

The cure for our selfabsorption is an encounter with God. The real God is infinitely glorious, weighty, and beautiful.

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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## 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 — Revelation 19:5-7

Praise our God, all his servants, and the ones who fear him, both small and great!

Hallelujah, because our Lord God, the Almighty, reigns! Let us be glad, rejoice, and give him glory.

#### CONFESSION OF SIN — based on Psalm 51:10-11

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.

#### Heavenly Father,

Nothing is hidden from your sight. You know our weakness. You know our need. You know the depths of our sin.

Forgive us once again dear Father, For all of the ways that we have failed to love others. And for all the ways that we have failed to honor & to love you.

Turn us away from the darkness of our sin, And allow us to know the joy of walking intimately with you.

Amen.

## Renewing

#### ASSURANCE OF PARDON AND RECEIVING OF GRACE

Surely he took up our pain and bore our suffering, yet we considered him punished by God, stricken by him, and afflicted.

But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed.

We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to our own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all. — Isaiah 53:4-6

#### **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

# **King of Glory** — *David Gate*Your face outshines the brightest sun Jesus You're glorious, You are so glorious

With eyes that blaze like burning fire
Jesus You're glorious, You are so glorious

King of glory, have Your glory King of glory, have Your glory

Your voice like rushing waters sounds Jesus You're powerful, You are so powerful And in Your hands You hold the stars Jesus You're powerful, You are so powerful

#### **Is He Worthy** — Andrew Peterson

Do you feel the world is broken? (We do)

Do you feel the shadows deepen? (We do)

But do you know that all the dark won't stop the light from getting through? (We do)

Do you wish that you could see it all made new? (We do)

Is all creation groaning? (It is)
Is a new creation coming? (It is)
Is the glory of the Lord to be the light within our midst? (It is)
Is it good that we remind ourselves of this? (It is)

Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole?
Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll?
The Lion of Judah, who conquered the grave
He is David's Root and the Lamb who died to ransom the slave

Is He worthy? Is He worthy? Of all blessing and honor and glory? Is He worthy of this? (He is)

Does the Father truly love us? (He does)
Does the Spirit move among us? (He does)
And does Jesus our Messiah hold forever those he loves? (He does)
Does our God intend to dwell again with us? (He does)

Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole?
Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll?
The Lion of Judah, who conquered the grave
He is David's Root and the Lamb who died to ransom the slave
From every people and tribe, every nation and tongue
He has made us a kingdom and priests, to God to reign with his Son

Is He worthy? Is He worthy? Of all blessing and honor and glory? Is He worthy? Is He worthy of this?

He is! He is!
Is He worthy? Is He worthy?
He is! He is!
He is worthy, He is worthy
Of all blessing and honor and glory
He is worthy of this (He is)

#### HONORING OUR GRADUATING SENIORS

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS, STUDENT DISMISSAL & GREETING

Welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you.

— Romans 15.7

Be devoted to one another in love.

— Romans 12:10

#### 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

#### QUOTES:

"God gave us Revelation not to tickle our fancy, but to strengthen our hearts."

— Vern Poythress

"The cure for our self-absorption is an encounter with God. The real God is infinitely glorious, weighty, and beautiful. When God moves from being a concept to a reality, he changes our beliefs and priorities by displaying his beauty, man's sinfulness, and purifying man by grace. Once changed, we can live new lives for him." — Tim Keller

"The world dwarfs us all, but God dwarfs the world." — J.I. Packer

"The history of the universe, from creation to consummation, finds its significance in worship. God is glorious. Those who know and see Him cannot but stand in awe of Him, and worship Him with profound gratitude, joy, and satisfaction." — Vern Poythress

NOTES:

#### MESSAGE SERIES: REVELATION

Text: Revelation 5
Title: Heaven's Song
Speaker: Dave O'Connell

Then I saw in the right hand of the one seated on the throne a scroll with writing on both sides, sealed with seven seals. <sup>2</sup> I also saw a mighty angel proclaiming with a loud voice, "Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?" <sup>3</sup> But no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll or even to look in it. <sup>4</sup> I wept and wept because no one was found worthy to open the scroll or even to look in it. <sup>5</sup> Then one of the elders said to me, "Do not weep. Look, the Lion from the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered so that he is able to open the scroll and its seven seals."

<sup>6</sup> Then I saw one like a slaughtered lamb standing in the midst of the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders. He had seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent into all the earth. <sup>7</sup> He went and took the scroll out of the right hand of the one seated on the throne.

