

ASTORIA COMMUNITY CHURCH

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CALL TO WORSHIP from Psalm 90

Leader: Lord, you have been our dwelling place throughout all generations.

People: **Before the mountains were born or you brought forth the whole world, from everlasting to everlasting, you are God.**

Leader: You turn people back to dust, saying "Return to dust, you mortals." A thousand years in your sight are like a day that has just gone by, or like a watch in the night.

PRAYER OF ADORATION

SONG OF PRAISE

"Arise, my soul, arise" (see insert)

CALL TO CONFESSION Amos 5:12-15

For I know how many are your offenses and how great your sins. There are those who oppress the innocent and take bribes and deprive the poor of justice in the courts. Therefore the prudent keep quiet in such times, for the times are evil. Seek good, not evil, that you may live. Then the LORD God Almighty will be with you, just as you say he is. Hate evil, love good; maintain justice in the courts. Perhaps the LORD God Almighty will have mercy on the remnant of Joseph.

SILENT CONFESSION

SONG OF CONFESSION

"None other Lamb" (see insert)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON Malachi 3:17, 4:1-2

"They will be mine," says the Lord Almighty, "in the day when I make up my treasured possession. I will spare them, just as in compassion a man spares his son who serves him.... Surely the day is coming; it will burn like a furnace. All the arrogant and every evildoer will be stubble, and that day that is coming will set them on fire," says the Lord Almighty. "Not a root or a branch will be left to them. But for you who revere my name, the sun of righteousness will rise with healing in its wings."

SONG OF RESPONSE "Only a Holy God"

Who else commands all the hosts of heaven?
Who else could make every king bow down?
Who else can whisper and darkness trembles?
Only a Holy God.

What other beauty demands such praises?
What other splendour outshines the sun?
What other majesty rules with justice?
Only a Holy God.

*Come and behold him, the One and the Only.
Cry out, sing holy; forever a Holy God.
Come and worship the Holy God.*

What other glory consumes like fire?
What other power can raise the dead?
What other name remains undefeated?
Only a Holy God.

Who else could rescue me from my failing?
Who else would offer his only Son?
Who else invites me to call him, Father?
Only a Holy God.
Only my Holy God. Farren, Robinson, Smith, Thompson

****Children ages 3-Grade 5 are dismissed for Sunday school.****

OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 90:12-17

Teach us to number our days,
that we may gain a heart of wisdom.
Relent, LORD! How long will it be?
Have compassion on your servants.
Satisfy us in the morning with your unfailing love,
that we may sing for joy and be glad all our days.
Make us glad for as many days as you have afflicted us,
for as many years as we have seen trouble.
May your deeds be shown to your servants,
your splendor to their children.
May the favor of the Lord our God rest on us;
establish the work of our hands for us—
yes, establish the work of our hands.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL READING Mark 10:17-31

As Jesus started on his way, a man ran up to him and fell on his knees before him. “Good teacher,” he asked, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?” “Why do you call me good?” Jesus answered. “No one is good—except God alone. You know the commandments: ‘You shall not murder, you shall not commit adultery, you shall not steal, you shall not give false testimony, you shall not defraud, honor your father and mother.’” “Teacher,” he declared, “all these I have kept since I was a boy.” Jesus looked at him and loved him. “One thing you lack,” he said. “Go, sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.” At this the man’s face fell. He went away sad, because he had great wealth. Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How hard it is for the rich to enter the kingdom of God!” The disciples were amazed at his words. But Jesus said again, “Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.” The disciples were even more amazed, and said to each other, “Who then can be saved?” Jesus looked at them and said, “With man this is impossible, but not with God; all things are possible with God.” Then Peter spoke up, “We have left everything to follow you!” “Truly I tell you,” Jesus replied, “no one who has left home or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields for me and the gospel will fail to receive a hundred times as much in this present age: homes, brothers, sisters, mothers, children and fields—along with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last first.”

