

ASTORIA COMMUNITY CHURCH

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CALL TO WORSHIP from Psalm 34

Leader: I will bless the LORD at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

People: **My soul makes its boast in the LORD; let the humble hear and be glad.**

Leader: O magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together.

People: **I sought the LORD and he answered me and delivered me from all my fears.**

Leader: Look to him, and be radiant, so your faces shall never be ashamed.

PRAYER OF ADORATION

SONG OF PRAISE

“Have you not known” (see insert)

CALL TO CONFESSION Psalm 119:1-8

Blessed are those whose ways are blameless, who walk according to the law of the LORD. Blessed are those who keep his statutes and seek him with all their heart—they do no wrong but follow his ways. You have laid down precepts that are to be fully obeyed.

All: Oh, that my ways were steadfast in obeying your decrees! Then I would not be put to shame when I consider all your commands. I will praise you with an upright heart as I learn your righteous laws. I will obey your decrees; do not utterly forsake me.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON from Romans 8

There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life sets us free from the law of sin and death. And if the Spirit of God who raised Jesus from the dead lives in us, God who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to our mortal bodies through the Spirit, who lives in us.

SONG OF RESPONSE “How great is our God”

The splendor of the King, clothed in majesty;
Let all the earth rejoice, all the earth rejoice.
He wraps himself in light, and darkness tries to hide,
And trembles at his voice.

*How great is our God, sing with me,
How great is our God, and all will see how great,
How great, is our God.*

And age to age he stands and time is in his hands.
Beginning and the end, beginning and the end,
The Godhead, three in one; Father, Spirit, Son;
The Lion and the Lamb, The Lion and the Lamb.

Name above all names, worthy of all praise.
My heart will sing how great is our God.

Tomlin, Cash, Reeves

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Question 28 from *The Heidelberg Catechism*

Leader: How does the knowledge of God’s creation and providence help us?

People: **We can be patient when things go against us, thankful when things go well, and for the future we can have good confidence in our faithful God and Father that nothing will separate us from God’s love. All creatures are so completely in God’s hand that without the divine will they can neither move nor be moved.**

SONG OF RESPONSE “My God is so big”

My God is so big, so strong and so mighty,
There’s nothing my God cannot do. (repeat)

The mountains are his, the rivers are his
The stars are his handiwork too.
My God is so big, so strong and so mighty,
There’s nothing my God cannot do.

C. B. Robertson

OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 126

When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion,
we were like those who dreamed.
Our mouths were filled with laughter,
our tongues with songs of joy.
Then it was said among the nations,
“The LORD has done great things for them.”
The LORD has done great things for us,
and we are filled with joy.
Restore our fortunes, LORD, like streams in the Negev.
Those who sow with tears will reap with songs of joy.

Those who go out weeping, carrying seed to sow,
will return with songs of joy, carrying sheaves with
them.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL READING Mark 10:46-52

Then they came to Jericho. As Jesus and his disciples,
together with a large crowd, were leaving the city, a
blind man, Bartimaeus (which means “son of
Timaheus”), was sitting by the roadside begging. When
he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to
shout, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!”
Many rebuked him and told him to be quiet, but he
shouted all the more, “Son of David, have mercy on
me!” Jesus stopped and said, “Call him.” So they
called to the blind man, “Cheer up! On your feet! He’s
calling you.” Throwing his cloak aside, he jumped to
his feet and came to Jesus. “What do you want me to
do for you?” Jesus asked him. The blind man said,
“Rabbi, I want to see.” “Go,” said Jesus, “your faith
has healed you.” Immediately he received his sight
and followed Jesus along the road.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE READING Hebrews 7:23-28

Now there have been many of those priests, since
death prevented them from continuing in office; but
because Jesus lives forever, he has a permanent
priesthood. Therefore he is able to save completely
those who come to God through him, because he
always lives to intercede for them. Such a high
priest truly meets our need—one who is holy,
blameless, pure, set apart from sinners, exalted above
the heavens. Unlike the other high priests, he does not
need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own
sins, and then for the sins of the people. He sacrificed
for their sins once for all when he offered himself. For
the law appoints as high priests men in all their
weakness; but the oath, which came after the law,
appointed the Son, who has been made perfect forever

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SONG OF RESPONSE “All the poor and powerless”

All the poor and powerless,
And all the lost and lonely,
And all the thieves will come confess
And know that you are holy,
And know that you are holy.

*And all will sing out hallelujah,
And we will cry out hallelujah,*

All the hearts who are content
And all who feel unworthy,
And all who hurt with nothing left,
Will know that you are holy.

Shout it, go on and scream it from the mountains;
Go on and tell it to the masses, that he is God.

We will sing out hallelujah
And we will cry out hallelujah.
We will sing out hallelujah
And shout!

