

ASTORIA COMMUNITY CHURCH

April 5, 2026
Easter Sunday
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CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Christ is risen!
People: **He is risen indeed!**
Leader: Why seek Christ among the dead?
People: **He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**
Leader: This is the hour of victory and power for our God. Alleluia!
All: **Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!**

SONG OF PRAISE

“Christ the Lord is risen today” (see insert)

PRAYER OF ADORATION

EASTER READING John 20:1-18

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance. So she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don’t know where they have put him!” So Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb. Both were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent over and looked in at the strips of linen lying there but did not go in. Then Simon Peter came along behind him and went straight into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying there, as well as the cloth that had been wrapped around Jesus’ head. The cloth was still lying in its place, separate from the linen. Finally the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed. (They still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead.) Then the disciples went back to where they were staying. Now Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus’ body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot. They asked her, “Woman, why are you crying?” “They have taken my Lord away,” she said, “and I don’t know where they have put him.” At this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realize that it was Jesus. He asked her, “Woman, why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?” Thinking he was the gardener, she said, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him.” Jesus said to her, “Mary.” She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, “Rabboni!” (which means “Teacher”). Jesus said, “Do not hold on to me, for I have

not yet ascended to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’” Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news: “I have seen the Lord!” And she told them that he had said these things to her.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

SONG OF RESPONSE

“I know that my Redeemer lives”

I know that my Redeemer lives;
What comfort this sweet sentence gives,
He lives, he lives, who once was dead,
He lives, my ever-living Head.

He lives to bless me with his love,
He lives to plead for me above.
He lives to raise me from the grave,
And me eternally to save.

He lives to silence all my fears,
He lives to wipe away my tears
He lives to calm my troubled heart,
He lives all blessings to impart.

He lives and grants me daily breath;
He lives, and I shall conquer death:
He lives my mansion to prepare;
He lives to bring me safely there.

He lives, all glory to his name!
He lives, my Jesus, still the same.
Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives,
"I know that my Redeemer lives!" **DUKE STREET: Medley**

CONFESSION OF SIN Colossians 3:1-4

Leader: Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

All: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON from 1 Corinthians 15

Hear the word of God to all who repent and truly turn to Him: “Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep,

but we will all be changed—in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed.... ‘Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?’ The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.”

SONG OF RESPONSE “Come down”

Death is ended! Oh Lord, come down!
Gospel extended. Oh Lord, come down!
Your kingdom come, your will be done!
The kingdom is now, come down.

Here we stand, Oh Lord, come down.
Your feet and hands, Oh Lord, come down.
Give us this day our daily bread!
The kingdom is now, come down.

*How will he do his work
With no hands and feet but ours?
Will justice and peace be restored?
He’s making all things new,
He is our spirit’s food,
His kingdom is now, come down.*

Our strength and shield, Oh Lord, come down.
The Spirit, our seal, Oh Lord, come down.
Forgive our debts, help us forgive!
The kingdom is now, come down.

Your grace is saving, Oh Lord, come down.
All else is failing, Oh Lord, come down.
Yours is the power, forever, amen!
The kingdom is now, come down. Michael Kendall

Children Pre-K - 3rd Grade are dismissed for Sunday school.

OLD TESTAMENT READING Jeremiah 31:1-6

“At that time,” declares the LORD, “I will be the God of all the families of Israel, and they will be my people.”

This is what the LORD says:

“The people who survive the sword
will find favor in the wilderness;
I will come to give rest to Israel.”

The LORD appeared to us in the past, saying:

“I have loved you with an everlasting love;
I have drawn you with unfailing kindness.

I will build you up again,
and you, Virgin Israel, will be rebuilt.

Again you will take up your timbrels
and go out to dance with the joyful.

Again you will plant vineyards
on the hills of Samaria;
the farmers will plant them and enjoy their fruit.

There will be a day when watchmen cry out
on the hills of Ephraim,
‘Come, let us go up to Zion, to the LORD our God.’”

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING I Corinthians 15:19-26

If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive. But each in turn: Christ, the firstfruits; then, when he comes, those who belong to him. Then the end will come, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father after he has destroyed all dominion, authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SONG OF RESPONSE “Living hope” (see insert)

BAPTISM AND RECEIVING A NEW MEMBER

L: Do you promise to remain in this faith and in the covenant of your baptism, and as a member of the Body of Christ to be faithful in the use of the Word and the Sacrament, and in prayer?

P: I do.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *The Nicene Creed*

All: I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.

And I believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God; born of the Father before all ages, God of God, Light of Light, true God of true God; begotten, not made, of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and our salvation came down from heaven. And he became flesh by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary, and was made man. He was also crucified for us, suffered under Pontius Pilate, and was buried.

And on the third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead. And of his kingdom there will be no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit—the Lord and Giver of Life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who together with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, and who spoke through the prophets—and one catholic, and apostolic church. I confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. And I await the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen!

EASTER DOXOLOGY

“Now all the vault of heav’n resounds” (insert)

PASSING THE PEACE

OFFERTORY “Christ has risen!”

Good Christians all rejoice and sing;

To all the world good news we bring.

Let all the earth in triumph say,

The Lord of Life is ours today!

For Christ is risen from the grave,

Born to be conqueror, born to save.

