



When we learn to read
the story of Jesus and see it
as the story of the love of God,
doing for us what we could
not do for ourselves — that
insight produces, again and
again, a sense of astonished
gratitude which is very near
the heart of authentic
Christian experience.

—

NT 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

CALL TO WORSHIP — Isaiah 65:17-19

For behold, I create new heavens
and a new earth,
and the former things shall not be remembered
or come into mind.
But be glad and rejoice forever
in that which I create;
for behold, I create Jerusalem to be a joy,
and her people to be a gladness.
I will rejoice in Jerusalem
and be glad in my people;
no more shall be heard in it the sound of weeping
and the cry of distress.

CONFESSION OF SIN — based on Psalm 51:10-11

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:

Forgive our faithlessness, O faithful God!
And see beyond our apathy,
our thoughtlessness,
our self-centeredness,
our wrong choices.
See into our hearts;
thank you that we are your treasure.
Amen.

Renewing

ASSURANCE OF PARDON AND RECEIVING OF GRACE

When we were dead in our sin
God made you alive together with Christ,
when he forgave us all our sins,
erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands.
He set this aside, nailing it to the cross of Jesus.
In the name of Jesus Christ you are forgiven!
— Colossians 2:13-14

Lion and The Lamb — Leeland Mooring, Brenton Brown, Brian Johnson

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

Open up the gates
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

Who can stop the Lord Almighty...

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.

Good, Good Father — Pat Barrett, Tony Brown

Oh, I've heard a thousand stories
Of what they think You're like
But I've heard the tender whisper
Of love in the dead of night
And You tell me, That You're pleased
And that I'm never alone

*You're a good, good Father
It's who You are, It's who You are, it's who You are
And I'm loved by You
It's who I am, it's who I am, it's who I am*

Oh, and I've seen many searching
for answers far and wide
But I know we're all searching
For answers only You provide
'Cause You know just what we need
Before we say a word

You are perfect in all of Your ways
You are perfect in all of Your ways
You are perfect in all of Your ways to us

Oh, it's love so undeniable
I, I can hardly speak
Peace so unexplainable
I, I can hardly think

As You call me deeper still [x3]
Into love, love, love

ANNOUNCEMENTS, STUDENT DISMISSAL & GREETING

Please stand and introduce yourself to one another.

Text: Revelation 21:9-22:5

Title: The New World

Speaker: Dave Sellers

Then came one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues and spoke to me, saying, “Come, I will show you the Bride, the wife of the Lamb.”¹⁰ And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great, high mountain, and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God,¹¹ having the glory of God, its radiance like a most rare jewel, like a jasper, clear as crystal.¹² It had a great, high wall, with twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and on the gates the names of the twelve tribes of the sons of Israel were inscribed—¹³ on the east three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates.¹⁴ And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

And the one who spoke with me had a measuring rod of gold to measure the city and its gates and walls.¹⁶ The city lies foursquare, its length the same as its width. And he measured the city with his rod, 12,000 stadia. Its length and width and height are equal.¹⁷ He also measured its wall, 144 cubits by human measurement, which is also an angel’s measurement.¹⁸ The wall was built of jasper, while the city was pure gold, like clear glass.¹⁹ The foundations of the wall of the city were adorned with every kind of jewel. The first was jasper, the second sapphire, the third agate, the fourth emerald,²⁰ the fifth onyx, the sixth carnelian, the seventh chrysolite, the eighth beryl, the ninth topaz, the tenth chrysoprase, the eleventh jacinth, the twelfth amethyst.²¹ And the twelve gates were twelve pearls, each of the gates made of a single pearl, and the street of the city was pure gold, like transparent glass.

And I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb.²³ And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and its lamp is the Lamb.²⁴ By its light will the nations walk, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it,²⁵ and its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there.²⁶ They will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations.²⁷ But nothing unclean will ever enter it, nor anyone who does what is detestable or false, but only those who are written in the Lamb’s book of life.

