



If there is no laughter,
Jesus has gone somewhere
else. If there is no joy and
freedom, it is not a church:
it is simply a crowd of
melancholy people basking
in a religious neurosis.
If there's no celebration
there's no real church.

Steve Brown

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 — Isaiah 54:9-10

This is like the days of Noah to me:
 as I swore that the waters of Noah
 should no more go over the earth,
so I have sworn that I will not be angry with you,
 and will not rebuke you.
For the mountains may depart
 and the hills be removed,
but my steadfast love shall not depart from you,
 and my covenant of peace shall not be removed,”
 says the LORD, who has compassion on you.

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 repent. 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.
In the name of Jesus Christ we pray,
 Amen.

Renewing

ASSURANCE OF PARDON AND RECEIVING OF GRACE

In Jesus Christ you've been given a new and clean heart.
Your guilt is gone. Your shame is gone.
By the grace and power of the Holy Spirit
you have been restore completely
and lifted up into the presence to our loving God.
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!
Amen.

Amen.

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!

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.

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! (4x)

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

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

LAMENTING — Job 19:25-27

I know that my Redeemer lives,
and that in the end he will stand upon the earth.
And after my skin has been destroyed,
yet in my flesh I will see God;
I myself will see him
with my own eyes—I, and not another.
How my heart yearns within me!

Lord, I know that you are faithful over all things, even the hard, dark times of my life. Help me not back away from you in my time of grief. Help me instead to lean into you and trust you, even when I do not understand your ways. Please keep my head above the waters of anguish and my feet from slipping off the ground of truth. Help me see you in these hard moments and glorify you in my response. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

GREETING & STUDENT DISMISSAL

QUOTES:

'How is it possible that the gospel should be credible, that people should come to believe that the power which has the last word in human affairs is represented by a man hanging on a cross? I am suggesting that the only answer, the only hermeneutic of the gospel, is a congregation of men and women who believe it and live by it.' — Lesslie Newbiggin

'The loose communities that we find in spiritual or religious gatherings were once entirely ordinary to us, but now it seems like it is more radical to join them, a brazen challenge to the strictures of the nuclear family, the tendency to stick within tight friendship groups, the shrinking away from the awe-inspiring. Congregations are elastic, stretching to take in all kinds of people, and bringing up unexpected perspectives and insights. We need them now more than ever.' — Katherine May

'Considering God's immense love for the church, it may come as a surprise to some that Scripture provides few details on how the church should be governed. Scripture does, however, tells us a fair amount about the character of church leaders. This disparity highlights a key axiom for church government: great character overcomes the weakest polity, and poor character undermines the strongest polity. In either case the character of church leaders trumps governing structure.' — Brad House & Gregg Allison

Message

Series: Why Church?

Text: Romans 12:1-8

Title: A Peculiar Family

Speaker: Dave Sellers

I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.

² Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

³ For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. ⁴ For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, ⁵ so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. ⁶ Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; ⁷ if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; ⁸ the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.

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.

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.

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.

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 Island, WA 98110
- Cross Sound app: look up "Church Center" on the App Store and follow the prompts
- PayPal: Bookkeeper@crosssound.org
- Stock: contact Trish Maguire: bookkeeper@crosssound.org

We Will Feast in the House of Zion — *Sandra McCracken*

We will feast in the house of Zion.

We will sing with our hearts restored.

"He has done great things," we will say together.

We will feast, and weep no more.

We will not be burned by the fire;

He is the Lord our God.

We are not consumed by the flood -

Upheld, protected, gathered up.

In the dark of night before the dawn,

My soul be not afraid;

For the promised morning, Oh how long!

O God of Jacob, be my strength!

Every vow we've broken and betrayed,

You are the faithful One;

And from the garden to the grave,

Bind us together, bring shalom.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Jesus, you are the way, the truth and the life.

Guide all who follow you, deepen our appreciation of your truth, and renew us with your life. Hear our prayers for your church.

(Silent Prayer)

For this, O Lord, we pray,

Lord, hear our prayer.

Jesus, you are the light of the world

bring the light of your gospel to the ends of the earth.

Please bring into your Kingdom those we now name (in silence)

(Silent Prayer)

For this, O Lord, we pray,

Lord, hear our prayer.

Almighty God, you are the King of Kings

and the whole earth is filled with your glory.

Lead all nations to be instruments of your freedom, justice, and peace.

We lift our prayers for our community, this nation and the world.

(Silent Prayer)

For this, O Lord, we pray,

Lord, hear our prayer.

Lord, you are the Good Shepherd

who gave your life for the sheep. Bind the injured, feed the hungry, strengthen the weak, bring home the rejected.

Hear our prayers for all who are oppressed, in need, sorrow, or sickness.

(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 and ever. Amen

Sending

Lord of Lords — *Hillsong United*

Beholding Your beauty is all that I long for
To worship You, Jesus, is my sole desire
For this very heart You have shaped for Your pleasure
Purposed to lift Your Name higher

Here in surrender, in pure adoration
I enter Your courts with an offering of praise
I am Your servant, come to bring You glory
As is fit for the work of Your hands

*Now unto the Lamb Who sits on the throne, Be glory and honor and praise
All of creation resounds with the song, Worship and praise Him, the Lord of lords*

Spirit now living and dwelling within me
Keep my eyes fixed ever on Jesus' face
Let not the things of this world ever sway me
I'll run 'til I finish the race

*Now unto the Lamb Who sits on the throne, Be glory and honor and praise
All of eternity echoes the song, Worship and praise Him, the Lord of lords*

Holy Lord, You are holy. Jesus Christ is the Lord

*Now unto the Lamb Who sits on the throne, Be glory and honor and praise
Call all the sinners to join in the song, Worship and praise Him, the Lord of lords*

ANNOUNCEMENTS & BENEDICTION

All our problems,
we send to the cross of Christ!
All our difficulties,
we send to the cross of Christ!
All the evil one's works,
we send to the cross of Christ!
All our hopes,
we set on the risen Christ!

Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path: and the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. 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

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. It may also be hard for you to feel optimistic about the future. This can be a confusing time when you feel isolated and have many questions about things you've never faced before. 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, Sue MacFarlane or Maree Zawoysky at info@crosssound.org

Women's 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

Men's Ministry BIBLE STUDY Friday mornings, via Zoom. Email Roger at 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!

Part-time Position Available

- SOUND & VIDEO LEAD Primarily performed on Sunday mornings, this person would be in charge of overseeing the sound and livestream set-ups, managing livestream videos, and managing the high school students and grads who are currently doing these tasks. Experience in these areas or related technology aptitude is helpful, but not required for those interested in the position. Please reach out to info@crosssound.org with interest or inquiries.