G.F. Handel, from Judas Maccabeus

SCRIPTURE READING Ephesians 1:15-22 *ESV*

¹⁵ For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, ¹⁶ I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, ¹⁷ that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, ¹⁸ having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, ¹⁹ and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might ²⁰ that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹ far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. ²² And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church.

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MESSAGE “Resurrection Power Now”

Jim Fredere

THE LORD’S TABLE

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts!

People: We lift them up to the Lord!

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Leader: It is always right and proper, and our moral duty, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to you, O Lord, holy Father, Almighty and Everlasting God. Therefore, with angels and archangels, and with all the inhabitants of heaven, we honor and adore your glorious name, evermore praising you and saying:

People: Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts!

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Glory be to you, O Lord, most high. Amen

The Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND PRAYER

Leader: Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us.

People: Therefore, let us keep the feast.

Leader: The gifts of God for the people of God. Come eat and drink with thanksgiving.

THE LORD’S SUPPER

Bread is gluten-free.

Outer cups - juice. Inner rings - wine.

Pews will be released from the back by ushers to come forward.

“I know it was the blood”

I know it was the blood (2x)

I know it was the blood for me.

One day when I was lost he died on the cross.

I know it was the blood for me.

They nailed him to the tree...

They pierced him in the side...

He hung his head and died...

They laid him in the tomb...

He rose up from the grave...

He reigns as King of Kings

I know it was the blood...

Traditional

EASTER OFFERING “His heart beats” (see insert)

MUSIC OF COMMITMENT

“Crown him with many crowns” (see insert)

BENEDICTION Hebrews 13:20-21

May the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, that great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

VISITORS: We are so glad that you joined us for worship. If you are a visitor, please email admin@astoriachurch.org to be added to our email list. We send out a weekly electronic newsletter and other announcement emails.

NEED PRAYER?: Leaders will be available up front after the service.

SPRING COMMUNITY GROUPS: At Astoria Community Church, deep connection happens in our Community Groups. This is where real friendships are forged and faith is strengthened. Our Spring Community Groups begin the **week of April 12th**. We continue our study in the book of Ephesians, a letter bursting with truth about our identity in Christ and the riches of his grace. The Kickasolas are doing a book study on C.S. Lewis: *The Four Loves* in the first three meetings and *The Abolition of Man* during the fourth meeting. (**Meeting dates: April 12, April 26, May 17, and May 31**) Don't miss this chance to grow closer to God and to others. Sign up in the Tuesday newsletter.

EASTER OUTREACH OFFERING: Each year leading up to Easter we highlight our missionaries and our Diaconate ministries. **This year our goal is \$15,000.** This is giving above and beyond your normal giving. **We have received 30% of our goal so far!** We will be taking up a separate offering on Easter Sunday but you can give online before then. See our website giving page which explains the various ways you can give. Please note Easter Offering with your gift. Thank you!

INTRO TO ACC: Whether you're new to ACC or have been here for a while and want to learn more, we invite you to join our next **Introduction to ACC class on April 12 and 19 at 5pm**. This is a great opportunity to learn how to become a member, discover ACC's vision and mission, ask questions and get connected. Sign up in the Tuesday Newsletter.

LET'S ROLL WITH IT!: The Women of ACC will be gathering on **Saturday, April 18 from 12-2:30 pm** to learn how to make sushi, fellowship and eat together at Irene Lu's home. Sign up link is in the newsletter.

SAVE THE DATE: On **Saturday, May 16** ACC will be showing our care for the community by volunteering with our partner organization, Hour Children, in Long Island City. More details and a sign-up sheet to follow. Questions? Please see Miriam or email her at mtielmann@gmail.com.

HELP SUPPORT NEIGHBORS WITHOUT KITCHENS: The Hour Children Food Pantry is more than just a source of groceries—it's a lifeline for many families in our community. We are accepting donations of microwavable items every Sunday for the pantry. Items may be dropped off in the box in the lobby. **We need pouches – bean/lentil, salmon, chicken, tuna and noodle soups. NO CANS, NO PEANUT BUTTER & NO COLD CEREAL please.** Questions? Please speak to Miriam or email her at mtielmann@gmail.com. Thank you for your continued generosity and compassion!

WELCOME TO ASTORIA COMMUNITY CHURCH

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Helpful Information:

God's Seeds: During worship. Nursery is provided for **newborns – 3 year olds**. Andrea Mungo, admin@astoriachurch.org.

God's Seedlings (Pre-K – 3rd Grade): Sunday School class happens 30 minutes into the worship service. Carin Fredere, ackkids@astoriachurch.org. (Sept – June)

Youth Group - Grades 6 - 12: Jim Fredere, youth@astoriachurch.org, on Fridays (Sept – June)

Community Groups
Small groups that meet on Zoom and in person for fellowship, Bible study, and prayer. Email jim@astoriachurch.org for info.

Financial Need
Members of the Diaconate team are available to meet with you if you have a financial need. Please email Diaconate@astoriachurch.org or call 718-721-3440.

English as a Second Language Classes
Saturdays 10-11:30AM (on zoom) and Wednesdays 6:30 – 8PM (in person) Info: QueensESL@gmail.com

Outreach and Helps Ministries
If you have a practical need, email Helps@astoriachurch.org. For the **Meals Ministry**, email accmeals@gmail.com. For info on service opportunities email Diaconate@astoriachurch.org.

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