



I could more easily  
contain Niagara Falls  
in a tea cup than  
comprehend the wild,  
uncontainable love  
of God.

—

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

*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 — Portions of Psalm 118

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good!

**His faithful love endures forever.**

The Lord is my strength and my song;

**The Lord is for me, so I will have no fear.**

This is the day the Lord has made.

**We will rejoice and be glad in it.**

You are my God, and I will praise you!

**You are my God, and I will exalt you!**

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good!

**His faithful love endures forever.**

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 by 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**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON AND RECEIVING OF GRACE

Oh, what joy for those whose disobedience is forgiven,  
whose sin is put out of sight!

Yes, what joy for those  
whose record the Lord has cleared of guilt.

I said to myself, "I will confess my rebellion to the Lord."

And you forgave me! All my guilt is gone.

— Psalm 32:1-2, 5 (NLT)

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

# Renewing

## **Trinity Song** — *Sandra McCracken*

Holy Father, Son and Spirit

Holy Communion, Three in One

Come with your peace, with your invitation

Bind us together in Holy Love

## **Our Great God**

Eternal God, unchanging, mysterious and unknown

Your boundless love unfailing, in grace and mercy shown

Bright seraphim in endless flight around your glorious throne

They raise their voices day and night in praise to You alone

*Hallelujah! Glory be to our great God! (2x)*

Lord we are weak and frail, helpless in the storm.

Surround us with your angels, hold us in your arms.

Our cold and ruthless enemy, his pleasure is our harm.

Rise up, oh Lord, and he will flee before our Sovereign God!

*Hallelujah! Glory be to our great God! (2x)*

Let every creature in the sea and every flying bird;

Let every mountain, every field and valley of the earth;

Let all the moons and all the stars in all the universe

Sing praises to the living God, who rules them by His word.

*Hallelujah! Glory be to our great God!*

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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.

**Come Alive (Dry Bones)** — *Lauren Daigle and Michael Farren*

Through the eyes of man it seems  
There's so much we have lost  
As we look down the road  
Where all the prodigals have walked  
And one by one the enemy  
Has whispered lies and led them off as slaves

But I know that You are God,  
Yours is the victory  
We know there is more to come  
That we may not yet see  
So with the faith You've given us  
We step into the valley unafraid

We call out the dry bones,  
"Come alive, come alive!"  
We call out to dead hearts,  
"Come alive, come alive!"  
Up out of the ashes,  
Let us see an army rise.  
We call out to dry bones,  
"Come alive!"

God of endless mercy,  
God of unrelenting love  
Rescue every daughter  
Bring us back the wayward sons  
And by Your Spirit breathe upon them  
Show the world that You alone can save

So breathe, oh breath of God  
Now breathe, oh breath of God  
Breathe, oh breath of God  
Now breathe

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: HOW PEOPLE CHANGE

**TITLE: Seeing Grace**

**TEXT: 1 Corinthians 1:4-7 (NLT)**

**Speaker: Dave O'Connell**

This letter is from Paul, chosen by the will of God to be an apostle of Christ Jesus, and from our brother Sosthenes.

I am writing to God's church in Corinth, to you who have been called by God to be his own holy people. He made you holy by means of Christ Jesus, just as he did for all people everywhere who call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, their Lord and ours.

May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ give you grace and peace.

<sup>4</sup>I always thank my God for you and for the gracious gifts he has given you, now that you belong to Christ Jesus. <sup>5</sup>Through him, God has enriched your church in every way—with all of your eloquent words and all of your knowledge. <sup>6</sup>This confirms that what I told you about Christ is true. <sup>7</sup>Now you have every spiritual gift you need as you eagerly wait for the return of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>8</sup>He will keep you strong to the end so that you will be free from all blame on the day when our Lord Jesus Christ returns. <sup>9</sup>God will do this, for he is faithful to do what he says, and he has invited you into partnership with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

OUTLINE:

I. God's Involvement

II. God's Grace

III. God's Son

OFFERING — 1 Chronicles 29:9

Then the people rejoiced because they had offered so willingly,  
for they made their offering to the Lord with a whole heart.

**There is a Fountain** — *William Cowper, 1772*

There is fountain filled with blood  
Drawn from Emmanuel's veins;  
And sinners plunged beneath that flood  
Lose all their guilty stains.

The dying thief rejoiced to see  
That fountain in his day;  
And there may I, though vile as he,  
Wash all my sins away.

Dear dying Lamb, Thy precious blood  
Shall never lose its power  
'Til all the ransomed church of God  
Be saved to sin no more.

E'er since, by faith, I saw the stream  
Thy flowing wounds supply,  
Redeeming love has been my theme,  
And shall be 'til I die.

When this poor lisping, stammering tongue  
Lies silent in the grave,  
Then in a nobler, sweeter song,  
I'll sing Thy pow'r to save.

