

Jesus' resurrection is the sole evidence that love triumphs over death, that beauty outlives horror, that the meek will inherit the earth, that those who mourn will be comforted. The reason I can continue watching and waiting, even as the world is shrouded in darkness, is because the things I long for are not rooted in wishful thinking or religious ritual but are as solid as a stone rolled away.

Tish Harrison Warren

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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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Gathering

CALL TO WORSHIP — Psalm 67:1-5
On your feet now—applaud GOD!
Bring a gift of laughter,
sing yourselves into his presence.
Know this: GOD is God, and God, GOD.
He made us; we didn't make him.
We're his people, his well-tended sheep.
Enter with the password: "Thank you!"
Make yourselves at home, talking praise.
Thank him. Worship him.
For GOD is sheer beauty,
all-generous in love, loyal always and ever.

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.

God, we confess that often we have failed to be an obedient church: we have not done your will; we have broken your law; we have rebelled against your love; we have not loved our neighbors; we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience.

Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON AND RECEIVING OF GRACE

Can a woman forget her nursing child, or show no compassion for the child of her womb?

As a mother comforts her child, so will I comfort you, says the Lord.

In the the name of Jesus Christ, You are forgiven!

— from Isaiah 49:15; 66:13

King of Kings— Hillson Worship

In the darkness, we were waiting, Without hope, without light Till from heaven, You came running, There was mercy in Your eyes To fulfil the law and prophets, To a virgin came the Word From a throne of endless glory, To a cradle in the dirt

Praise the Father, Praise the Son, Praise the Spirit, Three in one God of glory, Majesty, Praise forever to the King of Kings

To reveal the kingdom coming, And to reconcile the lost To redeem the whole creation, You did not despise the cross For even in your suffering, You saw to the other side Knowing this was our salvation, Jesus for our sake you died

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Graves Into Gardens — Elevation Worship, Brandon Lake I searched the world, But it couldn't fill me, Man's empty praise, and treasures that fade, are never enough Then You came along, And put me back together, And every desire, is now satisfied, Here in Your love

Oh there's nothing better than You There's nothing better than You Lord there's nothing, Nothing is better than You

I'm not afraid To show You my weakness My failures and flaws, Lord You've seen them all, And You still call me friend Cause the God of the mountain, Is the God of the valley There's not a place Your mercy and grace, Won't find me again

Oh there's nothing better than You There's nothing better than You Lord there's nothing, Nothing is better than You (Repeat)

Bridge

You turn mourning to dancing, You give beauty for ashes, You turn shame into glory, You're the only one who can You turn mourning to dancing, You give beauty for ashes, You turn shame into glory, You're the only one who can, You turn graves into gardens You turn bones into armies, You turn seas into highways, You're the only one who can You're the only one who can

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Bridge 2:

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What a Beautiful Name It Is — Ben Fielding & Brooke Ligertwood

You were the Word at the beginning, One with God the Lord Most High Your hidden glory in creation, Now revealed in You our Christ

What a beautiful Name it is, What a beautiful Name it is, The Name of Jesus Christ, my King What a beautiful Name it is, Nothing compares to this, What a beautiful Name it Is, the Name of Jesus

You didn't want heaven without us, So Jesus, You brought heaven down My sin was great, Your love was greater What could separate us now

What a wonderful Name it is, What a wonderful Name it is, The Name of Jesus Christ, my King What a wonderful Name it is, Nothing compares to this, What a wonderful Name it is, the Name of Jesus

Death could not hold You, The veil tore before You,
You silence the boast of sin and grave
The heavens are roaring, The praise of Your glory,
For You are raised to life again
You have no rival, You have no equal, Now and forever God You reign
Yours is the kingdom, Yours is the glory, Yours is the Name above all names

What a powerful Name it is, What a powerful Name it is, The Name of Jesus Christ, my King What a powerful Name it is, Nothing compares to this, What a powerful Name it is, the Name of Jesus What a powerful Name it is, the Name of Jesus, What a powerful Name it is, the Name of Jesus

FASTER INTERVIEWS

ANNOUNCEMENTS & GREETING

Please stand and introduce yourself to one another.

FASTER INTERVIEWS

Text: 1 Corinthians 15:1-5, 20-26, 54-55

Title: Resurrection Life Speaker: Dave Sellers

Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, ² and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain. ³ For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁴ that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁵ and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve.

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. ²² For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. ²³ But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. ²⁴ Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. ²⁵ For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. ²⁶ The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written:

"Death is swallowed up in victory."

"O death, where is your victory?

O death, where is your sting?"

