



God's grace
has a drenching
about it. A
wildness about it.

—
Max Lucado

PALM SUNDAY
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Order of Worship
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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

LENT

The death and resurrection of Jesus Christ are at the heart of the gospel, and Good Friday and Easter are two of the most significant celebrations of the year. Lent is a season of preparation and repentance during which we anticipate Good Friday and Easter. Just as we carefully prepare for big events in our personal lives, such as a wedding or graduation, Lent invites us to make us ready for remembering Jesus' death and celebrating Jesus' resurrection. The practice of a forty-day preparation period began in the Church during the third and fourth centuries. The number forty carries biblical significance based on the forty years Israel spent in the wilderness and Jesus' forty-day fast in the wilderness. The forty days of Lent begin on Ash Wednesday and continue through holy week, not counting Sundays (which are always days of feasting, celebrating in worship.)

CALL TO WORSHIP — Zachariah 9:9

Rejoice!

Shout in triumph, O people!

Look, your king is coming to you O Jerusalem.

He is righteous and victorious,

yet he is humble,

riding on a donkey.

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.

Heavenly Father, At many times, and in many ways this week:

We have failed to trust you.

We have failed to follow you.

We have failed to reflect you.

And we have failed to rejoice in you.

We bring you this confession freely,

Knowing that you offer your grace to us fully,

Because Jesus bore our every sin upon the cross.

Continue to work on our wayward hearts,

And cause us to increasingly love, follow and reflect Him.

Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON AND RECEIVING OF GRACE

Blessed is the one whose transgressions
are forgiven, whose sins are covered.
I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover up my iniquity.
I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord."
And you forgave the guilt of my sin.

— Psalm 32:1&5

In Jesus Christ we are Loved
and we are Forgiven.
Be at Peace and Rejoice!
Amen.

PALM PROCESSIONAL — CSC Kids

Hosanna (Praise is Rising)

Praise is rising, eyes are turning to You, We turn to You
Hope is stirring, hearts are yearning for You, We long for You
'Cause when we see You, We find strength to face the day
And in Your presence, All our fears are washed away, washed away.

*Hosanna! Hosanna! You are the God who saves us, Worthy of all our praises
Hosanna! Hosanna Come have Your way among us. We welcome You here Lord Jesus*

Hear the sound of hearts returning to You, We turn to You
In Your kingdom broken lives are made new, You make all things new
'Cause when we see You, We find strength to face the day
And in Your presence, All our fears are washed away, washed away.

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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.

Great is thy Faithfulness

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father,
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail not,
As Thou has been Thou forever wilt be.

*Great is Thy faithfulness!, Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see.
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided,
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me.*

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness,
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

*Great is Thy faithfulness!, Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see.
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided,
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me.*

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thy own dear presence to cheer and to guide.
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside

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All I have needed Thy hand hath provided,
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me.*

10,000 Reasons — Matt Redman

*Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul, Worship His holy name
Sing like never before, O my soul, I'll worship Your holy name*

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning,
It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me,
Let me be singing when the evening comes

*Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul, Worship His holy name
Sing like never before, O my soul, I'll worship Your holy name*

You're rich in love, and You're slow to anger,
Your name is great, and Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing.
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find

*Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul, Worship His holy name
Sing like never before, O my soul, I'll worship Your holy name*

And on that day when my strength is failing,
The end draws near and my time has come
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending,
Ten thousand years and then forevermore

*Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul, Worship His holy name
Sing like never before, O my soul, I'll worship Your holy name
I'll worship Your holy name*

TUESDAY AFTERNOON STORY — Shepard Dafoe

ANNOUNCEMENTS, STUDENT DISMISSAL & GREETING

Please stand and introduce yourself to one another.

Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you.

— Romans 15:7

Love one another deeply from the heart.

— 1Peter 1:22

Text: Luke 19:28-38

Title: The Entrance of the King

Speaker: Dave O'Connell

After Jesus had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.²⁹ As he approached Bethphage and Bethany at the hill called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples, saying to them,³⁰ “Go to the village ahead of you, and as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here.”³¹ If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ say, ‘The Lord needs it.’”

