



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.

—

Elyse Fitzpatrick

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 — Taken from Isaiah 12:4-6

Give praise to the Lord, proclaim His name;
make known among the nations what He has done,
and proclaim that His name is exalted.
Sing to the Lord, for He has done glorious things;
let this be known to all the world.
Shout aloud and sing for joy,
for great is the Holy One among you.

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,

**In grace you have loved us. In grace you have saved us.
In grace you have made us yours.**

**And now we confess that we still daily need that same grace,
for all the ways that we turn away from you.**

**Forgive us again for our many shortcomings and sin;
and in your grace, bring your renewing and
life-giving touch to our lives.**

In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

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. — 1 John 1:9

Therefore, there is no condemnation for those who belong to Christ Jesus...
nothing can ever separate us from God's love. — Romans 8:1 & 38

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

Text in bold is read by the entire congregation. Plain text is read by the worship leader only.

Jesus Anthem / Great Are you Lord — Phil Wickham

So many reasons, too many to count,
to say that I love You to worship You now
Your love is perfect - and Your heart is kind,
I'm Yours forever, forever You're mine

*Jesus, the anthem of my heart, Jesus the anchor of my soul,
I'm overwhelmed by all You are, Oh, how I love You*

You call me beloved and You call me friend
Your grace says I'm worthy, You welcome me in
Now all that I long for and all that I need I
s to be in Your presence Forever I fall at Your feet

Chorus x2

Faithful to the end - God You are always good.
Where do I begin - There's so many reasons to love You
Your promise never breaks - Your beauty never fades,
What else can I say - There's so many reasons to love you (repeat)

Chorus x2

All the earth will shout Your praise, Our hearts will cry, these bones will sing,
Great are You, Lord (repeat x3)

It's Your breath in our lungs, So we pour out our praise, We pour out our praise
It's Your breath in our lungs, So we pour out our praise to You only (repeat)
Great are you Lord (repeat x4)

Desert Song — Hillsong United

This is my prayer in the desert, when all that's within me feels dry
This is my prayer in my hunger and need, my God is the God who provides
This is my prayer in the fire, in weakness or trial or pain
There is a faith proved of more worth than gold, so refine me Lord through the flame

*I will bring praise, I will bring praise, No weapon formed against me shall remain
I will rejoice, I will declare, God is my victory and He is here*

This is my prayer in the battle, when triumph is still on its way
I am a conqueror and co-heir with Christ, so firm on His promise I'll stand

Chorus

All of my life, in every season, You are still God,
I have a reason to sing, I have a reason to worship (repeat)

Chorus

This is my prayer in the harvest, when favor and providence flow
I know I'm filled to be emptied again, the seed I've received I will sow.

Run To the Father

I've carried a burden for too long on my own,
I wasn't created to bear it alone
I hear Your invitation to let it all go,
I see it now, I'm laying it down
And I know that I need You

*I run to the Father, I fall into grace, I'm done with the hiding, no reason to wait
My heart needs a surgeon, my soul needs a friend,
So I'll run to the Father again and again and again and again*

You saw my condition, had a plan from the start,
Your Son for redemption, the price for my heart
And I don't have a context for that kind of love
I don't understand I can't comprehend
All I know is I need You

Chorus

My heart has been in Your sights, Long before my first breath,
Running into Your arms Is running to life from death
And I feel this rush deep in my chest Your mercy is calling out
Just as I am You pull me in And I know I need You now

Chorus x2

ANNOUNCEMENTS, STUDENT DISMISSAL & GREETING

Please stand and introduce yourself to one another.

Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you.

— Romans 15:7

Be devoted to one another in love.

— Romans 12:10

MESSAGE

Series: On the Road with Jesus: Part 3

Title: Pray & Don't Lose Heart

Text: Luke 18:1-8

Speaker: Dave O'Connell

Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not lose heart. ² He said: "In a certain town there was a judge who neither feared God nor cared what people thought. ³ And there was a widow in that town who kept coming to him with the plea, 'Grant me justice against my adversary.'

⁴ "For some time he refused. But finally, he said to himself, 'Even though I don't fear God or care what people think, ⁵ yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will see that she gets justice, so that she won't eventually come and attack me!'"

⁶ And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. ⁷ And will not God bring about justice for his chosen ones, who cry out to him day and night? Will he keep putting them off? ⁸ I tell you, he will see that they get justice, and quickly. However, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on the earth?"

