



My life is a witness to vulgar grace — a grace that amazes as it offends. A grace that pays the eager beaver who works all day long the same wage as the grinning drunk who shows up at ten till five. A grace that hikes up the robe and runs breakneck toward the prodigal reeking of sin and wraps him up and decides to throw a party, no ifs, ands, or buts. A grace that raises bloodshot eyes to a dying thief’s request — “Please, remember me” — and assures him, “You bet!”...This vulgar grace is indiscriminate compassion. It works without asking anything of us. It’s not cheap. It’s free, and as such will always be a banana peel for the orthodox foot and a fairy tale for the grown-up sensibility. Grace is sufficient even though we huff and puff with all our might to try and find something or someone that it cannot cover. Grace is enough...

—

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

LENT

The death and resurrection of Jesus Christ are at the heart of the gospel, and Good Friday and Easter are two of the most significant celebrations of the year. Lent is a season of preparation and repentance during which we anticipate Good Friday and Easter. Just as we carefully prepare for big events in our personal lives, such as a wedding or graduation, Lent invites us to make us ready for remembering Jesus' death and celebrating Jesus' resurrection. The practice of a forty-day preparation period began in the Church during the third and fourth centuries. The number forty carries biblical significance based on the forty years Israel spent in the wilderness and Jesus' forty-day fast in the wilderness. The forty days of Lent begin on Ash Wednesday and continue through holy week, not counting Sundays (which are always days of feasting, celebrating in worship.)

CALL TO WORSHIP — Psalm 67:1-5

May God be gracious to us and bless us
and make his face to shine upon us, Selah
that your way may be known on earth,
your saving power among all nations.
Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you!
Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide the nations upon earth. Selah
Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise 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.

**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.**

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON AND RECEIVING OF GRACE

Your life is hidden in Christ,
in whose death you have died to sin,
and in whose rising you live chosen and beloved. May he forgive your sins, renew
you in his Spirit, and rule your heart in peace,
Amen.

— based on Colossians 3:3

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in whose death you have died to sin,
and in whose rising you live chosen and beloved.
May he forgive your sins, renew you in his Spirit, a
nd rule your heart in peace,
Amen.

Our God — Chris Tomlin

Water you turned into wine, Opened the eyes of the blind,
There's no one like you, None like you

Into the darkness you shine, Out of the ashes we rise
There's no one like you, None like you

*Our God is greater, Our God is stronger,
God you are higher than any other.
Our God is Healer, Awesome in power,
Our God, Our God*

Into the darkness you shine, Out of the ashes we rise
There's no one like you, None like you

Chorus (x2)

And if our God is for us, Then who could ever stop us,
And if our God is with us, Then what could stand against
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Chorus (x2)

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.

Your Are My Vision

You are my vision, O King of my heart.
Nothing else satisfies, only You, Lord.
You are my best thought by day or by night.
Waking or sleeping, Your presence, my light.
Oh, oh, oh. Oh, oh, oh.

You are my wisdom, You are my true word,
I'm ever with You, and You with me Lord:
You're my great Father, and I'm Your true son,
You dwell inside me, together we're one.
Oh, oh, oh. Oh, oh, oh.

You are my battle-shield, sword for the fight:
You are my dignity, You're my delight;
You're my souls shelter and You're my high tower.
Come raise me heavenward O Power of my power.
Oh, oh, oh. Oh, oh, oh.

I don't want riches or man's empty praise:
You're my inheritance, now and always;
You, and You only, the first in my heart:
High King of heaven, my treasure You are.
Oh, oh, oh. Oh, oh, oh.

High King of heaven, when victory's won,
May I reach heaven's joy, O bright heaven's Son.
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.
Oh, oh, oh. Oh, oh, oh.

Way Maker — Sinach, Arrangement by Leeland

You are here, moving in our midst, I worship You, I worship You
You are here, working in this place, I worship You, I worship You

*You are Way Maker, Miracle Worker, Promise Keeper,
Light in the darkness, My God, that is who You are
You are Way Maker, Miracle Worker, Promise Keeper,
Light in the darkness, My God, that is who You are*

You are here, touching every heart, I worship You, I worship You
You are here, healing every heart, I worship You, I worship You
You are here, turning lives around, I worship You, I worship You
You are here, mending every heart, I worship You, I worship You

Chorus

Even when I don't see it, You're working,
Even when I don't feel it, You're working
You never stop, never stop working,
You never stop, never stop working
Even when I don't see it, You're working,
Even when I don't feel it, You're working
You never stop, never stop working,
You never stop, never stop working

Chorus

*That is who You are That is who You are,
That is who You are That is who You are
That is who You are That is who You are,
That is who You are That is who You are*

TUESDAY AFTERNOON STORY — Diane Hoefl

ANNOUNCEMENTS, STUDENT DISMISSAL & GREETING

Please stand and introduce yourself to one another.

It has been the practice of the church for thousands of years to have portions of the Bible read during worship services. We do this because we are people who need to be shaped by all of God's word.

With the exception of the nursery, all students begin in the worship service. Upon dismissal students may proceed to their individual classes: Nursery Rm 234, Preschool Rm 232, K-1st Rm 231, 2-4th Rm 229, 5-6th Rm 231

Text: Luke 15:1-2, 11-31

Title: The Running Father

Speaker: Dave Sellers

Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear him. ² And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, “This man receives sinners and eats with them.”....

