



In the resurrection we have the presence of the future. The power by which God will finally destroy all suffering, evil, deformity, and death at the end of time has broken into history now, and is available—partially but substantially—now.

When we unite with the risen Christ by faith, that future power that is potent enough to remake the universe comes into us.

—

Tim Keller

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.

Renewing

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

“Come now, let’s settle this,” says the Lord.
“Though your sins are like scarlet, I will
make them as white as snow.
Though they are red like crimson, I will
make them as white as wool.

Because of Jesus Christ,
And in Jesus Christ,
You are Forgiven.
Be at Peace. **Amen.**

Agnus Dei — *Michael W. Smith*

Alleluia, Alleluia
For the Lord God Almighty reigns
Alleluia, Alleluia
For the Lord God Almighty reigns
Alleluia
Holy, holy are you Lord God Almighty
Worthy is the Lamb, worthy is the Lamb
You are holy,
Holy are you Lord God Almighty
Worthy is the Lamb, worthy is the Lamb
Amen

Continue to Love Me — *Michelle Patterson*

Continue to love me, with that same love
Righteous and unchanging
Continue to love me, with that same love
Priceless and unfailing

Your love, it reaches to the sky
Your righteousness, a mountain high
How priceless, Your unending love
Both high and low among men
Take cover under Your wings
How priceless, Your unending love

How priceless, Your unending love
How priceless, Your unending love

All Creatures of Our God and King

All creatures of our God and King
Lift up your voice and with us sing
Alleluia, Alleluia!

Thou burning sun with golden beam
Thou silver moon with softer gleam
O praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Thou rushing wind that art so strong
Ye clouds that sail in heaven along
O praise Him, Alleluia!
Thou rising moon in praise rejoice
Ye lights of evening find a voice
O praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

And all ye men of tender heart
Forgiving others take your part
O, sing ye, Alleluia!
Ye who long pain and sorrow bear
Praise God and on Him cast you care
O praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless
And worship Him in humbleness
O praise Him, Alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son
And praise the Spirit, Three in One!
O praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

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.

GIVING THANKS

How Blessed is God! And what a blessing He is!
He's the Father of our Master, Jesus Christ,
and takes us to the high places of blessing in Him.

Long before He laid down earth's foundations,
He had us in mind, had settled on us as the focus of
His love, to be made whole and holy by His love.

Long, long ago, He decided to adopt us into His family
Through Jesus Christ. (What pleasure He took in planning this!)
He wanted us to enter into the celebration of
His lavish gift-giving by the hand of His beloved Son.

*Lord God, how magnificent you have been to us!
Together, we bring you our joy, our thanks, and our praise!*

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Ephesians 1:3-6 (The Message)

ANNOUNCEMENTS, STUDENT DISMISSAL & GREETING

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

Love one another deeply from the heart.
— 1Peter 1:22

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

MESSAGE SERIES: A MAN CALLED LOVE

Title: The Man Who Missed Easter

Text: John 20:19-21 & 24-31

Speaker: Dave O'Connell

When it was evening on that first day of the week, the disciples were gathered together with the doors locked because they feared the Jews. Jesus came, stood among them, and said to them, "Peace be with you."²⁰ Having said this, he showed them his hands and his side. So, the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.²¹ Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, I also send you."

²⁴ But Thomas, one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came.²⁵ So the other disciples were telling him, "We've seen the Lord!" But he said to them, "If I don't see the mark of the nails in his hands, put my finger into the mark of the nails, and put my hand into his side, I will never believe."²⁶ A week later his disciples were indoors again, and Thomas was with them. Even though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you."²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and look at my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Don't be faithless, but believe."²⁸ Thomas responded to him, "My Lord and my God!"²⁹ Jesus said, "Because you have seen me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe."

³⁰ Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book.³¹ But these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

NOTES:

COMMUNION

The Son of Man came not to be served but to serve,
And to give his life as a ransom for many.
— Mark 10:35

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

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



Keep company with God and learn a life of love. Observe how Christ loved
us. His love was not cautious but extravagant. He didn't love in order to get
something from us but to give everything of himself to us. Love like that.
— Ephesians 5:1-2 (The Message)

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”).