NOTES:

QUOTES:

“Prayer is simply the medium through which we communicate and commune with God.”— John Mark Comer

“Meditate on the words our Father. Say them over to yourself until you feel something of their wonderful truth. They mean that I am bound to God by the closest and tenderest relationship, and that I have a right to His love, His power, and His blessing in a way no one else could give me. Imagine the boldness with which we can approach Him! Imagine the great things we have a right to ask for! Our Father. It means that all His infinite love, patience, and wisdom reach down to help me.”— Andrew Murray

“Will you dare to invite the invasion of heaven on earth? This – and so much more – is what it means to pray the second petition of the Lord’s Prayer. ‘Bring it on! Bring on your revolution. Reverse the effects of sin. Restore broken humanity. Come and reign without rival in all the earth and begin with me.’”— Darrell Johnson

“God’s ‘response’ to our prayers is not a charade. He does not pretend that he is answering our prayer when he is only doing what he was going to do anyway. Our requests really make a difference in what God does or does not do.”— Dallas Willard

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



Each one must give as he has decided in his heart,
Not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.
And God is able to make all grace abound to you,
So that having all sufficiency in all things at all times,
You may abound in every good work.”

— 2nd Corinthians 9:7-8

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

Chorus

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, As You call me deeper still,
As You call me deeper still Into love, love, love

Chorus x2

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
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You are perfect in all of Your ways to us

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.

— 1Peter 1:17-18

Come, all you who are thirsty, come to the waters; and you who have no money,
come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without cost.

— Isaiah 55:1

Sending

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.

Sing to the King — Billy Foote

*Come, let us sing a song, A song declaring we belong to Jesus, He is all we need
Lift up a heart of praise, Sing now with voices raised to Jesus, Sing to the King*

Sing to the King who is coming to reign,
Glory to Jesus the Lamb that was slain
Life and salvation His empire shall bring,
And joy to the nations when Jesus is King

Chorus

For His returning we watch and we pray,
We will be ready the dawn of that day
We'll join in singing with all the redeemed,
'Cause Satan is vanquished and Jesus is King

Chorus x2

BENEDICTION

May the Father rejoice over you with gladness;
May Christ Jesus renew you in his love;
May the Holy Spirit give you his peace.

May our triune God send us forward in His joy,
to love and serve our world.

Amen.

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

March 16, 23 & 30: Marriage Round Table: Dan and Becky Allender are planning to lead two of our three weeks together based on their new book (coming out this week), "The Deep Rooted Marriage: Cultivating Intimacy, Healing, and Delight". Join us Sunday evenings for dinner and discussion 6-7:45pm, March 16th, 23rd and 30th at the CSC office (600 Ericksen Ave NE)

May 9-10: Men's Retreat: Paul Schuler is planning on speaking on "Walking With God" at Discovery Bay (YWAM camp) in Port Townsend, May 9 - 10 (with an optional day on the 11th--though we're not interfering with Mother's Day!) More information to follow.

The School of Discipleship Class continues Titled: *Follow Me: Finding Your Purpose and Fulfilling Your Callings in Christ*. One of the questions you may ponder is, "How am I created to make a difference in the world for Jesus?" Join us Sunday evenings, 6-8pm, Jan 12—Feb 2, at the Church Office (600 Ericksen NE). Dinner and childcare provided. Please RSVP to katiepearson@crosssound.org

Women's Ministry Bible Study continues at the Church Office on Monday Evenings at 6:30pm (soup and salad provided) and Wednesday Mornings at 9:30am. (childcare provided) We will be studying Jesus' Sermon on the Mount.

Men's Ministry: Bible Study Fellowship Tuesdays at 6:30pm at the Church office (600 Ericksen Ave NE #210). For centuries, people have attempted to unlock the mysteries of Revelation. In this, "The Study of Revelation: Discover Faith, Hope, and Joy", we are given hope of a world made new by the redemption and restoration that Jesus offers today and for eternity. Come try our study! Sign up at www.joinbsf.org. Questions? Email Tony at merritts.wa@gmail.com.

Cross Sound Kids Sunday School Volunteers Needed! This is such a rewarding way to serve and get to know our kids and families. Whatever frequency fits your schedule is great - once a month to once a quarter or occasional substitute. Interested? Contact Brooke@crosssound.org or Suzanne@crosssound.org

Ongoing Missions and Activities at Cross Sound So many ways to connect!

Contemplative Yoga	Roundtable Discussions	International Ministry:
Evening Youth Group	School of Discipleship	• Ensenada
Men's Bible Study +	Search + Rescue Mission	• Kenya
Bible Study Fellowship	Small Group	• Cuba
Monthly Men's Breakfast	Suquamich Kitchen	• Mexico City
Men's Hangouts	Women's Bible Study	

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.