HAS BEGUN! *The Emotionally Healthy Woman: Eight Things You Have to Quit to Change Your Life.*
Email kerri@crosssound.org for more details and to sign up!

Men's Ministry As a church, we want to be supportive of each other via Community Groups, Men's Bible Study, small groups, worship, and friendships. If you're looking for a place to be connected, please email, text or call Dave Sellers (206) 334.5205.

- MEN'S RETREAT: Save the date! Sept. 17-19, 2021 @ Ft. Worden

- FRIDAY AM BIBLE STUDY: email irbarbers@gmail.com for Zoom link

If you need support, would like prayer, or have a question, contact: info@crosssound.org
Find info about COVID-19 at: www.doh.wa.gov/Emergencies/Coronavirus
COVID-19 Hardship? Reach out. Please send a note to info@crosssound.org

Financial Update: Last week's total \$23,365 Budgeted Income to Date \$785,056
Actual Income to Date \$823,977.87 Annual Budget (7/19-6/20): \$1,019,623
You can support the worship and the work of the church at www.crosssound.org/give

NOTES:

QUOTES

“The message of Easter is that God’s new world has been unveiled in Jesus Christ and that you’re now invited to belong to it.”

— N.T. Wright

“Jesus came to raise the dead. He did not come to teach the teachable; He did not come to improve the improvable; He did not come to reform the reformable. None of those things work.”

— Robert Farrar Capon

Let us not mock God with metaphor, analogy, sidestepping transcendence; making of the event a parable, a sign painted in the faded credulity of earlier ages: let us walk through the door.’

— John Updike

‘I shall rise from the dead...I shall see the Son of God, the Son of Glory, and shine myself as that son shines. I shall be united to the Ancient of Days, to God Himself, who had no morning, never began...No man ever saw God and lived. And yet I shall not live till I see God; and when I have seen him, I shall never die.’

— John Donne (1572-1631)

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.
