



Love is stronger than  
fear, life stronger than  
death, hope stronger  
than despair. We have  
to trust that the risk  
of loving is always  
worth taking.

—

Henri Nouwen

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT  
March 23, 2025  
Order of Worship  
[www.CrossSound.org](http://www.CrossSound.org)

# 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 — Jeremiah 33:14-16

“Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David, and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. 16 In those days Judah will be saved, and Jerusalem will dwell securely. And this is the name by which it will be called: ‘The LORD is our righteousness.’”

# 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.*

**Holy and merciful God,  
in your presence we confess  
our sinfulness, and our offenses against you.  
You alone know how often we have sinned  
in wandering from your ways,  
in wasting your gifts,  
in forgetting your love.  
Have mercy on us, O Lord,  
Forgive our sins,  
and help us to live in your light  
and walk in your ways,  
for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON AND RECEIVING OF GRACE — Isaiah 1:18

Come now, let us argue it out, says the LORD:  
though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be like snow;  
though they are red like crimson,  
they shall become like wool.  
I can assure you that on the basis of God’s promises  
and in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.  
**In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

## **Come Now Is The Time To Worship**

*Come, now is the time to worship, Come, now is the time to give your heart  
Come, just as you are to worship, Come, just as you are before your God  
Come*

One day every tongue will confess You are God, One day every knee will bow  
Still the greatest treasure remains, For those who gladly choose You now

*Chorus*

One day every tongue will confess You are God, One day every knee will bow  
Still the greatest treasure remains, For those who gladly choose You now

Willingly we choose to surrender our lives, Willingly our knees will bow  
With all our heart, soul, mind and strength, We gladly choose You now

*Chorus*

## **Rest On Us**

As the Spirit was moving over the waters, Spirit come move over us,  
Come rest on us, come rest on us  
As the Spirit was moving over the waters, Spirit come move over us,  
Come rest on us, come rest on us

*So come down Spirit when You move,  
You make my heart pound, When You fill the room  
You're here and I know You are moving,  
I'm here and I know You will fill me (repeat)*

Fire and wind would You do it again,  
Open up the gates let Heaven come in,  
Come rest on us, come rest on us (repeat)

*Chorus x2*

Holy spirit come rest on us, You're all we want, You're all we want (repeat)

*Chorus x2*

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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.

**Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty**

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning Our song shall rise to Thee.  
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,  
God in three persons, Blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee,  
Casting down their golden crowns, Around the glassy sea;  
Cherubim and seraphim, Falling down before Thee,  
Which wert, and art, and Evermore shall be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee,  
Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see,  
Only Thou art holy; There is none beside Thee,  
Perfect in power, In love and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
All Thy works shall praise Thy name In earth and sky and sea.  
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,  
God in Three persons, Blessed Trinity!

**ANNOUNCEMENTS, STUDENT DISMISSAL & GREETING**

*Please stand and introduce yourself to one another.*

QUOTES:

“The weaker we feel, the harder we lean on God. And the harder we lean on Him, the stronger we discover Him to be.”—Joni Eareckson Tada

“Jesus does not say, ‘Clean up your act, and then I will accept you.’ Grace says, ‘I have accepted you; now let me clean up your act.’”—Tim Keller

“There is no pit so deep that God’s love is not deeper still.” —Corrie ten Boom

“You contribute nothing to your salvation except the sin that made it necessary.”  
—Jonathan Edwards

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## MESSAGE

**Series: On the Road with Jesus: Part 3**

**Title: The Garden of Grace**

**Text: Luke 22:39-53**

**Speaker: Dave Sellers**

(Luke 22:39) And he came out and went, as was his custom, to the Mount of Olives, and the disciples followed him. <sup>40</sup> And when he came to the place, he said to them, "Pray that you may not enter into temptation." <sup>41</sup> And he withdrew from them about a stone's throw, and knelt down and prayed, <sup>42</sup> saying, "Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me. Nevertheless, not my will, but yours, be done." <sup>43</sup> And there appeared to him an angel from heaven, strengthening him. <sup>44</sup> And being in agony he prayed more earnestly; and his sweat became like great drops of blood falling down to the ground. <sup>45</sup> And when he rose from prayer, he came to the disciples and found them sleeping for sorrow, <sup>46</sup> and he said to them, "Why are you sleeping? Rise and pray that you may not enter into temptation."

