



My deepest awareness
of myself is that I am
deeply loved by Jesus
Christ and I have done
nothing to earn it or
deserve it.

—

Brennan Manning

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 — Isaiah 12:4-6

Give praise to the Lord, proclaim his name;
make known among the nations what he has done.
Sing to the Lord, for he has done glorious things;
let this be known to all the world.
Shout aloud and sing for joy.

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,

Nothing is hidden from your sight.

You know our weakness.

You know our need.

You know the depths of our sin.

Forgive us once again dear Father,

For all of the ways that we have failed to love others.

And for all the ways that we have failed to follow & to love you.

Turn us away from the darkness of our sin,

And allow us to know the joy of walking intimately with you.

And thank you. Thank you for your amazing grace.

Your grace given to us in Jesus.

Your grace that is greater than all of our sin.

Amen.

Renewing

ASSURANCE OF PARDON AND RECEIVING OF GRACE

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

—
1st John 1:9

Therefore, there is no condemnation for those who belong to
Christ Jesus... nothing can ever separate us from God's love.

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Romans 8:1 & 38

Know this joy this morning,
In Jesus Christ, We are loved.
We are forgiven. We are His.
Amen.

Trinity Song — *Sandra McCracken*
Holy Father, Son and Spirit
Holy Communion, Three in One

Come with your peace, with your invitation
Bind us together in Holy Love

His Mercy is More — *Matt Boswell and Matt Papa*
What love could remember no wrongs we have done
Omniscient, all knowing, he counts not their sum
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore
Our sins they are many, his mercy is more

*Praise the Lord, His mercy is more
Stronger than darkness, new every morn
Our sins they are many, his mercy is more*

What patience would wait as we constantly roam
What father, so tender, is calling us home
He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor
Our sins they are many, his mercy is more

What riches of kindness he lavished on us
His blood was the payment, his life was the cost
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford
Our sins they are many, his mercy is more

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

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Vows for New Members

- 1. Do you acknowledge yourselves to be sinners in the sight of God, justly deserving His displeasure, and without hope except in His sovereign mercy?*
- 2. Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God, and Savior of sinners, and do you receive and rest upon Him alone for salvation?*
- 3. Do you now resolve and promise, in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit, that you will endeavor to live as followers of Christ?*
- 4. Do you promise to support the church in its worship and work to the best your ability?*
- 5. Do you submit yourself to the government and discipline of the church, and promise to promote its purity and peace?*

Vows for the Congregation

Will you, as part of Cross Sound Church, welcome these new members, encouraging them and befriending them, to the best of your ability?

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, STUDENT DISMISSAL & GREETING

Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you.

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Romans 15:7

Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth
for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart

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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

NOTES:

MESSAGE SERIES: A MAN CALLED LOVE

Title: To Your Advantage

Text: John 16:1-15

Speaker: Dave O'Connell

"I have said all these things to you to keep you from falling away. ² They will put you out of the synagogues. Indeed, the hour is coming when whoever kills you will think he is offering service to God. ³ And they will do these things because they have not known the Father, nor me. ⁴ But I have said these things to you, that when their hour comes you may remember that I told them to you.

"I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. ⁵ But now I am going to him who sent me, and none of you asks me, 'Where are you going?' ⁶ But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart. ⁷ Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you. ⁸ And when he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment: ⁹ concerning sin, because they do not believe in me; ¹⁰ concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you will see me no longer; ¹¹ concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.

¹² "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³ When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. ¹⁴ He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵ All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

OUTLINE:

1. The Hard Warning (v. 1-4)
2. The Remarkable Promise (v. 5-8)
3. The Work of the Spirit (v. 9-15)

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



Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

—
2 Corinthians 9:7

The Master's 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
No, I don't wanna walk away
Don't wanna 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
No, I don't wanna walk away
Don't wanna walk away from Him
Bind me to your side, Bind me to your side

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").

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

The Passion — *Hillsong*

The passion of our Saviour
The mercy of our God
The cross that leaves no question
Of the measure of His love

*Our chains are gone
Our debt is paid
The cross has overthrown the grave
For Jesus' blood that sets us free
Means death to death
And life for me*

The Innocent judged guilty
While the guilty one walks free
Death would be His portion
And our portion liberty

Chorus

I give my whole life
To honour this love
By the Lamb who was slain
I'm forgiven
The sinner's Saviour
Crown Him forever
For the Lamb who was slain
He is risen

BENEDICTION — 2 Corinthians 13:14

May the love of the Father,
The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,
And the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
Be with you all.

Amen.

Announcements

We recently received a donation in memory of Bob Freeman, father of Robert, who recently passed away after a long battle with dementia. Bob was born in London in 1935 and grew up in the Blitz. He served in the Royal Air Force after the war before becoming a structural surveyor working within local government, finally becoming Chairman of the London District Building Surveyors advising the UK Government on building control policy. A committed Christian all his life, he had a strong desire for public service becoming Mayor of the town where Judy (his wife) and he retired to in the late 1990s. Just before his passing Judy and he celebrated the Diamond Wedding Anniversary. Judy and Robert both know he would want this money to go to help bring others to Christ.

New Members Welcome: TODAY Immediately following service! everyone is welcome to stay after church and celebrate new member, outside in the atrium weather permitting.

Worship Position Available: CSC is in search of a lead musician who is passionate and gifted in leading worship and inviting other musicians to be part of the team. For a job description please email: info@crosssound.org

Easter Activities Mark your calendar for Holy Week at Cross Sound Church!

- MAUNDY THURSDAY: April 6 at 7pm at the Church Office
- GOOD FRIDAY: April 7 at 7pm at the High School Theater
- EASTER EGG DASH April 8 at 9:30am at Woodward Middle School Field
- EASTER SUNDAY: April 9 at 10am: Worship followed by a Prue House Potluck

Upcoming Mission Trip to Mexico City We will be visiting our sister church, El Redentor, and missionaries, Victor and Teresa Cruz in Mexico City from May 18 to May 22. During this trip, we will be building relationships and serving alongside them in order to be a blessing. If you are interested in joining the trip, please reach out to Jason Long at jason@4longs.com.

CS Youth Events Email Josh@crosssound.org for details.

- 5TH-8TH MIRACLE RANCH SUMMER CAMP: JUNE 23-25 Currently in 5th through 8th grade. Includes Horseback Riding, Paintball, and High ropes course!
- HS SUMMER IMMERSION SERVANT LEADERSHIP CAMP: JULY 15-22 We are partnering with Sacred Roads again and serving the Warm Springs Nation.

Women's Bible Study Join us as we study "James: Mercy Triumphs" by Beth Moore.

- Monday Evening 6:30 - 8:30 - Soup and Salad Dinner provided
 - Wednesday Morning 9:15 - 11:15 - Breakfast Potluck & Childcare Provided
- Questions? Email Ashley@CrossSound.org or visit bit.ly/crosssoundwomen

GriefShare (GS) Has Begun: Thursdays through May 25, 2023 from 9:45am-12pm at the CSC Office. Contact Sue MacFarlane 206-714-5986 or jimorsuemacs@hotmail.com

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.