



Compassion is the  
sometimes fatal capacity  
for feeling what it's like  
to live inside somebody  
else's skin.

It is the knowledge that  
there can never really be  
any peace and joy for me  
until there is peace and joy  
finally for you, too.

Frederick Buechner

# 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 — Isaiah 49:13-15

Sing for joy, O heavens, and exult, O earth;  
    break forth, O mountains, into singing!  
For the LORD has comforted his people  
    and will have compassion on his afflicted.  
But Zion said, “The LORD has forsaken me;  
    my Lord has forgotten me.”  
“Can a woman forget her nursing child,  
    that she should have no compassion on the son of her womb?  
Even these may forget,  
    yet I will not forget you.

CONFESSION OF SIN

*Make confession to God the Lord, and let everyone acknowledge with me his/her sin and iniquity.*

**Lord,**

**You promise to walk with us through life, pursuing us with your goodness and mercy all day, everyday. We confess that we often doubt your compassion and care for us. When we are struggling instead of trusting you we turn to whatever will ease the pain and deaden our senses. When those around us are struggling we are impatient, lacking in compassion, uncaring about their needs and concerns. Father, forgive us.**

**Jesus, thank your compassion that brought you from heaven to earth to live among us and for us. Thank you for perfectly trusting your Father's care, even when He gave you the bitter cup of suffering to drink for us. We confess our sin...**

**Amen**

# Renewing

RECEIVING OF GRACE — 1 Peter 2:22-25 (The Message)

He never did one thing wrong,  
Not once said anything amiss.

They called him every name in the book and he said nothing back. He suffered in silence, content to let God set things right. 24 He used his servant body to carry our sins to the Cross so we could be rid of sin, free to live the right way. His wounds became your healing. 25 You were lost sheep with no idea who you were or where you were going. Now you're named and kept for good by the Shepherd of your souls.

**Come All Ye Pining, Hungry, Poor** — *Steele, Murphy*

Lord, we adore Thy boundless grace - The heights and depths unknown  
Of pardon, life, and joy, and peace, In Thy beloved Son.

*Come, all ye pining, hungry poor; The Savior's bounty taste.  
Behold a never-failing store, For every willing guest.*

O wondrous gifts of love divine, Dear Source of every good –  
Jesus, in Thee what glories shine, How rich Thy flowing blood.

Here shall your numerous wants receive, A free, a full supply;  
He has unmeasured bliss to give, And joys that never die.

**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

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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.

**Rising Sun** — *All Sons and Daughters*

Praise Him all you sinners, Sing oh sing you weary  
Oh praise Him all you children of God  
We lift high His glory, Shown throughout our stories  
We praise Him as the children of God

*Our Great Redeemer, Glorious Savior  
Your name is higher than the rising sun  
Light of the morning, You shine forever  
Your name is higher than the rising sun  
Your name is higher than the rising sun*

Praise His name forever, Speak it loud and clear now  
Oh praise Him all you children of God

*Chorus*

Hallelujah name above all, Simply to speak Your name is praise  
Hallelujah I will always forever, We lift your name in praise

JESUS STORYBOOK BIBLE

LAMENTING — Psalm 77: 1-6, 11-12 (The Message)

I yell out to my God, I yell with all my might,  
    **I yell at the top of my lungs. He listens.**  
I found myself in trouble and went looking for my Lord;  
    my life was an open wound that wouldn't heal.  
**When friends said, "Everything will turn out all right,"**  
    **I didn't believe a word they said.**  
I remember God—and shake my head.  
    I bow my head—then wring my hands.  
**I'm awake all night—not a wink of sleep;**  
    **I can't even say what's bothering me.**  
I go over the days one by one,  
    I ponder the years gone by.  
**I strum my lute all through the night,**  
    **wondering how to get my life together.**

Once again I'll go over what GOD has done,  
    lay out on the table the ancient wonders;  
**I'll ponder all the things you've accomplished,**  
    **and give a long, loving look at your acts.**

## GREETING

## QUOTES:

*'Let us not underestimate how hard it is to be compassionate. Compassion is hard because it requires the inner disposition to go with others to the place where they are weak, vulnerable, lonely, and broken. But this is not our spontaneous response to suffering. What we desire most is to do away with suffering by fleeing from it or finding a quick cure for it. . . . This means first and foremost doing something to show that our presence makes a difference. And so we ignore our greatest gift, which is our ability to enter into solidarity with those who suffer.'* —Henri JM Nouwen

*If we have no peace, it is because we have forgotten that we belong to each other.*  
— Mother Teresa

*"We must learn to regard people less in the light of what they do or omit to do, and more in the light of what they suffer."* — Dietrich Bonhoeffer, *Letters and Papers from Prison*

# Message

**Series: A New Beginning: What Now?**

**Text: Exodus 34:6-7, Matthew 9:35-36**

**Title: Compassion**

**Speaker: Dave Sellers**

And he passed in front of Moses, proclaiming, “The LORD, the LORD, the compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness, <sup>7</sup> maintaining love to thousands, and forgiving wickedness, rebellion and sin. Yet he does not leave the guilty unpunished; he punishes the children and their children for the sin of the fathers to the third and fourth generation.”

Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness. <sup>36</sup> When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.

NOTES:

OFFERING — Psalm 50:14

Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving,  
and pay your vows to the Most High.

**Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us** — *Music: William Bradbury, Lyrics: Dorothy Thrupp*

Savior, like a shepherd lead us, Much we need Your tender care  
In Your pleasant pastures feed us, For our use, Your folds prepare  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, You have bought us, Yours we are  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, You have bought us, Yours we are

We are Yours, You do befriend us, Be the guardian of our way  
Keep Your flock, from sin defend us, Seek us when we go astray  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Hear, O hear us when we pray  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Hear, O hear us when we pray

You have promised to receive us, Poor and sinful though we be  
You have mercy to relieve us, Grace to cleanse, and power to free  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Early let us turn to Thee  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Early let us turn to Thee

Early let us seek Your favor, Early let us do Your will  
Blessed Lord and only Savior, With Your love our spirits fill  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, You have loved us, love us still  
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## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

God of Compassion

**You care about those who are abused, tired, discouraged and helpless.  
Lord in your mercy bring healing to those around the world  
and in this room, who are in that place.**

For this, O Lord, we pray:

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

God of Compassion,

**You invite us to be with you  
To give us rest, quiet and hope in your presence.  
Help us to say yes to you, to spend time with you.**

For this, O Lord, we pray:

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

God of Compassion,

**bring your restoration to those suffering today:  
we pray for those in Afghanistan and Haiti, those recovering  
from Hurricane Ida, and those in hospital beds with COVID,  
Yours is the Kingdom and the power and the glory forever.**

For this, O Lord, we pray:

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

## 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, and the power,  
and the glory forever and ever, Amen.**

# Sending

**Satisfied** — *Karl Digerness*

All my life long I had panted  
For a drink from some cool spring  
That I hoped would quench the burning  
Of the thirst I felt within.

*Hallelujah! He has found me  
The One my soul so long has craved  
Jesus satisfies all my longings  
Through his blood I now am saved*

Poor I was and sought for riches  
Something that would satisfy.  
But the dust I gathered 'round me  
Only mocked my soul's sad cry

Well of water ever springing  
Bread of Life so rich and free.  
Untold wealth that never faileth  
My Redeemer is to me.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION — Jude 24-25

Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling  
and to present you blameless  
before the presence of His glory with great joy,  
to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority,  
before all time and now and forever.

Amen.

**Amen**

# Announcements

**Sunday Morning Prayer** Pray for our church, our worship service, for our community and beyond. Join us all summer long at 9am in the HS library.

**Community Group Fall Sign Ups!** Meetings from 9/5 thru 11/20. Email Roger at [irbarbers@gmail.com](mailto:irbarbers@gmail.com) to sign up! (Please indicate a group/day preference)

## Leader

Dave Sellers

Mark & Cheryl Harrison

Bob Cordell & Bill Parrott

Linda Gordon & Roger Barber

Patrick Kilby

Dave O'Connell

Fred & Robbin Kroger, Tom & Linda Hittle

## Evening

Tuesday (BI) (Kid Friendly)

Thursday (Poulsbo)

Thursday (Poulsbo) (Kid Friendly)

Saturday (BI)

Sunday at noon (BI) (Kid Friendly)

Thursday (BI) (Kid Friendly)

Sunday (BI) (Poulsbo)

**Cross Sound Kids - Two Week Break** We're so glad those of you with children are joining us. WE ARE TAKING A TWO WEEK BREAK FROM SUNDAY SCHOOL, and will be kicking off our Fall Program for Nursery-6th grade on September 12th! Your kids are an important part of our worship, they belong here, and their wiggles and noises are part of the energy God has given them. Feel free to quietly explain the parts of service, and allow them to learn how to worship by watching you. If you haven't found them already, activity sheets are available at the table by the entrance.

**Men's Ministry** SIGN UP FOR THE MEN'S RETREAT: Sept. 17-19, 2021

at Ft. Worden: <https://crosssound.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/225443>

As a church, we want to be supportive of each other via Community Groups, Men's Bible Study, small groups, worship, and friendships. JOIN US FOR BIBLE STUDY ON FRIDAY MORNINGS: email Roger at [irbarbers@gmail.com](mailto:irbarbers@gmail.com) for Zoom link

**Women's Ministry** — Join us for our fall Bible study offering: Elijah: Faith and Fire, by Priscilla Shirer. Tuesday nights (6:45-8:15pm) or Wednesday mornings (9:15-11:15am), starting September 14 and 15; at the CSC church office (600 Ericksen Dr NE, Suite 210). This is an in-person class, masks required (see below for other options). Get your book the first day of class OR grab from outside church office. *Contact Kerri if you are in need of child care to attend, or if you prefer a Zoom option:* [kerri@crosssound.org](mailto:kerri@crosssound.org); 402-770-5636.

**Ensenada!** IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO SIGN UP for building homes in Ensenada from Nov 20th through Nov 26th. We will be building two 16 x 20 homes and currently have about 30 people signed up to go. We will fly into San Diego and be transported to Ensenada where we will be staying in a YWAM (Youth with a Mission) base, about 1/2 block from the beach. The houses will take about three days to build, and we'll still have plenty of free time. Come and join us. You can sign up on the Cross Sound website, or contact [stuart@seattlepump.com](mailto:stuart@seattlepump.com).

# 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): \_\_\_\_\_

Children & their ages: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Email(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Prayer Requests/Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

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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.*