

Grace is the most perplexing, powerful force in the universe, and, I believe, the only hope for our twisted, violent planet.

Philip Yancey

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 — Portions of Psalm 5

My King and my God,
By your great love,
I can come into your house.
Let all who take refuge in you be glad;
let them ever sing for joy.
May those who love your name rejoice in you.

CONFESSION OF SIN — based on Psalm 51:10-11

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,
God of all Glory and Grace,
You have loved us with an unmatchable love,
Yet we often fail to obey, follow, and love you.
You gave us everything in giving us your only Son,
Yet we forget you and hold things back from you.
You have shown us kindness, patience, and grace,
Yet we struggle with being unkind, impatient, and unforgiving.
Father, forgive us.
In your grace, continue to change us.
And help us by your Spirit, to make us more like Jesus, we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON AND RECEIVING OF GRACE

Christ suffered for our sins once and for all. He never sinned, but he died for sinners to bring you safely home to God.

— 1 Peter 3:18

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: If you are in Christ You are loved, You are forgiven, You are His. Celebrate and be at peace.

Amen.

Renewing

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

[Chorus]

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

[Chorus]

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

[Chorus]

Revelation Song — *Jennie Lee Riddle* Worthy is the Lamb who was slain. Holy, holy is He. Sing a new song to Him who sits on Heaven's Mercy Seat.

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Holy, Holy, Holy is The Lord, God Almighty. Who was and is and is to come. With all creation I sing, "Praise to The King of Kings, You are my everything. And I will adore You".

Clothed in rainbows, of living color. Flashes of lightening, rolls of thunder. Blessing and honor, strength and glory and power be, To You, the only wise King.

[Chorus]

Filled with wonder, awestruck wonder, At the mention of Your Name. Jesus, Your Name is power, breath and living water. Such a marvelous mystery.

[Chorus]

Your Love, Oh Lord — Third Day
Your love, Oh Lord, reaches to the heavens
Your faithfulness stretches to the sky
Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains
And Your justice flows like the ocean's tides

And I will lift my voice to worship You, my King And I will find my strength in the shadow of Your wings

ANNOUNCEMENTS, STUDENT DISMISSAL & GREETING Please stand and introduce yourself to one another.

Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you. — Romans 15:7

You were cleansed from your sins when you obeyed the truth, so now you must show sincere love to each other as brothers and sisters. Love each other deeply with all your heart. — 1Peter 1:22

NOTES:

MESSAGE SERIES: REVELATION

Text: Revelation 20:1-10

Title: A Chain, Thrones, and Satan's End

Speaker: Dave O'Connell

¹I saw an angel coming down out of heaven, having the key to the Abyss and holding in his hand a great chain. ² He seized the dragon, that ancient serpent, who is the devil, or Satan, and bound him for a thousand years. ³ He threw him into the Abyss, and locked and sealed it over him, to keep him from deceiving the nations anymore until the thousand years were ended. After that, he must be set free for a short time.

⁴ I saw thrones on which were seated those who had been given authority to judge. And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded because of their testimony about Jesus and because of the word of God, and those who had not worshiped the beast or its image and had not received its mark on their foreheads or their hands. They came to life and reigned with Christ a thousand years. ⁵ (The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were ended.) This is the first resurrection. ⁶ Blessed and holy are those who share in the first resurrection. The second death has no power over them, but they will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with him for a thousand years.

⁷ When the thousand years are over, Satan will be released from his prison 8 and will go out to deceive the nations in the four corners of the earth—Gog and Magog—and to gather them for battle. In number they are like the sand on the seashore. ⁹ They marched across the breadth of the earth and surrounded the camp of God's people, the city he loves. But fire came down from heaven and devoured them. ¹⁰ And the devil, who deceived them, was thrown into the lake of burning sulfur, where the beast and the false prophet had been thrown. They will be tormented day and night for ever and ever.