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING Hebrews 4:12-16

For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart. Nothing in all creation is hidden from God’s sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account. Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has ascended into heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin. Let us then approach

God’s throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SONG OF RESPONSE

“Jesus, I my cross have taken” (see insert)

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE**OFFERTORY****SCRIPTURE READING** Daniel 3:1-6, 13-18, 21-30 *NIV*

King Nebuchadnezzar made an image of gold, sixty cubits high and six cubits wide, and set it up on the plain of Dura in the province of Babylon. ²He then summoned the satraps, prefects, governors, advisers, treasurers, judges, magistrates and all the other provincial officials to come to the dedication of the image he had set up. ³So the satraps, prefects, governors, advisers, treasurers, judges, magistrates and all the other provincial officials assembled for the dedication of the image that King Nebuchadnezzar had set up, and they stood before it. ⁴Then the herald loudly proclaimed, “Nations and peoples of every language, this is what you are commanded to do: ⁵As soon as you hear the sound of the horn, flute, zither, lyre, harp, pipe and all kinds of music, you must fall down and worship the image of gold that King Nebuchadnezzar has set up. ⁶Whoever does not fall down and worship will immediately be thrown into a blazing furnace.”... ¹³Furious with rage, Nebuchadnezzar summoned Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego. So these men were brought before the king, ¹⁴and Nebuchadnezzar said to them, “Is it true, Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, that you do not serve my gods or worship the image of gold I have set up? ¹⁵Now when you hear the sound of the horn, flute, zither, lyre, harp, pipe and all kinds of music, if you are ready to fall down and worship the image I made, very good. But if you do not worship it, you will be thrown immediately into a blazing furnace. Then what god will be able to rescue you from my hand?” ¹⁶Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego replied to him, “King Nebuchadnezzar, we do not need to defend ourselves before you in this matter. ¹⁷If we are thrown into the blazing furnace, the God we serve is able to deliver us from it, and he will deliver us from Your Majesty’s hand. ¹⁸But even if he does not, we want you to know, Your Majesty, that we will not serve your gods or worship the image of gold you have set up.”... ²¹So these men, wearing their robes, trousers, turbans and other clothes, were bound and thrown into

the blazing furnace. ²²The king's command was so urgent and the furnace so hot that the flames of the fire killed the soldiers who took up Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, ²³and these three men, firmly tied, fell into the blazing furnace. ²⁴Then King Nebuchadnezzar leaped to his feet in amazement and asked his advisers, "Weren't there three men that we tied up and threw into the fire?" They replied, "Certainly, Your Majesty." ²⁵He said, "Look! I see four men walking around in the fire, unbound and unharmed, and the fourth looks like a son of the gods." ²⁶Nebuchadnezzar then approached the opening of the blazing furnace and shouted, "Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, servants of the Most High God, come out! Come here!" So Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego came out of the fire, ²⁷and the satraps, prefects, governors and royal advisers crowded around them. They saw that the fire had not harmed their bodies, nor was a hair of their heads singed; their robes were not scorched, and there was no smell of fire on them. ²⁸Then Nebuchadnezzar said, "Praise be to the God of Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, who has sent his angel and rescued his servants! They trusted in him and defied the king's command and were willing to give up their lives rather than serve or worship any god except their own God. ²⁹Therefore I decree that the people of any nation or language who say anything against the God of Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego be cut into pieces and their houses be turned into piles of rubble, for no other god can save in this way." ³⁰Then the king promoted Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego in the province of Babylon.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE "A fiery trial" 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.

"Send out your light"

Vindicate me, O God, and defend my cause
Against the deceitful man, O deliver us.
For you are the God in whom I take refuge.
Why have you rejected me?
I walk around confused.

*Send out your light and truth,
Let them lead me.*

*Bring me to your holy hill,
To your dwelling.*

Then I will go to the altar of God,

To God, my exceeding joy.

Then I will praise him with all my heart,

Oh my joy, my joy!

