



When we sin and
mess up our lives,
we find that God
doesn't go off and
leave us - he enters
into our trouble and
saves us.



Eugene Peterson

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

CALL TO WORSHIP — Psalm 47:1-2, 5-6,

Clap your hands, all you peoples;
shout to God with loud songs of joy.
For the LORD, the Most High, is awesome, a great king over all the earth.
God has gone up with a shout,
the LORD with the sound of a trumpet. Sing praises to God, sing praises;
sing praises to our King, sing praises.

Renewing

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.

**Is not this the fast I choose:
to loose the bonds of injustice;
to share your bread with the hungry;
to bring the homeless poor into your house;
to clothe the naked?
Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,
and your healing shall spring up quickly.
Having heard these promises, let us silently confess our sins.**

—based on Isaiah 58:6-8

ASSURANCE OF PARDON AND RECEIVING OF GRACE

The Lord God said:

I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will remove from you your heart of stone
and give you a heart of flesh.

In Jesus, all God's promises are "Yes."

Hear the good news: Through Jesus,
our minds and hearts are cleansed, healed, and renewed! In the name of Jesus
Christ, we are forgiven!

—based on Ezekiel 36:26; 2 Corinthians 1:20

Lion and the Lamb

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

Open up the gate, 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?

Chorus

Who can stop the Lord Almighty, who can stop the Lord Almighty
Who can stop the Lord Almighty, who can stop the Lord?
Who can stop the Lord Almighty, who can stop the Lord Almighty
Who can stop the Lord Almighty, who can stop the Lord?

Chorus

Beautiful Things

All this pain, I wonder if I'll ever find my way
I wonder if my life could really change, At all

All this earth, Could all that is lost ever be found?
Could a garden come up from this ground, At all?

*You make beautiful things
You make beautiful things out of the dust
You make beautiful things
You make beautiful things out of us*

All around, Hope is springing up from this old ground
Out of chaos life is being found, In You

*You make beautiful things
You make beautiful things out of the dust
You make beautiful things
You make beautiful things out of us*

You make me new, You are making me new

King Of Kings

In the darkness, we were waiting, Without hope, without light
Till from heaven, You came running, There was mercy in Your eyes
To fulfil the law and prophets, To a virgin came the word
From a throne of endless glory, To a cradle in the dirt

*Praise the Father, Praise the Son, Praise the Spirit, Three in one
God of glory, Majesty, Praise forever to the King of Kings*

To reveal the kingdom coming, And to reconcile the lost
To redeem the whole creation, You did not despise the cross
For even in your suffering, You saw to the other side
Knowing this was our salvation, Jesus for our sake you died

Chorus

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Chorus x 2

ANNOUNCEMENTS, STUDENT DISMISSAL & GREETING

Please stand and introduce yourself to one another.

QUOTES:

‘Conversion is not an arrival at our final destination; it’s the acquisition of a compass.’ –James KA Smith

“The contemporary church can, at times, market a kind of “ramen noodle” spirituality. Faith becomes a consumer product—it asks little of us, affirms our values, and promises to meet our needs, but in the end it’s just a quick fix that leaves us gluttoned and malnourished.” — Tish Harrison Warren

‘We all grew up in one moral ecology or another. We all create microcultures around us by the way we live our lives and the vibes we send out to those around us. One of the greatest legacies a person can leave is a moral ecology - a system of belief and behavior that lives on after they die.’— David Brooks

NOTES:

SERIES: ON THE ROAD WITH JESUS

Text: Luke 12:1-12

Title: Loyalty

Speaker: Dave Sellers

Meanwhile, when a crowd of many thousands had gathered, so that they were trampling on one another, Jesus began to speak first to his disciples, saying: “Be on your guard against the yeast of the Pharisees, which is hypocrisy. ² There is nothing concealed that will not be disclosed, or hidden that will not be made known. ³ What you have said in the dark will be heard in the daylight, and what you have whispered in the ear in the inner rooms will be proclaimed from the roofs.

⁴ “I tell you, my friends, do not be afraid of those who kill the body and after that can do no more. ⁵ But I will show you whom you should fear: Fear him who, after your body has been killed, has authority to throw you into hell. Yes, I tell you, fear him. ⁶ Are not five sparrows sold for two pennies? Yet not one of them is forgotten by God. ⁷ Indeed, the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Don’t be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows.