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb ² through the middle of the street of the city; also, on either side of the river, the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit each month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. ³ No longer will there be anything accursed, but the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him. ⁴ They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. ⁵ And night will be no more. They will need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

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QUOTES:

The way the book of Revelation has been treated by many readers... is finding interest in everything in this book except God, losing themselves in symbol-hunting, intrigue with numbers, speculating with frenzied imaginations on times and seasons despited Jesus' severe stricture against it (Acts 1:7)... For nothing is more explicit in this book than that it is about Jesus. It is the revelation of Jesus Christ, not the end of the world, not the identity of the antichrist, not the timetable of history. The use of the "I" throughout the text makes this unmistakable: Jesus Christ as Lord, and the God of Jesus Christ, speak in the first person to tell us who Jesus is ("I am the Alpha and Omega, in the opening proclamation") or to tell us what he does ("Behold, I make all things new", in the closing proclamation)." — Eugene Peterson

Our culture is so fixated on dying and going to heaven when the whole Scripture is about heaven coming down to earth. — NT Wright

The people of God are not merely to mark time, waiting for God to step in and set right all that is wrong. Rather, they are to model the new heaven and new earth, and by so doing awaken longings for what God will someday bring to pass. — Philip Yancey

While other worldviews lead us to sit in the midst of life's joys, foreseeing the coming sorrows, Christianity empowers its people to sit in the midst of this world's sorrows, tasting the coming joy. — Tim Keller

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



Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;
bring an offering, and come into his courts.
Worship the LORD in holy splendor;
tremble before him, all the earth.
— Psalm 96:8-9

The Masters Calling — Thad Cockrell

Listen while you still can hear
Listen while you still can hear
The Master's calling, The Master's calling

Bow down while your knees still bend
Bow down while your knees still bend
The Master's calling, The Master's calling

*I don't wanna walk away, Walk away from Him
I don't wanna walk away, Walk away from Him
Bind me to your side, Bind me to your side*

Seek him though your eyes don't see
Seek him though your eyes don't see
The Master's calling, The Master's calling

Praise him while your lips still sing
Praise him while your lips still sing
The Master's calling, The Master's calling

*I don't wanna walk away, Walk away from Him
I don't wanna walk away, Walk away from Him
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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, which 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

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)

BENEDICTION — Revelation 1:5b-6

We leave from here to bear witness to Christ
in faithfulness to the Scriptures,
in harmony with the church of the ages,
and in unity with all Christ's people.

AFTER CHURCH LUNCH - TODAY!

You are invited to stay after worship to join us for lunch!
We look forward to spending time with you!

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

JOB OPENING: CSC Children's Director 20 hours a week. If you are interested in hearing more about joining our team, email Dave O'Connell at daveoc@crosssound.org.

AUG 23/28: The Coffee Oasis is looking for snacks for lunches and after school. Please drop off at the church office by Monday August 28th. They are also looking for volunteers for their back to school bash on Wednesday August 23rd. If you have any questions contact Rachel Long at rlong4@icloud.com.

AUG 30: Women's Sound of Summer Concert 6:30pm at Battle Point Park. Bring a blanket, lawn chair and a snack to share as we gather for the final Sound of Summer concert! More info at: bit.ly/CSCSUMmerConcert2023

SEPT 6: Another Suquamish Community Kitchen opportunity is coming up! We are serving dinner on September 6th. If you would like to help in some way, register at bit.ly/suquamishkitchen. There are many opportunities and *none* include running the entire show :-). If you can't help this time, but would like to be part of the group, you can request to be added and receive emails at bit.ly/suquamishkitchen

SEPT 7: GriefShare returns Thursdays A support group for people experiencing grief after death of a loved one. Weekly video seminars are offered, featuring some of the nation's foremost experts on grief recovery, along with small group discussion time. GriefShare is a Christ-centered ministry, now an 11-week Program designed to help you rebuild your life. It is open to new participants at any time during the cycle. We know it hurts, and we want to help. *For info call Sue MacFarlane 206-714-5986 or jimorsuemac@hotmail.com.*

SEPT 15-17: Men's Retreat "Living Dangerously For God" This year's speaker is Dr. Dan Jarrell, Former pastor of ChangePoint in Anchorage, AK, focused on *How we become the type of men that are effective tools in the hands of our King?* Sign up via QR Code >> or follow this link: bit.ly/CSCMensRetreat2023 (The first 26 men to sign up will get private rooms, after that they will be in semi private room or bunk room.)



OCT 7: CSC Golf Tournament Fundraiser is back! ... at Meadowmeer Golf Club. All proceeds benefit the Ensenada Homebuilding Trip. Details to come - stay tuned!

Shoe Collection for Cuba Our Missions Team is collecting shoes...please consider donating a NEW pair of kids' shoes (sizes 13-5 1/2). Sneakers and sturdy sandals (No flip flops or Crocs please).

If you have any announcements that you would like included in the bulletin, please email Kristin@crosssound.org by Wednesday afternoons. Include basic info: Who, What, When and how to sign up!

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: _____

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.