Why are you cast down low, O my soul?
Why are you cast down low, and in turmoil?
Hope in God, for I shall again praise him.
Hope in God, for he is my salvation.

Sandra McCracken, from Psalm 43

MUSIC OF COMMITMENT

"How firm a foundation" (see insert)

BENEDICTION 2 Thessalonians 3:16

Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times in every way. The Lord be with you all.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

VISITORS: We are so glad that you joined us for worship. If you are a visitor to ACC, please email admin@astoriachurch.org to be added to our email list. Or fill out a communication card at the Hospitality Table or use the QR code to the right or at the HT. We send out a weekly electronic newsletter and other announcement emails.

FALL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: ACC Members, please plan to attend our Fall Congregational Meeting on **Sunday, November 10th** shortly after the worship service in the sanctuary. We will be presenting the final numbers from fiscal year 2023-2024 and the 2024-2025 budget. And the Pastoral Search Committee will give a short update. There will be no other business conducted. Regular attenders are welcome to attend as well.

ACC MEN'S MINISTRY: Please join the men of ACC for some pool at **Break on Broadway on Thursday, October 24th at 7:00 p.m.** Please RSVP or send questions by email to [Raul raulwrojas@gmail.com](mailto:Raul.raulwrojas@gmail.com) or Sebastien at sebastien1604@gmail.com.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED ON SATURDAY

MORNINGS: Our ESL ministry is really in need of volunteers on **Saturday mornings from 9:45 - 11:30am** to help with the Zoom class. You don't need any experience or training, just a love of people and desire to help them learn English. Please contact Al at Queensesl@gmail.com.

DIAPER/ BABY WIPE DRIVE: The youngest generation in our community needs your help. For the whole **month of October** we are going to be collecting diapers and baby wipes for the Hour Children community in LIC. We are looking for **specific sizes 2, 3 and 4** for these rapidly growing little ones.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY EVENT: We invite those of us in our 50's, 60's, 70's and older to a book launch event on **Friday, October 25th from 2-3:30** at Fabrik (12-16 Vestry St 4th Floor, New York, NY 10013) Book title is **Beyond: Create a Life You Love Beyond 50, 60, 70 and More** written by some Cru staff women. Email Andrea at clarkmungo@gmail.com if you plan to go.

CIVIC DISCIPLINES CLASS: What does it look like to act Christianly in politics? Join us in the chapel **through October 20th from 12:30 - 2PM.** Grab some lunch and come back for class.

FALL COMMUNITY GROUPS: CGs have started up again! **It's not too late to join one.** We are studying the book of Daniel. Sign up link is in the newsletter.

NEW CHILDREN TO GODLY PLAY SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS: Please bring your child up the first time your child attends Sunday school class to fill out a brief registration form.

MEMBER AND REGULAR ATTENDER NEWS: We have a place in our newsletter for ACC Members and Regular Attenders to update one another on our lives and to network and share resources. Please email Andrea at admin@astoriachurch.org with any news or networking you have to share!

WELCOME TO ASTORIA COMMUNITY CHURCH

Our mission is to glorify God by learning of God, living in Christ, and loving God and our neighbors.

WORSHIP: Sundays, 10:30AM (Mixed Style) MAILING ADDRESS: P.O. Box 2102, Astoria, NY 11102

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Helpful Information:

Children and Youth Ministries

We provide nursery during our worship service. Two Sunday School classes happen on Sunday mornings. Our Youth Group meets on Fridays Sept - June. The last Sunday of every month is Family Sunday (no classes provided) and a children's bulletin is provided. See below for more info.

God's Seeds: During worship. Nursery is provided for **newborns – 3 year olds.** New Parents must register in advance. Link is in the newsletter. Andrea Mungo, admin@astoriachurch.org.

God's Seedlings (Age 3- Grade 5): During worship Sunday School class. Annette Scattoni, ackkids@astoriachurch.org.

Youth Group - Grades 6 - 12: Jim Fredere, jim@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.

Men's and Women's Ministry

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