<sup>8</sup> When he took the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb. Each one had a harp and golden bowls filled with incense, which are the prayers of the saints. <sup>9</sup> And they sang a new song:

You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, because you were slaughtered, and you purchased people for God by your blood from every tribe and language and people and nation. <sup>10</sup> You made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they will reign on the earth.

<sup>11</sup> Then I looked and heard the voice of many angels around the throne, and also of the living creatures and of the elders. Their number was countless thousands, plus thousands of thousands. <sup>12</sup> They said with a loud voice,

Worthy is the Lamb who was slaughtered, to receive power and riches and wisdom and strength, and honor and glory and blessing!

<sup>13</sup> I heard every creature in heaven, on earth, under the earth, on the sea, and everything in them say,

Blessing and honor and glory and power be to the one seated on the throne, and to the Lamb, forever and ever!

<sup>14</sup> The four living creatures said, "Amen," and the elders fell down and worshipped.

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.

#### COMMUNION

The Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.

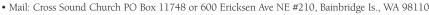
— Mark 10:35

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, 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
- $\bullet \ \, \text{Online: www.crosssound.org/give} \quad \bullet \ \, \text{Stock: contact bookkeeper@crosssound.org}$





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

— 1Chronicles 29:9

**Lion and the Lamb** — *Leeland Mooring, Brenton Brown, Brian Johnson* He's coming on the clouds, Kings and kingdoms will bow down Every chain will break, As broken hearts declare His praise For who can stop the Lord Almighty

Our God is the Lion, the Lion of Judah
He's roaring with power
And fighting our battles
And every knee will bow before Him
Our God is the Lamb, the Lamb that was slain
For the sins of the world
His blood breaks the chains
Every knee will bow before the Lion and the Lamb
Every knee will bow before Him

Open up the gates, Make way before the King of kings The God who comes to save, Is here to set the captives free For who can stop the Lord Almighty

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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 outr 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

**I'll Fly Away** — *Albert E. Brumley, 1929*Some bright morning when this life is over, I'll fly away
To that home on God's celestial shore, I'll fly away

I'll fly away, oh glory, I'll fly away When I die, Hallelujah, by and by, I'll fly away

When the shadows of this life have gone, I'll fly away Like a bird from these prison walls I'll fly, I'll fly away

Oh, how glad and happy when we meet, I'll fly away No more cold iron shackles on my feet, I'll fly away

Just a few more weary days and then, I'll fly away To a land where joys will never end, I'll fly away

BENEDICTION — Revelation 1:5-6

To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood, and has made us to be a kingdom and priests to him be glory and power for ever and ever!

And may we live together, for His praise!

Amen.

### Announcements

Flowers in memory of Don Bonker, 1937-2023

**Romjue Send Off: June 11 at Fay Bainbridge** It is bittersweet, but the Romjue's last Sunday with us is Sunday, June 11, after serving as our music leaders for 15 years. Join us after church at the Hillside Picnic Shelter at Fay Bainbridge Park for lunch and fellowship as we celebrate Curtis, Grace, Harper and Malia.

**CS Kids: Summer Volunteers Needed!** Interested in serving in Kids Ministry? We're looking to give our regularly scheduled teachers a much deserved break during the summer months and would love to have you join us upstairs (and outdoors) as we dive into God's word with our children!

#### Confirmation Class Continues: May 7, May 14, May 21

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 <a href="mailto:bobbi@crosssound.org">bobbi@crosssound.org</a>

**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! Sign up today! <a href="mailto:bit.ly/CSkidscamp2023">bit.ly/CSkidscamp2023</a> or follow this QR Code >>>



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

- 5TH-8TH MIRACLE RANCH SUMMER CAMP: JUNE 23-25
- HS SUMMER IMMERSION SERVANT LEADERSHIP: JULY 15-22

**Annual Ensenada Homebuilding Trip 2023** Every year Cross Sound Church sends a team of people to Ensenada, Mexico to build houses for families who are living in very poor housing conditions. Over the past 20 years, we've had the opportunity to build over 40 homes. Interested? Sign up here! <a href="mailto:bit.ly/ensenada2023">bit.ly/ensenada2023</a> or QR code>> Questions? please contact Stu Childers at <a href="mailto:stuart@seattlepump.com">stuart@seattlepump.com</a>.



**GriefShare (GS) Schedule Update:** GS continues Thursdays, 9:45am-12pm at the Church Office through June 1. A NEW Session will begin next Fall: Sept. 7 - November! Contact Sue MacFarlance with questions: 206-714-5986

## 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):		
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.