



If you want to know who God is, look at Jesus. If you want to know what it means to be human, look at Jesus. If you want to know what love is, look at Jesus. If you want to know what grief is, look at Jesus. And go on looking until you're not just a spectator, but you're actually part of the drama which has him as the central character.

N.T. Wright

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 — Psalm 63:2-5

I have seen you in the sanctuary
and beheld your power and your glory.
Because your love is better than life,
my lips will glorify you.
I will praise you as long as I live,
and in your name I will lift up my hands.
I will be fully satisfied as with the richest of foods;
with singing lips my mouth will praise you.

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.

Heavenly Father,
We are thankful that your mercy is higher than the heavens,
wider than our wanderings, and deeper than all our sin.
We confess that we have sinned against you
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 one another or our neighbors as ourselves.
Forgive us, renew us, and make us more and more like Jesus —
the one who loves us, and the one who paid for our every sin.
Amen.

Renewing

ASSURANCE OF PARDON AND RECEIVING OF GRACE

Christ suffered for our sins once for all. He never sinned,
but he died for sinners to bring you safely home to God.

—1 Peter 3:18a (NLT)

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just
and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

—1 John 1:8-9

In Jesus Christ,
We are loved.
We are forgiven!
Be at Peace,
Amen.

Create in Me a Clean Heart — *Keith Green*

Create in me a clean heart, O God, And renew a right spirit within me
Create in me a clean heart, O God, And renew a right spirit within me

Cast me not away from Thy presence, O Lord, And take not Thy Holy Spirit from me
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, And renew a right spirit within me

Living Waters — *Kristyn Getty, Ed Cash*

Are you thirsty, are you empty, Come and drink these living waters
Tired and broken, peace unspoken, Rest beside these living waters

Christ is calling, find refreshing, At the cross of living waters
Lay your life down, all the old gone, Rise up in these living waters

*There's a river that flows, With mercy and love
Bringing joy to the city of our God, There our hope is secure
Do not fear anymore, Praise the Lord of living waters*

Spirit moving, mercy washing, Healing in these living waters
Lead your children to the shore line, Life is in these living waters

Chorus

Are you thirsty, are you empty, Come, and drink these living waters
Love, forgiveness, vast and boundless, Christ, He is our living waters

Chorus

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.

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

THANKSGIVING — Portions of Psalm 100 & Psalm 9

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.
I will give thanks to you, LORD, with all my heart;
I will tell of all your wonderful deeds.
I will be glad and rejoice in you;
I will sing the praises of your name.

STUDENT DISMISSAL, ANNOUNCEMENTS & 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

SONG OF PREPARATION

Speak, O Lord — *Getty/Townend*

Speak, O Lord, as we come to You
To receive the food of Your holy word
Take Your Truth, plant it deep in us
Shape and fashion us in Your likeness
That the light of Christ might be seen today
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us
All Your purposes for Your glory

Teach us, Lord, full obedience
Holy reverence, true humility
Test our thoughts and our attitudes
In the radiance of Your purity
Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see
Your majestic love and authority
Words of power that can never fail
Let their Truth prevail over unbelief

MESSAGE SERIES: SURPRISING JOY

Series: Surprising Joy

Sermon Title: A Helping Hand

Passages: Philippians 4:1-3 (ESV)

Therefore, my brothers, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm thus in the Lord, my beloved.

² I entreat Euodia and I entreat Syntyche to agree in the Lord. ³ Yes, I ask you also, true companion, help these women, who have labored side by side with me in the gospel together with Clement and the rest of my fellow workers, whose names are in the book of life.

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.

Great Rejoicing— *Thad Cockrell*

There's gonna be a great rejoicing
There's gonna be a great rejoicing

The troubles of this world
Will wither up and die
That river of tears made by the lonely
Someday will be dry
There's gonna be a great rejoicing

There's gonna be a great joy river
There's gonna be a great joy river

Questions of this world
Someday will be known
Who's robbing you of peace
And who's the giver
There's gonna be a great joy river

Someday you will find me
Guarded in His fortress
Open heart and singing
Such a joyful sound
Someday we will gather
In a grand reunion
Debts of this old world
Are nowhere to be found
Nowhere to be found

There's gonna be a great rejoicing
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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, 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 Is., 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 bookkeeper@crosssound.org

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Heavenly Father,

Cause us as a church to know and trust your great love for us. Help us together to celebrate your goodness and glory. Enable us to rest in you and enjoy you, as we live out our new life as a family.

