

# The ultimate test of our spirituality is the measure of our amazement at the grace of God. Martyn Lloyd-Jones

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# 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 - Psalm 89:1-2 & 14-15

I will sing of the Lord's unfailing love forever! Young and old will hear of your faithfulness. Your unfailing love will last forever. Your faithfulness is as enduring as the heavens.

Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne.

Unfailing love and truth walk before you as attendants.

Happy are those who hear the joyful call to worship,

for they will walk in the light of your presence.

# 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.

Gracious Father,

We acknowledge and confess before you our sinful nature, our shortcomings, and offenses. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your way, in wasting your gifts, and in forgetting your love. Forgive us, dear Father.

In your love, please renew us in your grace, and remind our forgetful hearts that Jesus bore our every sin upon the cross. Allow us to joyfully look to Him, who is all-together beautiful and good.

We ask these things in His name, Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON AND RECEIVING OF GRACE

Jesus Christ gave his life to free us from every kind of sin, to cleanse us, and to make us his very own people. — Titus 2:14

So now there is no condemnation for those who belong to Christ Jesus... Nothing can ever separate us from God's love.

---- Romans 8:1 & 38

# Come, Now Is The Time For 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

# Mighty to Save

Everyone needs compassion, a love that's never failing, Let mercy fall on us Everyone needs forgiveness, the kindness of a Savior. The hope of nations

Savior, He can move the mountains. Our God is mighty to save. He is mighty to save Forever, author of salvation, He rose and conquered the grave Jesus conquered the grave

So take us as You find us, all our fears and failures, Fill our lives again We give our lives to follow everything we believe in, Now we surrender

Chorus

Shine your light and let the whole world see, we're singing For the glory of the risen King Jesus Shine your light and let the whole world see, we're singing. For the glory of the risen King

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.

### **Run To the Father**

I've carried a burden for too long on my own, I wasn't created to bear it alone I hear Your invitation to let it all go I see it now, I'm laying it down And I know that I need You

I run to the Father, I fall into grace, I'm done with the hiding, no reason to wait My heart needs a surgeon, my soul needs a friend, So I'll run to the Father again and again and again and again

You saw my condition, had a plan from the start, Your Son for redemption, the price for my heart And I don't have a context for that kind of love I don't understand I can't comprehend All I know is I need You

### Chorus

My heart has been in Your sights, Long before my first breath, Running into Your arms Is running to life from death And I feel this rush deep in my chest Your mercy is calling out Just as I am You pull me in And I know I need You now

Chorus x2

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

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

> > Be devoted to one another in love. — Romans 12:10

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-1<sup>st</sup> Rm 231, 2-4<sup>th</sup> Rm 229, 5-6<sup>th</sup> Rm 231.

# MESSAGE

### Series: On the Road with Jesus: Part 3 Title: The Rich & Poor Man Text: Luke 16:19-31 Speaker: David O'Connell

"There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and lived in luxury every day. <sup>20</sup> At his gate was laid a beggar named Lazarus, covered with sores <sup>21</sup> and longing to eat what fell from the rich man's table. Even the dogs came and licked his sores.

<sup>22</sup> "The time came when the beggar died and the angels carried him to Abraham's side. The rich man also died and was buried. <sup>23</sup> In Hades, where he was in torment, he looked up and saw Abraham far away, with Lazarus by his side. <sup>24</sup> So he called to him, 'Father Abraham, have pity on me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, because I am in agony in this fire.'

<sup>25</sup> "But Abraham replied, 'Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, while Lazarus received bad things, but now he is comforted here and you are in agony. <sup>26</sup> And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been set in place, so that those who want to go from here to you cannot, nor can anyone cross over from there to us.'

 $^{\rm 27}$  "He answered, 'Then I beg you, father, send Lazarus to my family,  $^{\rm 28}$  for I have five brothers. Let him warn them, so that they will not also come to this place of torment.'

<sup>29</sup> "Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the Prophets; let them listen to them.' <sup>30</sup> "No, father Abraham,' he said, 'but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.'

<sup>31</sup> "He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone rises from the dead."

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.

NOTES:

1- TWO MEN

2- TWO DESTINATIONS

3- TWO REQUESTS

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 981

Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work.