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



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

Before the Throne of God Above — *CL Bancroft | Vikki Cook | Sovereign Grace Worship*Before the throne of God above
I have a strong and perfect plea
A great High Priest whose name is love
Who ever lives and pleads for me
My name is graven on His hands

My name is written on His heart I know that while in heav'n He stands No tongue can bid me thence depart No tongue can bid me thence depart

When Satan tempts me to despair And tells me of the guilt within Upward I look and see Him there Who made an end of all my sin Because the sinless Savior died My sinful soul is counted free For God, the Just, is satisfied

For God, the Just, is satisfied
To look on Him and pardon me
To look on Him and pardon me

Behold Him there! The risen Lamb My perfect, spotless, Righteousness The Great unchangeable I AM The King of Glory and of Grace One with Himself I cannot die My soul is purchased by His blood My life is hid with Christ on high With Christ my Savior and my God With Christ my Savior and my God

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 outr 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.

COMMUNION

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 to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls."

— Matthew 11:28-29

Sending

Everlasting God — *Chris Tomlin* Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord We will wait upon the Lord We will wait upon the Lord

Our God, You reign forever Our hope, our strong deliverer

You are the Everlasting God, the Everlasting God You do not faint, you won't grow weary You're the defender of the weak You comfort those in need You lift us up on wings like eagles

BENEDICTION — Revelation 1:5b-6

All glory to him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by shedding his blood for us. He has made us a Kingdom of priests for God his Father. All glory and power to him forever and ever! **Amen**

Announcements

CSC Golf Tournament Fundraiser is back! October 7 at Meadowmeer Golf Club All proceeds benefit the Ensenada Homebuilding Trip. The format will be a fourperson scramble. Details to come - stay tuned!

The Coffee Oasis is looking for snacks for lunches and after school. Please drop off at the church office by Monday August 28th. They are also looking for volunteers for their back to school bash on Wednesday August 23rd. If you have any questions contact Rachel Long at rloop4@icloud.com.

Shoe Collection for Cuba Our Missions Team is collecting shoes... please consider collecting any shoes that still have life left and bring them to the church office. Shannon Roa will be announcing details next week - stay tuned! Thank you!

Men's Ministry *email Dave Sellers at <u>dave@crosssound.org</u> with questions*

- MEN'S RETREAT SEPT 15 17, 2023 AT FORT WORDEN: SAVE THE DAT This year's speaker is Dr. Dan Jarrell, Former pastor of ChangePoint in Anchorage, AK (largest church in Alaska), focused on the theme: "Living Dangerously for God." How we become the type of men that are effective tools in the hands of our King? SIGN UP TODAY! Follow QR >
- Or follow this link: bit.ly/CSCMensRetreat2023 (The first 26 men to sign up will get private rooms, after that they will be in semi private room or bunk room.)
- BIBLE STUDY Fridays at 6:30am via Zoom. Email brian@crosssound.org for info
- MEN'S BREAKFAST Second Saturday of the month. 8am at the Church Office.

Women's Ministry Questions? email Ashley Devynyns at ashley@crosssound.org

- PICNIC WITH A PURPOSE: TODAY!! Don't miss this beloved tradition! Join us at Barb Ames' home as we collect backpacks and donations for Project Backpack.
- PROJECT BACKPACK DRIVE: Please help us collect 100 backpacks for 7th-12th grade students by August 9. For more info: bit.ly/ProjectBackpack2023
- SOUND OF SUMMER CONCERT, AUGUST 30 AT 6:30PM: Bring a blanket, lawn chair and a snack to share as we gather at Battle Point for the final Sound of Summer concert! More info at: bit.ly/CSCSUmmerConcert2023

GriefShare returns Thursdays starting September 7. A support group for people experiencing grief after death of a loved one. Weekly video seminars are offered, featuring some of the nation's foremost experts on grief recovery, along with small group discussion time. GriefShare is a Christ-centered ministry, now an 11-week Program designed to help you rebuild your life. It is open to new participants at any time during the cycle. We know it hurts, and we want to help. For info and/or registration call Sue MacFarlane 206-714-5986 or jimorsuemac@hotmail.com.

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.