³² Those who were sent ahead went and found it just as he had told them. ³³ As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, “Why are you untying the colt?”

³⁴ They replied, “The Lord needs it.”

³⁵ They brought it to Jesus, threw their cloaks on the colt and put Jesus on it.

³⁶ As he went along, people spread their cloaks on the road.

³⁷ When he came near the place where the road goes down the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of disciples began joyfully to praise God in loud voices for all the miracles they had seen:

³⁸ “Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!”

QUOTES

“The love for equals is a human thing. The love for the less fortunate is a beautiful thing. The love for the more fortunate is a rare thing. And then there is the love for the enemy – love for the one who does not love you but mocks, threatens, and inflicts pain. This is God’s love. It conquers the world.” — Frederick Buechner

“His death was not the death of a martyr, who sinks at last overwhelmed by enemies, but the death of a triumphant conqueror, who knows that even in dying he wins for himself and his people a kingdom and a crown of glory.” — J.C. Ryle

“We must ponder and be consumed with the thought of his sacrificial love, mercy, and grace. May we never think that pondering the Almighty’s love is only for beginners. No one ever moves past the need to learn and then relearn this over and over again and to let it be the one defining truth of all of life.”—Elyse Fitzpatrick

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.

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").*

For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold
that you were redeemed... , but with the precious blood of Christ.

— Peter 1:17-18

At this table we come face to face;
with the God of all mercy, love, and grace.
We eat and we drink to remember the One,
Who died in our place, salvation won.
His body and blood were given for you,
This meal his great gift to fill and renew.
Now celebrate Him and know that this taste,
Is sure sign and seal of his glorious embrace.

— The Communion Table

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



Keep company with God and learn a life of love. Observe how Christ loved us. His love was not cautious but extravagant. He didn't love in order to get something from us but to give everything of himself to us. Love like that.

— Ephesians 5:1-2 (The Message)

Lord I Need You

Lord, I come, I confess, Bowing here I find my rest
Without You I fall apart, You're the One that guides my heart

*Lord, I need You, oh, I need You, Every hour I need You
My one defense, my righteousness, Oh God, how I need You*

Where sin runs deep Your grace is more, Where grace is found is where You are
And where You are, Lord, I am free, Holiness is Christ in me

*Lord, I need You, oh, I need You, Every hour I need You
My one defense, my righteousness, Oh God, how I need You*

Teach my song to rise to You
When temptation comes my way
And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You
Jesus, You're my hope and stay

*Lord, I need You, oh, I need You, Every hour I need You
My one defense, my righteousness, Oh God, how I need You
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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, forever.
Amen.**

Sending

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

BENEDICTION

May the blessing of God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
Be upon you, both now
And forevermore.
Amen.
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Announcements

March 29: Good Friday Service at 7pm at the HS Theater The service of Tenebrae, meaning “darkness” or “shadows,” has been practiced by the church since medieval times. Tenebrae is a liturgical service of meditation on Christ’s suffering with readings, silence, and song. It is a worship service where we contemplate the cost of our salvation, the love of Christ for us, as we wait for the resurrection and victory of Easter. *No RSVP needed.*

March 30: Egg Dash - 10am-noon at Woodward Middle School Field

We’re putting on the annual BI Egg Dash in partnership with New Life again this year. This is a great way to bless our community and we need your help! The eggs are stuffed (thank you Youth Groups!) but we still need a lot of help on the day of the event - please sign up here: <https://bit.ly/bieggdash2024> or follow the QR Code>>



March 31: Easter Service & Annual Prue House Potluck He Is Risen!

Bring a friend and celebrate with us! You are also invited to an Easter Potluck at Prue House, directly following service. Bring something to share. See you there!

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.*



Save the date - Summer Activities!

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

JUNE 22: Day at Miracle Ranch - K-4th grade (preK welcome with parent)

JULY 19-21: all-church camping trip at Crescent Beach

GriefShare has returned Thursdays through 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

Volunteer Needs there are a few areas where we could use your help!

COFFEE CART: a wonderful opportunity to serve and connect! Contact Trish.

SOUND: Mike Arends is looking for help on the Sunday Set-up team, helping with sound equipment - on-site training - no experience required, just a willing heart!

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.