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Offering is a way for members and friends of Cross Sound 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](http://www.crosssound.org/give) • Stock: contact [bookkeeper@crosssound.org](mailto:bookkeeper@crosssound.org)
- Mail: Cross Sound Church PO Box 11748 or 600 Ericksen Ave NE #210, Bainbridge Is., WA 98110





## CORPORATE PRAYER

Heavenly Father,

**We thank you for your redeeming love & grace,  
And for where it is found – the gift of your Son.  
Cause us to treasure Him above all others,  
And to live out our new lives in Him.**

For this, O Lord, we pray:

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Lord Jesus,

**Awaken us to the stunning nature of your sacrifice,  
And to the unfathomable depths of your love.  
Help us not to have gospel-amnesia, but to live  
In light of your presence, promises, and power.**

For this, O Lord, we pray:

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Holy Spirit,

**Thank you for being our true compass and help.  
Thank you for indwelling your people and church.  
Work in us, so that we might grow in grace & godliness.  
Work through us, so that we might be a blessing in your world.**

For this, O Lord, we pray:

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Lord God, our Triune God,

**Every day we see the pain and brokenness of this world.  
We see it in Ukraine. We see it in the aftermath of hurricanes.  
We see it in the ideologies of our day, and in our own circles and lives.  
Lord, continue to grow your kingdom and to make all things new!**

For this, O Lord, we pray:

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

## 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").*

The Son of Man came not to be served but to serve,  
And to give his life as a ransom for many. — Mark 10:45

Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters;  
And he who has no money, come, buy and eat!

Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.— Isaiah 55:1

# Sending

**Yet Not I, But Through Christ in Me** — *City Alight*

What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer,  
There is no more for heaven now to give  
He is my joy, my righteousness, and freedom,  
My steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace

*To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus, For my life is wholly bound to his  
Oh how strange and divine, I can sing: all is mine! Yet not I, but through Christ in me*

The night is dark, but I am not forsaken,  
For by my side, the Saviour He will stay  
I labour on in weakness and rejoicing,  
For in my need, His power is displayed

*To this I hold, my Shepherd will defend me, Through the deepest valley He will lead  
Oh the night has been won, and I shall overcome! Yet not I, but through Christ in me*

No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven,  
The future sure, the price it has been paid  
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon,  
And He was raised to overthrow the grave

*To this I hold, my sin has been defeated, Jesus now and ever is my plea  
Oh the chains are released, I can sing: I am free! Yet not I, but through Christ in me*

With every breath, I long to follow Jesus,  
For He has said that He will bring me home  
And day by day I know He will renew me,  
Until I stand with joy before the throne

*To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus, All the glory evermore to Him  
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat: Yet not I, but through Christ in me!*

BENEDICTION — 2nd Corinthians 13:14

May the love of the Father, the grace of the Lord Jesus,  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**Amen.**

# Announcements

**Oct 8: Men's Breakfast** 8am at the Church Office. Come and be known!



**PB+J Parade: October 16!** Every year we have the opportunity to bless our local community by collecting peanut butter and jelly donations (on Sunday mornings or at the Office) for Helpline House, and the deliver it, in-person, after church.

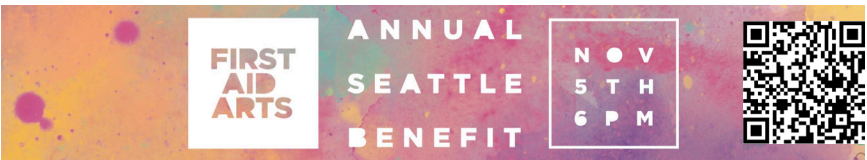


**Ensenada Auction Dinner is October 22: Sign Up Today!** Join us at Island School as we resume our annual tradition of fundraising through dinner, entertainment and auction (both live and silent)! It is so much fun, and is for the wonderful cause of building homes for those in desperate need in Ensenada.

**Women's Hike & Bite on Saturday, October 15th, 9:30am-2pm**  
Hike in the Port Gamble Forest Heritage Park and then join for a lunch around noon at Butcher and Baker Provisions. *RSVP on Church Center or email [Ashley@CrossSound.org](mailto:Ashley@CrossSound.org) with any questions.*



**FIRST AID ARTS Annual Benefit Dinner** ([www.firstaidarts.org](http://www.firstaidarts.org))  
Help children heal through beautifully strategic arts-based experiences. Saturday, Nov 5th. Tickets and info: <https://firstaidarts.ticketspice.com/2022-annual-benefit>



If you have any announcements that you would like included in the bulletin, please email [Kristin@crosssound.org](mailto: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: \_\_\_\_\_  
Second time visitor       \_\_\_\_\_ Ministry       Please add me to:  
Regular attendee       \_\_\_\_\_      Email list   
Mailing list

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number(s): \_\_\_\_\_

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*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.*