⁸ “I tell you, whoever publicly acknowledges me before others, the Son of Man will also acknowledge before the angels of God. ⁹ But whoever disowns me before others will be disowned before the angels of God. ¹⁰ And everyone who speaks a word against the Son of Man will be forgiven, but anyone who blasphemes against the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven.

¹¹ “When you are brought before synagogues, rulers and authorities, do not worry about how you will defend yourselves or what you will say, ¹² for the Holy Spirit will teach you at that time what you should say.”

TUESDAY AFTERNOON STORY

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").*

"When Jesus wanted to explain to his disciples what his death and resurrection was all about, he didn't give them a theory, he gave them a meal."

—NT Wright

OFFERING — *Offering is a way for members and friends to support the worship and work of the church, its 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



Remember the words the Lord Jesus himself said: "It is more blessed to give than to receive." — from Acts 20:35

Don't Forget His Love — (Psalm 108) Ellie Holcomb

Praise the Lord, O, my soul, O, and all my inmost being
Praise the Lord, O, my soul, don't forget His love

Who forgives all of your sins? And who heals all your diseases?
Who redeems your life from the pit? And who crowns you with His love?

Who satisfies your desires, with good and lovely things?
Who renews your heart like a flight on eagles' wings?

Praise the Lord, O, my soul, O, and all my inmost being
Praise the Lord, O, my soul, don't forget His love
Don't Forget His Love (Psalm 108)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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, The power, and the glory, for ever.
Amen.**

Sending

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

BENEDICTION —Matthew 28:19-20

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them
in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,
and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And
remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.

Amen.

Announcements

• **Annual Cross Sound Women's Retreat, April 19-21 at Fort Worden State Park**

Getting away with God can look like many things, but it is absolutely essential to doing life with Jesus, not just for him. Come enjoy rest, rediscover spaciousness, and deepen your relationship with Jesus and others through creating an ancient Benedictine tradition called A Rule of Life. Early Bird special ends 3/1. Bring your friends! *Register online, clipboard sign up or email: katiepearson@crosssound.org.*



• **Small Group Leaders Meeting: Saturday, March 9th** Please join up for this collaborative/training event if you are a small group leader. We'll meet at the church office from 9a-11:30a (600 Ericksen Ave, Ste 210, BI) For more information please contact Kyle Shei (kyle.shei@gmail.com or Dave Sellers dave@crosssound.org)

• **GriefShare is returning** with an 11-week class Thursdays February 29-May 9 at church office 9:45-noon. A recovery program for those who have lost a loved one from death (spouse, older child, family member, friend, co-worker.etc). Brings hope, comfort and healing in a safe confidential environment. Contact Sue MacFarlane: 206-714-5986

• **Save the date - there are a lot of fun events coming up this Spring!**

MARCH 22 at 6PM: Comedy Night Young Life Fundraiser

JUNE 21-23: Miracle Ranch 5th-8th Graders

JULY 19-21: all-church family camp at Crescent Beach

Women's Bible Study Join us as we study "Gospel on the Ground" by Kristy McClelland. Email: katiepearson@crosssound.org or <http://bit.ly/crosssoundwomen>
MONDAYS 6:30-8:30pm. Soup and Salad Dinner Provided
WEDNESDAYS 9:30-11:30am. Breakfast and Childcare Provided

Women & Children's Walk In The Woods Join us Thursday mornings at 9:15am for a 3 mile walk around Gazam Lake (stroller suggested). Park at 7377 Springridge Rd NE Bainbridge Is. Questions and/or RSVP to Brooke Wellman at (425)647-8542

Men's Bible Study Fellowship (BSF) Thursdays 6:30-8pm at the Church Office

In a world that declares "find your own truth: - Jesus stands alone. He boldly proclaims Himself as the only source of freedom, peace, security, truth, and everlasting life with God. Join us as we study the Book of John! For info/sign up go to: bit.ly/joinBSF. Questions? Email Tony Merritt - merritts.wa@gmail.com

Men's Breakfast: Second Saturdays of the month. 8am at the Church Office. Come and be known!

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: _____

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.