And he said, “There was a man who had two sons. ¹² And the younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of property that is coming to me.’ And he divided his property between them. ¹³ Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took a journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in reckless living. ¹⁴ And when he had spent everything, a severe famine arose in that country, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵ So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. ¹⁶ And he was longing to be fed with the pods that the pigs ate, and no one gave him anything.

“But when he came to himself, he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired servants have more than enough bread, but I perish here with hunger! ¹⁸ I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. ¹⁹ I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants.”’ ²⁰ And he arose and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. ²¹ And the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ ²² But the father said to his servants, ‘Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet. ²³ And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate. ²⁴ For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.’ And they began to celebrate.

“Now his older son was in the field, and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶ And he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant. ²⁷ And he said to him, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fattened calf, because he has received him back safe and sound.’ ²⁸ But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, ²⁹ but he answered his father, ‘Look, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command, yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might celebrate with my friends. ³⁰ But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him!’ ³¹ And he said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. ³² It was fitting to celebrate and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.’”

QUOTES

I have come to know a God whose Son made prodigals the heroes of his stories and the trophies of his ministry. God loves people because of who God is, not because of who we are. – Philip Yancey

The younger son can only come to himself when he realizes the extent to which he has been cherished and loved. –Henri Nouwen

“Repentance is not usually a moment wrought in high drama. It is the steady drumbeat of a life in Christ and, therefore, a day in Christ.”–Tish Harrison Warren

“I asked her what was so scary about unmerited free grace? She replied something like this: “If I was saved by my good works -- then there would be a limit to what God could ask of me or put me through. I would be like a taxpayer with rights. I would have done my duty and now I would deserve a certain quality of life. But if it is really true that I am a sinner saved by sheer grace -- at God’s infinite cost -- then there’s nothing he cannot ask of me.”— Tim Keller

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”).*

“When Jesus wanted to explain to his disciples what his death was all about, he didn’t give them a theory, he gave them a meal.” – NT Wright

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



Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth,
where moth and rust consume
and where thieves break in and steal;
but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven,
where neither moth nor rust consumes
and where thieves do not break in and steal.
For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

— Matthew 6:19-20

How Deep The Father's Love For Us — Stuart Townend

How deep the Father's love for us, How vast beyond all measure
That He would give His only Son, To make a wretch His treasure
How great the pain of sear ing loss, The Father turns His face away
As wounds which mar the chosen One, Bring many sons to glory

Behold the Man upon a cross, My sin upon His shoulders
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice, Call out among the scoffers
It was my sin that held Him there, Until it was accomplished
His dying breath has brought me life, I know that it is finished

I will not boast in anything, No gifts, no powers, no wisdom
But I will boast in Jesus Christ, His death and resurrection
Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer
But this I know with all my heart, His wounds have paid my ransom

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

Pass The Promise

I will pray rejoicing from my heart, Pray rejoicing from my heart
For in Him my victory's lifted high, His salvation is my cry
He has overcome my enemies, Our praises scorn the enemy
I delight in His deliverance, The Lord is our deliverance

*Pass the promise, To our sons and daughters,
God most high, God our Father, We bear witness*

There is no one holy like the Lord, Holy, holy is the Lord
Our rock and refuge is our God, All the earth belongs to God
Do not speak with pride of noble deeds, For the Lord will weigh our every deed
See the strong have lost, the weak have gained, And from the dust my life He raised

*Pass the promise, To our sons and daughters,
God most high, God our Father, We bear witness*

He will guard the feet of faithful ones, He will hold His faithful ones
But the wicked they will not prevail, Not by might will man prevail
He is coming soon to judge the earth, He is coming soon to judge the earth
For the Lord gives power to His King, All Strength to His Anointed King

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BENEDICTION — Colossians 3:17

Whatever you do, in word or deed,
do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus,
giving thanks to God the Father through him.

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 22: Comedy Night Fundraiser! A Free dinner with Benefit Auction, supporting Young Life BINK, featuring Comedian Robert G Lee. 8595 East Day Road, BI at 6pm. Pre-Registrater at bink.younglifetickets.com/comedy-night

March 23: Small Group Leader's Meeting Please join us for this collaborative leader's meeting on Saturday, March 23, 9am-11:30am at the church office.

March 24: Palm Sunday CSC Kids lead us into worship with the waiving of Palm Branches. Please arrive a few minutes early - it's a sweet tradition!

March 29: Good Friday Service at 7pm at the HS Theater The service of Tenebrae, meaning "darkness" or "shadows," has been practiced by the church since medieval times. Tenebrae is a liturgical service of meditation on Christ's suffering with readings, silence, and song. It is a worship service where we contemplate the cost of our salvation, the love of Christ for us, as we wait for the resurrection and victory of Easter. *No RSVP needed.*

March 30: Egg Dash - 10am-noon at Woodward Middle School Field

We're putting on the annual BI Egg Dash in partnership with New Life again this year. This is a great way to bless our community and we need your help! The eggs are stuffed (thank you Youth Groups!) but we still need a lot of help on the day of the event - please sign up here: <https://bit.ly/bieggdash2024> or follow the QR Code>>



March 31: Easter Service & Annual Prue House Potluck He Is Risen! Bring a friend and celebrate with us! You are also invited to an Easter Potluck at Prue House, directly following service. Bring something to share. See you there!

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: katiepearson@crosssound.org.*



Save the date - Summer Activities!

JUNE 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.

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: _____

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.