



The story of
Christmas is
the story of
God's relentless
love for us.

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CHRISTMAS EVE FAMILY SERVICE
Order of Worship
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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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Greeting

WELCOME

O Come, All Ye Faithful — *Words: John F. Wade, c. 1743 (written in Latin, later translated to English), Music: ADESTE FIDELES*

O come, all ye faithful,
Joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O co-me ye to Bethlehem
Come and behold Him, born the King of Angels.

*O come let us adore Him,
O come let us adore Him,
O come let us adore Him,
Christ, the Lord.*

Sing, choirs of angels,
Sing in exultation;
O, sing all ye citizens of heav'n above:
Glory to God, glory in the Highest.

chorus

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee
Born this happy morning
Jesus, to Thee be all glory giv'n;
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing!

chorus

THE RESCUER WILL COME
A reading and lesson from Isaiah 9

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

O come, O come, Emmanuel
and ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel!

O come, O Rod of Jesse's stem,
from every foe deliver them
That trust your mighty power to save;
bring them in vict'ry through the grave
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel!

O come, our Dayspring, come and cheer
our spirits by Thy advent here;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
and death's dark shadows put to flight.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel!

O come, Desire of nations, bind
all people in one heart and mind;
Bid Thou our sad divisions cease,
and be Thyself our King of Peace!
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel!

HERE'S HERE!

A reading and lesson from Luke 1 & 2

O Little Town of Bethlehem

— *Words: Phillips Brooks, 1867; Music: ST. LOUIS by Lewis H. Redner, 1868*

O little town of Bethlehem,
How still we see thee lie;
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
The silent stars go by.
Yet in the dark streets shineth
The everlasting light;
The hopes and fears of all the years
Are met in thee tonight.

For Christ is born of Mary;
And gathered all above,
While mortals sleep the angels keep
Their watch of wond'ring love.
O morning stars together
Proclaim the holy birth;
And praises sing to God the King,
And peace to men on earth.

How silently, how silently
The wondrous gift is giv'n!
So God imparts to human hearts
The blessings of His heav'n.
No ear may hear His coming,
But in this world of sin,
Where meek souls will receive Him still,
The dear Christ enters in.

O holy Child of Bethlehem,
Descend to us, we pray;
Cast out our sin and enter in,
Be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels
The great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us,
Our Lord, Emmanuel.

THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD
A reading and lesson from Luke 2

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!
Peace on earth, and mercies mild: God and sinners reconciled!"
Joyful, all ye nations rise, Join the triumph of the skies!
With angelic hosts proclaim: Christ is born in Bethlehem!
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

Christ by highest heaven adored, Christ the everlasting Lord:
Late in time, behold Him come, Offspring of the Virgin's womb!
Veiled in flesh, the Godhead see! Hail, the incarnate Deity!
Pleased as man with men to dwell: Jesus, our Emmanuel!
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Son of Righteousness!
Light and life to all He brings, Risen with healing in His wings.
Mild He lays His glory by, Born that man no more may die,
Born to raise the sons of earth, Born to give them second birth.
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

THE KING OF ALL KINGS!
A reading & lesson from Matthew 2

Joy to the World — *Words: Isaac Watts, 1719; Music: ANTIOCH by Lowell Mason, 1836*

Joy to the world! The Lord is come;	No more let sins and sorrows grow,
Let earth receive her King.	Nor thorns infest the ground;
Let every heart prepare Him room,	He comes to make His blessings flow
And heav'n and nature sing,	Far as the curse is found,
And heav'n and nature sing,f	ar as the curse is found,
And heav'n and heav'n and nature sing.	Far as, far as the curse is found.

Joy to the world! The Savior reigns;	He rules the world with truth and grace
Let men their songs employ.	And makes the nations prove
While fields and floods,	The glories of his righteousness
rocks, hills and plains	And wonders of His love,
Repeat the sounding joy,	and wonders of His love,
repeat the sounding joy,	And wonders, wonders of his love.
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.	

THE GIFT OF GIFTS
A Christmas Reflection

Silent Night — *Please Break the Glow Sticks as the Theater Lights Begin to Dim*

Silent night, holy night,
All is calm, all is bright
'Round yon virgin Mother and Child,
Holy infant so tender and mild
Sleep in heavenly peace,
Sleep in heavenly peace

Silent night, holy night,
Son of God, love's pure light
Radiant beams from Thy holy face,
With the dawn of redeeming grace
Jesus, Lord at Thy birth,
Jesus, Lord at Thy birth

CHRISTMAS PONDERINGS

The virgin birth has never been a major stumbling block in my struggle with Christianity; it's far less mind-boggling than the Power of all Creation stooping so low as to become one of us.—Madeleine L'Engle

"All the armies that ever marched, and all the navies that ever sailed, and all the parliaments that ever sat, and all the kings that ever reigned, put all together, have not affected the life of man upon earth as much as the one who was born in a stable, and laid in a manger."—Vaughan Roberts

"We could more easily catch a hurricane in a shrimp net than we can understand the wild, relentless, passionate, uncompromising pursuing love of God made present in the manger."—Brennan Manning

Poinsettias in loving memory of:

Dave Van Eaton

Greg Loughnane

Josef Roggenbauer

Patty Millette

Lim Family

Weibel Family

Ostling Family

MacFarlane Family

Calabrese Family

Peek Family

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Name(s): _____

Children & their ages: _____

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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.