QUOTES

'Easter week itself ought not to be the time when all the clergy sigh with relief and go on holiday. It ought to be an eight-day festival, with champagne served after morning prayer or even before, with loads of Alleluias and extra hymns and spectacular anthems. Is it any wonder people find it hard to believe in the resurrection of Jesus if we don't throw our hats in the air?'--Tom Wright

In the resurrection we have the presence of the future. The power by which God will finally destroy all suffering, evil, deformity, and death at the end of time has broken into history now and is available—partially but substantially—now. When we unite with the risen Christ by faith, that future power that is potent enough to remake the universe comes into us.—Tim Keller

'Teach me to live that I may dread, The grave as little as my bed." – Thomas Ken

"Q. How does Christ's resurrection benefit us?

A. First, by his resurrection he has overcome death, so that he might make us share in the righteousness He won for us by his death. Second, by his power we too are already now resurrected to a new life. Third, Christ's resurrection is a guarantee of our glorious resurrection." –Heidelberg Catechism #45

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:

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 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

So here's what I want you to do, God helping you:

Take your everyday, ordinary life—
your sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and walking-around life—
and place it before God as an offering.
Embracing what God does for you is the best thing you can do for him.

— Romans 12:1

Reckless Love — Cory Asbury

Before I spoke a word, You were singing over me, You have been so, so good to me Before I took a breath, You breathed Your life in me, You have been so, so kind to me

Oh the overwhelming, never ending, reckless love of God Oh, it chases me down, fights 'till I'm found, leaves the ninety nine I couldn't earn it I don't deserve it Still, You give yourself away Oh the overwhelming, never ending, reckless love of God

When I was Your foe, still Your love fought for me, You have been so, so good to me When I felt no worth, You paid it all for me You have been so, so kind to me

Oh the overwhelming, never ending, reckless love of God Oh, it chases me down, fights 'till I'm found, leaves the ninety nine I couldn't earn it I don't deserve it Still, You give yourself away Oh the overwhelming, never ending, reckless love of God

Bridge:

There's no shadow You won't light up, mountain You won't climb up, coming after me There's no wall You won't kick down, No lie You won't tear down, coming after me

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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

Glorious Day

I was buried beneath my shame, Who could carry that kind of weight? It was my tomb 'Till I met You

I was breathing but not alive, All my failures I tried to hide, It was my tomb 'Till I met You

You called my name and I ran out of that grave Out of the darkness into Your glorious day, You called my name and I ran out of that grave Out of the darkness into Your glorious day

Now Your mercy has saved my soul, Now Your freedom is all that I know, The old made new, Jesus, when I met You,

You called my name and I ran out of that grave Out of the darkness into Your glorious day, You called my name and I ran out of that grave Out of the darkness into Your glorious day

I needed rescue, my sin was heavy, But chains break at the weight of Your glory I needed shelter, I was an orphan, Now You call me a citizen of Heaven When I was broken, You were my healing, Now Your love is the air that I'm breathing I have a future, my eyes are open...

'Cause when You called my name, I ran out of that grave Out of the darkness into Your glorious day, You called my name and I ran out of that grave Out of the darkness into Your glorious day

BENEDICTION — Colossians 3:17

As God's own, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, and patience, forgiving each other, as the Lord has forgiven you, and crown all these things with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.

Amen.

Announcements

Prue House Potluck TODAY at 1pm! Bring a dish to share and join us!

You are invited to this annual tradition of a potluck-style luncheon and garden games with our friends, outdoors in this beautiful weather! See you there at 1pm!

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: <u>katiepearson@crosssound.org</u>.



Save the date - Summer Activities!

IUNE 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 will heart!

Women's Bible Study Join us as we study "Gospel on the Ground" by Kristy McClelland. Email: katiepearson@crosssound.org or http://bit.ly/crosssoundwomen MONDAYS 6:30-8:30pm and WEDNESDAYS 9:30-11:30am. Childcare Provided

Women & Children's Walk In The Woods Join us Thursday mornings at 9:15am! for a 3 mile walk around Gazam Lake (stroller suggested). Park at 7377 Springridge Rd NE Bainbridge Is. Questions and/or RSVP to Brooke Wellman at (425)647-8542

Men's Bible Study Fellowship (BSF) Thursdays 6:30-8pm at the Church Office In a world that declares "find your own truth: - Jesus stands alone. He boldly proclaims Himself as the only source of freedom, peace, security, truth, and everlasting life with God. Join us as we study the Book of John! For info/sign up go to: bit.ly/joinBSF. Questions? Email Tony Merritt - merritts.wa@gmail.com

Men's Breakfast: Second Saturdays of the month. 8am at the Church Office. Come and be known!

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):		
Prayer Requests/Comm	ents:	

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 that 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.