2nd Corinthians 9:7-8

**The Love of the Father** — James Ferguson & Rich Thompson Lift up your voices and lift up your praise, Join with the heavens declaring the wonders Of His faithfulness forever Sing of the victory, the hope of the world, The Savior has risen, the Spirit has come To bring us into love forever

We are the people of God, With the freedom of hope in our hearts, How great is the love of the Father

Lifted from darkness and into the light, The sons and daughters are loved at a price, Our God has made us His forever

Chorus x2

This is the song of the redeemed, The ransomed and the free, Given life at such a price, This is love, this is love And when the Father calls us home, And we see Him on the throne Hear the voices sing as one, This is love, this is love

Chorus x3



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").

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

#### John 3:16-17

He was pierced for our rebellion and crushed for our sins. He was beaten so that we could be whole. He was whipped so that we could be healed. All of us, like sheep, have strayed away. We have left God's paths to follow our own. Yet the Lord laid on him the sins of us all.

#### Isaiah 53:5-6

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

### **Graves Into Gardens**

I searched the world, But it couldn't fill me, Man's empty praise, and treasures that fade are never enough Then You came along, And put me back together, And every desire, is now satisfied, Here in Your love

Oh there's nothing better than You, There's nothing better than You Lord there's nothing, Nothing is better than You

I'm not afraid to show You my weakness My failures and flaws, Lord You've seen them all And You still call me friend Cause the God of the mountain is the God of the valley There's not a place Your mercy and grace Wont find me again

### Chorus x2

You turn mourning to dancing, You give beauty for ashes, You turn shame into glory, You're the only one who can You turn mourning to dancing, You give beauty for ashes, You turn shame into glory, You're the only one who can, You turn graves into gardens, You turn bones into armies, You turn seas into highways, You're the only one who can You're the only one who can

### Chorus x2

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You're the only one who can, You're the only one who can

# BENEDICTION

May the Father rejoice over you with gladness; May Christ Jesus renew you in His love; May the Holy Spirit give you His peace. May our triune God send us forward in His joy, to love and serve our world.

#### 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

Cross Sound Kids Sunday School Volunteers Needed! As we start the new year, we'd love to have a few more teachers and helpers in our Preschool-Kindergarten and 1st-4th grade classes, to ensure that all classes can happen every Sunday. This is such a rewarding way to serve and get to know our kids and families. Whatever frequency fits your schedule is great - once a month to once a quarter or occasional substitute. If you're interested we'd love to tell you more about what's involved. Contact Brooke@crosssound.org or Suzanne@crosssound.org

The School of Discipleship Class continues Titled: Follow Me: Finding Your Purpose and Fulfilling Your Callings in Christ. One of the questions you may ponder is, "How am I created to make a difference in the world for Jesus?" Join us Sunday evenings, 6-8pm, Jan 12—Feb 2, at the Church Office (600 Ericksen NE). Dinner and childcare provided. Please RSVP to katiepearson@crosssound.org

Jan 24: Trivia & Crepes Night Join us from 7 to 9 pm on Friday, January 24 for delicious Crêpes, trivia, and FUN as the Cuba team, Ben, Adelae, Jack, Luke, Eli, Jamie, Humberto, Josh, and Alathea raise money for their short-term mission trip to Cuba. We hope you'll partner with us as we form relationships with our sister church in Matanzas. RSVP to josh@crosssound.org or sign up on the clipboard.

Women's Ministry Bible Study has begun at the Church Office on Monday Evenings at 6:30pm (soup and salad provided) and Wednesday Mornings at 9:30am. (childcare provided) We will be studying Jesus' Sermon on the Mount with the BEMA Podcast.

Men's Ministry: Bible Study Fellowship Tuesdays at 6:30pm at the Church office (600 Ericksen Ave NE #210). 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! Sign up at www.joinbsf.org. Questions? Email Tony at merritts.wa@gmail.com.

Ongoing Missions and Activites at Cross Sound So many ways to connect!

Contemplative Yoga Evening Youth Group Men's Bible Study + Bible Study Fellowship

Monthly Men's Breakfast Men's Hangouts

Roundtable Discussions School of Discipleship Search + Rescue Mission • Kenya Small Group Suguamich Kitchen Women's Bible Study

International Ministry:

- Ensenada
- Cuba
- Mexico City

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:		
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.