Jordan and Leonard

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERTORY

SCRIPTURE READING Daniel 5:1-7, 17-31 *NIV*

King Belshazzar gave a great banquet for a thousand
of his nobles and drank wine with them. ²While
Belshazzar was drinking his wine, he gave orders to
bring in the gold and silver goblets that
Nebuchadnezzar his father had taken from the temple
in Jerusalem, so that the king and his nobles, his wives
and his concubines might drink from them. ³So they
brought in the gold goblets that had been taken from
the temple of God in Jerusalem, and the king and his
nobles, his wives and his concubines drank from
them. ⁴As they drank the wine, they praised the
gods of gold and silver, of bronze, iron, wood and
stone. ⁵Suddenly the fingers of a human hand
appeared and wrote on the plaster of the wall, near the
lampstand in the royal palace. The king watched the
hand as it wrote. ⁶His face turned pale and he was so
frightened that his legs became weak and his knees
were knocking. ⁷The king summoned the enchanters,
astrologers and diviners. Then he said to these wise
men of Babylon, “Whoever reads this writing and tells
me what it means will be clothed in purple and have a
gold chain placed around his neck, and he will be
made the third highest ruler in the kingdom.”... ¹⁷Then
Daniel answered the king, “You may keep your gifts
for yourself and give your rewards to someone
else. Nevertheless, I will read the writing for the king
and tell him what it means. ¹⁸Your Majesty, the Most
High God gave your father Nebuchadnezzar
sovereignty and greatness and glory and splendor.
¹⁹Because of the high position he gave him, all the
nations and peoples of every language dreaded and
feared him. Those the king wanted to put to death, he
put to death; those he wanted to spare, he spared;
those he wanted to promote, he promoted; and those
he wanted to humble, he humbled. ²⁰But when his
heart became arrogant and hardened with pride, he
was deposed from his royal throne and stripped of his
glory. ²¹He was driven away from people and given

the mind of an animal; he lived with the wild donkeys and ate grass like the ox; and his body was drenched with the dew of heaven, until he acknowledged that the Most High God is sovereign over all kingdoms on earth and sets over them anyone he wishes. ²²But you, Belshazzar, his son, have not humbled yourself, though you knew all this. ²³Instead, you have set yourself up against the Lord of heaven. You had the goblets from his temple brought to you, and you and your nobles, your wives and your concubines drank wine from them. You praised the gods of silver and gold, of bronze, iron, wood and stone, which cannot see or hear or understand. But you did not honor the God who holds in his hand your life and all your ways. ²⁴Therefore he sent the hand that wrote the inscription. ²⁵This is the inscription that was written: MENE, MENE, TEKEL, PARSIN ²⁶Here is what these words mean: *Mene*: God has numbered the days of your reign and brought it to an end. ²⁷*Tekel*: You have been weighed on the scales and found wanting. ²⁸*Peres*: Your kingdom is divided and given to the Medes and Persians.” ²⁹Then at Belshazzar’s command, Daniel was clothed in purple, a gold chain was placed around his neck, and he was proclaimed the third highest ruler in the kingdom. ³⁰That very night Belshazzar, king of the Babylonians, was slain, ³¹and Darius the Mede took over the kingdom, at the age of sixty-two.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE “Weighed and found wanting”

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.

“God and man at table are sat down”

O welcome, all ye noble saints of old,
As now before your very eyes unfold
The wonders all so long ago foretold:
God and man at table are sat down.

Elders, martyrs, all are falling down;
Prophets, patriarchs are gath’ring round,
What angels longed to see now we have found.
God and man at table are sat down.

Who is this who spreads the vict’ry feast?
Who is this who makes our warring cease?
Jesus, risen Savior, Prince of Peace.
God and man at table are sat down.

Beggars, lame, and harlots also here;
Repentant publicans are drawing near;
Wayward ones come home without a fear.
God and man at table are sat down.

Worship in the presence of the Lord,
With joyful songs and hearts in one accord,
And let our host at table be adored.
God and man at table are sat down.

When at last this earth shall pass away,
When Jesus and his bride are one to stay,
The feast of love is just begun that day.
God and man at table are sat down. Robert Stamps

MUSIC OF COMMITMENT

“The sands of time are sinking” (see insert)

BENEDICTION Numbers 6:24-26

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

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.

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. **Today is our last day to take donations for the Hour Children community in LIC.** We are looking for specific **sizes 2, 3 and 4** for these rapidly growing little ones.

SAVE THE DATE: The Hour Children Christmas Party is scheduled for **Saturday, December 14th**. The theme is Candy Cane Lane. Please consider signing up to volunteer! More details to come.

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

WORSHIP and OFFICE LOCATION: Astoria Center of Israel Building
27-35 Crescent Street, Astoria, NY 11102

ESL and YOUTH GROUP LOCATION: Astoria First Art House
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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, acckids@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

Info for women, contact: women@astoriachurch.org

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