For this, O Lord, we pray:

Lord, hear our prayer.

Lord Jesus,

Open our eyes, that we might see more of you each day. Your beauty, your power, and your purposes for us. Give us a renewed confidence in you and a joyful passion to live together with you to your praise.

For this, O Lord, we pray:

Lord, hear our prayer.

Holy Spirit,

We need grace and strength. We need healing and we need to grow. We need your transforming power and work. Have your way with us. And use imperfect people like us, to be vessels of Jesus's love everywhere we go.

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.

Amen.

Sending

Who You Say I Am — *Hillsong*

Who am I that the highest King
Would welcome me?
I was lost but He brought me in
Oh His love for me
Oh His love for me

*Who the Son sets free
Oh is free indeed
I'm a child of God
Yes I am*

Free at last He has ransomed me
His grace runs deep
While I was a slave to sin
Jesus died for me
Yes He died for me

*Who the Son sets free
Oh is free indeed
I'm a child of God, yes I am
In my Father's house
There's a place for me
I'm a child of God, yes I am*

I am chosen, not forsaken
I am who You say I am
You are for me, not against me
I am who You say I am

Chorus

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

Women's Ministry: Picnic with a Purpose TODAY at Barb Ames' home from 12-2pm

- SEPTEMBER: FALL BIBLE STUDY begins the week of September 12: a 12-week study reading "Seamless - Understanding the Bible as One Complete Story" by Angie Smith. *Food is coming back!* Soup and Salad Mondays at 6:30 pm and Potluck Breakfast Wednesdays* at 9:15 am. (*Child care provided)
- OCTOBER: HIKE rescheduled for Saturday, October 15th
- NOVEMBER: GAME NIGHT at Rachel Long's home on Friday, November 4th
- DECEMBER: ADVENT BRUNCH at Island School on Saturday, December 3rd

Men's Ministry Retreat: September 16-18 @ Fort Worden This year's focus is *Man's Journey towards Maturity*, looking at seven Hebrew words that express seven different aspects of what a mature man looks like. You are invited to fish the sound, hike the trails or beach, play golf or tennis, hang out, relax and study scripture. *Sign up!* <https://crosssound.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1342195>

Ensenada Fundraiser: Golf at Meadowmeer We are continuing our annual tradition on September 24. Mark your calendar and stay tuned for details!

Missions Team: urgent Request John Hays serves on the Cross Sound Missions Team. He is also a Board Member for Kitsap based nonprofit, Scarlet Road. A Scarlet Road client is in desperate need of a car that runs and can be licensed. (Her own car died recently.) Please reach out to John personally if you have a car to donate or have an idea on where one can be found. *Contact John at (206) 419-5001*

Ensenada is November 19-25! Building homes for those in desperate need. PLEASE NOTE, we've reached max capacity at 60 people, but you may still sign up! *If you are interested in learning more, or taking a spot if one opens, sign up online:* <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/805094FAFA623AAF94-ensenada>

13-week GriefShare Program Begins Sep 8 All of us will experience grief at one point or another. This class will help you face new challenges and move toward rebuilding your life. Classes meet Thursday mornings (except Thanksgiving) Sep 8—Dec 8. Registration opens in August. *Email info@crosssound.org if interested.*

Prayer Groups (Church Office: 600 Ericksen Ave. Ste #210 BI, 98110)

- HEALING PRAYER: 3RD WEDNESDAYS @ 6:30PM Please join CSC's Session if you would like prayers for healing (physical, emotional, spiritual, relational)
- PRAYER TEAM: TUESDAYS @9AM Support your church family through prayer.

If you need support, would like prayer, have a question, or are suffering COVID-19 Hardship contact: info@crosssound.org Find info about COVID-19 at: 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: _____

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.