Near the Cross

Jesus, keep me near the cross, There a precious fountain—
Free to all, a healing stream — Flows from Calv'ry's mountain.

*In the cross, in the cross, Be my glory ever;
Till my raptured soul shall find, Rest beyond the river.*

Near the cross, a trembling soul, Love and Mercy found me;
There the bright and morning star, Sheds its beams around me.

Near the cross! O Lamb of God, Bring its scenes before me;
Help me walk from day to day, With its shadows o'er me.

Near the cross I'll watch and wait, Hoping, trusting ever,
Till I reach the golden strand, Just beyond the river.

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

Your Labor is Not in Vain — *Wendell Kimbrough/Paul Zach/Isaac Wardell*

Your labor is not in vain
though the ground underneath you is cursed and stained
Your planting and reaping are never the same
But your labor is not in vain.

Your labor is not unknown
though the rocks they cry out and the sea it may groan.
The place of your toil may not seem like a home
but your labor is not unknown. (refrain)

*For I am with you, I am with you.
I am with you, I am with you
For I have called you, called you by name
Your labor is not in vain.*

The vineyards you plant will bear fruit
the fields will sing out and rejoice with the truth,
for all that is old will at last be made new:
the vineyards you plant will bear fruit. (refrain)

The houses you labored to build
will finally with laughter and joy be filled.
The serpent that hurts and destroys shall be killed
and all that is broken be healed.

BENEDICTION

May the blessing of God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
Be upon you, both now and forevermore.
Amen.

Announcements

School of Discipleship: Cultivating The Fruit of The Spirit A 6-week class on becoming Christ-like in both our inner and outer life. Join Katie Pearson and Dave O'Connell as we seek to cultivate love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. 9:00am till 9:45am on Sundays in the BHS Library. Begins Sunday, April 16th.

Men's Ministry

- MEN'S BREAKFAST: Second Saturday of the month @ 8am at the Church Office
- MEN'S HANGOUT: April 20, 5pm @ Tree House Cafe for pizza and connection

Women's Ministry

- BIBLE STUDY: Mondays at 6:30pm / Wednesdays at 9:15am
- SPRING RETREAT: The Ministry of Storytelling at Harmony Hill, April 21-22. The focus this year is The Ministry of Storytelling led by Katie Pearson. For info: bit.ly/crosssoundwomen Questions? Email Ashley@CrossSound.org

Confirmation Class: April 30, May 7, May 14, May 21 (Baptism option Sunday June 11)

5th–8th graders are invited to learn more about what we believe and why. These (We also offer this course as a preparation for baptism for those who have not yet had that opportunity). For more information contact bobbi@crosssound.org

Upcoming Mission Trip to Mexico City We will be visiting our sister church, El Redentor, and missionaries, Victor and Teresa Cruz in Mexico City, May 18-22. We will be building relationships and serving alongside them in order to be a blessing. If you are interested in joining the trip, email Jason: jason@4longs.com

CS Kids Camp: July 10-14... an unforgettable experience for kids ages Pre-K through 5th grade! We will play games, engage in worship, make new friends - all while learning about Jesus! (registration link coming soon)

CS Youth Events Email Josh@crosssound.org for details.

- 5TH-8TH MIRACLE RANCH SUMMER CAMP: JUNE 23-25 Currently in 5th through 8th grade. Includes Horseback Riding, Paintball, and High ropes course!
- HS SUMMER IMMERSION SERVANT LEADERSHIP CAMP: JULY 15-22 We are partnering with Sacred Roads again and serving the Warm Springs Nation.

GriefShare (GS) Has Begun: Thursdays through May 25, 2023 from 9:45am-12pm at the CSC Office. Contact Sue MacFarlane 206-714-5986 or jimorsuemac@hotmail.com

Worship Position Available: CSC is in search of a lead musician who is passionate and gifted in leading worship and inviting other musicians to be part of the team.

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.