### *Betrayal and Arrest of Jesus*

(Luke 22:47) While he was still speaking, there came a crowd, and the man called Judas, one of the twelve, was leading them. He drew near to Jesus to kiss him, <sup>48</sup> but Jesus said to him, "Judas, would you betray the Son of Man with a kiss?" <sup>49</sup> And when those who were around him saw what would follow, they said, "Lord, shall we strike with the sword?" <sup>50</sup> And one of them struck the servant of the high priest and cut off his right ear. <sup>51</sup> But Jesus said, "No more of this!" And he touched his ear and healed him. <sup>52</sup> Then Jesus said to the chief priests and officers of the temple and elders, who had come out against him, "Have you come out as against a robber, with swords and clubs? <sup>53</sup> When I was with you day after day in the temple, you did not lay hands on me. But this is your hour, and the power of darkness."

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](http://www.crosssound.org/give) • Stock: [contact bookkeeper@crosssound.org](mailto:bookkeeper@crosssound.org)
- Mail: Cross Sound Church PO Box 11748 or 600 Ericksen Ave NE #210, Bainbridge Is., WA 98110



I urge you, in view of God's mercy,  
to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God—  
this is your spiritual worship.

— from Romans 12:1

**Gratitude** — Brandon Lake

All my words fall short, I got nothing new,  
How could I express, All my gratitude  
I could sing these songs, As I often do,  
Every song must end, And You never do

*So I throw up my hands, And praise You again and again,  
'Cause all that I have is a Hallelujah, Hallelujah  
And I know its not much But Ive nothing else fit for a King  
Except for a heart singing Hallelujah Hallelujah*

I've got one response, I've got just one move,  
With my arms stretched wide, I will worship You

*Chorus*

So come on my soul, oh, don't you get shy on me,  
Lift up your song, 'cause you've got a lion  
Inside of those lungs, Get up and praise the Lord (repeat)

*Chorus x2*



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").

"But the basic fact of the matter is this: what Christians do today when they break bread and drink wine together is the central Christian action, which links us in an unbroken line to...Jesus and his friends in the Upper Room on the night he was about to be betrayed (and denied, forsaken, arrested, tried, mocked and executed).

And it links us, too, to all Christians throughout the world today.

— NT Wright

## 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

## **The 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  
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

*Chorus*

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 — Matthew 28:19-20

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations,  
baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,  
and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you.

And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.

**Amen.**

# Announcements

**Marriage Round Table continues:** Dan and Becky Allender return to study their book, *"The Deep Rooted Marriage: Cultivating Intimacy, Healing, and Delight"*. Join Dave Sellers and Katie Pearson Sunday evenings for dinner and discussion 6-7:45pm, March 16, 23 and 30 at the CSC office (600 Ericksen Ave NE). RSVP to [dave@crosssound.org](mailto:dave@crosssound.org)

**March 30: Women's Retreat at Islandwood** Join us for "A Spacious Place" from Saturday, March 29 at 5PM to Sunday, March 30 at 3PM. Register at [bit.ly/CSCWomensRetreat2025](https://bit.ly/CSCWomensRetreat2025) or email [Ashley@CrossSound.org](mailto:Ashley@CrossSound.org) with questions.

**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 - 11. Sign up now! [bit.ly/CSCMensRetreat2025](https://bit.ly/CSCMensRetreat2025)



**May 23-26: Cross Sound Family Camp** We're headed to Young Life Camp at Washington Family Ranch in Oregon. Live it up with your family on the zip line, go carts, pool, blob, skatepark, rock climbing, Family Club and more. What a time to grow closer to each other and closer to God. Memorial Day Weekend - May 23-26 - And our church is subsidizing the cost so you will only pay \$100 per person! Join us! For registration info email: [Brooke.wellman@yahoo.com](mailto:Brooke.wellman@yahoo.com)

## **Holy Week with Cross Sound Church at the BI High School Theater**

- Weeds to Flowers Saturday, April 12 - Annual Community Service Project\*\*
- Palm Sunday, April 13 at 10am (\*\*email [communityservice@crosssound.org](mailto:communityservice@crosssound.org))
- Good Friday, April 18 at 7pm if you're interested in this project!)
- Easter Sunday, April 20 at 10am and Annual Potluck Celebration directly after

**April 19: Egg Dash 2025!** We're excited to put on this beloved community event again this year with New Life Church. We need a lot of help to make this happen so please join us! We're collecting candy donations here and at the church office (we have 5,000 eggs to stuff!) Sign up to volunteer and/or for information here! [bit.ly/bieggdash2025](https://bit.ly/bieggdash2025)



**Men's Ministry: Bible Study Fellowship Tuesdays at 6:30pm** at the Church office. Sign up at [www.joinbsf.org](http://www.joinbsf.org) or email Tony at [merritts.wa@gmail.com](mailto:merritts.wa@gmail.com).

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!

**Member Directory** Trying to connect with someone? Email [info@crosssound.org](mailto:info@crosssound.org) to get a printed copy of the directory (for pick up at the Church Office)

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If you have any announcements that you would like included in the bulletin, please email [Kristin@crosssound.org](mailto: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: \_\_\_\_\_

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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.*