



In 1938... I was suffering from splitting headaches; each sound hurt me like a blow... I discovered the poem... called 'Love' (by George Herbert) which I learnt by heart. Often, at the culminating point of a violent headache, I made myself say it over, concentrating all my attention upon it and clinging with all my soul to the tenderness it enshrines. I used to think I was merely reciting it as a beautiful poem, but without my knowing it the recitation had the virtue of a prayer. It was during one of these recitations that Christ himself came down and took possession of me. In my arguments about the insolubility of the problem of God I had never foreseen the possibility of that, of a real contact, person to person, here below, between human being and God.

Simone Weil, Waiting for God

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 — Joel 2:28-32a

“And afterward,

I will pour out my Spirit on all people.

Your sons and daughters will prophesy,
your old men will dream dreams,
your young men will see visions.

Even on my servants, both men and women,
I will pour out my Spirit in those days.

I will show wonders in the heavens
and on the earth,
blood and fire and billows of smoke.

The sun will be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood
before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD.

And everyone who calls
on the name of the LORD will be saved.

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 we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed. By what we have done
and what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

We confess and repent.

**For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name.**

Amen

Renewing

ASSURANCE OF PARDON AND RECEIVING OF GRACE

May God, who has known you all the days of your life,
and sees you as a new creation with a clean heart,
grant you forgiveness, healing and peace
through the death and resurrection of his Son
and the life-giving power of the Holy Spirit.
— Isaiah 1:18

Before the Throne of God Above— *Words: Charitie L. Bancroft (1863)*

Before the throne of God above,
I have a strong, a 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 to all my sin.
Because the sinless Savior died,
My sinful soul is counted free;
For God, the Just, is satisfied
To look on Him and pardon me.
To look on Him and pardon me.

Alleluia, Alleluia! Praise the One, risen Son of God!

Behold Him there! the risen Lamb,
My perfect, spotless Righteousness,
The great unchangeable I AM,
The Kind 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.

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.

Cornerstone — *Hillsong United*

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame
But wholly trust in Jesus' name

*Christ alone, Cornerstone
Weak made strong in the Savior's love
Through the storm
He is Lord, Lord of all*

When darkness seems to hide his face
I rest on His unchanging grace
In every high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil
My anchor holds within the veil

When He shall come with trumpet sound
Oh may I then in Him be found
Dressed in His righteousness alone
Faultless to stand before the throne

On Christ the solid rock I stand
All other ground is sinking sand,
All other ground is sinking sand

Sing to the King — *Billy Foote*

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

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

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS, STUDENT DISMISSAL & GREETING

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

Text: John 14:25-31

Title: Peace

Speaker: Dave Sellers

“These things I have spoken to you while I am still with you. ²⁶ But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you. ²⁷ Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid. ²⁸ You heard me say to you, ‘I am going away, and I will come to you.’ If you loved me, you would have rejoiced, because I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. ²⁹ And now I have told you before it takes place, so that when it does take place you may believe. ³⁰ I will no longer talk much with you, for the ruler of this world is coming. He has no claim on me, ³¹ but I do as the Father has commanded me, so that the world may know that I love the Father. Rise, let us go from here.

COMMUNION

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



No one gives oneself freely and willingly to God's service unless,
having tasted the Father's love, that one is drawn in love
and worships God in return.

Great Rejoicing — *Thad Cockrell*

There's gonna be a great rejoicing
There's gonna be a great rejoicing

The troubles of this world, Will wither up and die
That river of tears made by the lonely, Someday will be dry
There's gonna be a great rejoicing

There's gonna be a great joy river
There's gonna be a great joy river

Questions of this world
Someday will be known
Who's robbing you of peace
And who's the giver
There's gonna be a great joy river

Someday you will find me, Guarded in His fortress
Open heart and singing, Such a joyful sound
Someday we will gather, In a grand reunion
Debts of this old world, Are nowhere to be found
Nowhere to be found

There's gonna be a great rejoicing
There's gonna be a great rejoicing

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

In Christ Alone — Music: Keith Getty; Lyrics: Stuart Townend, 2001

In Christ alone my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my song
This cornerstone, this solid ground, Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love, what depths of peace, When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My comforter, my all in all, Here in the love of Christ I stand

In Christ alone! – who took on flesh, Fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness, Scorned by the ones He came to save
Till on that cross as Jesus died, The wrath of God was satisfied –
For every sin on Him was laid: Here in the death of Christ I live

There in the ground His body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious day, Up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory, Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine – Bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life, no fear in death, This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell, no scheme of man, Can ever pluck me from His hand
Till he returns or calls me home, Here in the power of Christ I'll stand!

BENEDICTION — Numbers 6:24-26

The LORD bless you and keep you;
the LORD make his face to shine upon you
and be gracious to you;
the LORD lift up his countenance upon you
and give you peace. **Amen.**

Announcements

Ash Wednesday Service February 22, 7pm CSC at 600 Ericksen Ave, BI Ash Wednesday is the first day of Lent, the 40 days leading to Easter. This is a service that marks the beginning of gospel renewal in our lives.

5th-8th Miracle Ranch Summer Camp will be happening from Friday, June 23rd to Sunday, the 25th. The cost will be \$225 plus \$34 per add-on activity (Horseback Riding, Paintball, and High ropes course). Those currently in 5th grade through 8th grade are welcome to sign-up. A sign-up email will be out shortly.

High School Summer Immersion Servant Leadership Camp is happening July 15- 22. We are partnering with Sacred Roads again and serving the Warm Springs Nation. If you are interested in going text or email Josh and come to the mandatory information meeting on Sunday, March 5th after church in the BHS Library.

Summer in the USA: Basque exchange program: For anyone interested in hosting a Basque high school student for the month of July. If you are interested in participating or praying for the program, email crosssound@summerintheusa.org.

Women's Ministry: Join us for IF Gathering 2023: DISCOUNTED SIGN UP THROUGH FEB 20! at Gateway Fellowship in Poulso on Friday, March 3rd (6pm-9:30) and Saturday, March 4th (8am-3:30). You won't want to miss out on an opportunity for incredible teaching, worship and fellowship in the Word. Go to bit.ly/ifpoulso to register locally.

Women's Bible Study Join us at the church office this week! This winter we are studying "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) RETURNS weekly Thursdays Mar 2—May 25, 2023 from 9:45am- Noon at the Church Office. Adults on Bainbridge Island and beyond who recently or in past have lost a spouse, child, family member, neighbor or friend can find comfort, hope and renewed purpose through a weekly video and discussions in a safe and comfortable environment. Confidentiality is stressed and valued. GS can be very helpful learning what is normal and how to go forward when you are stuck in grief. For information and registration contact: Sue MacFarlane
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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.