

Astoria Community Church

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CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The earth is the Lord's for he made it:

People: O come, let us adore him.

Leader: Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness:

People: O come, let us adore him.

Leader: The mercy of the Lord is everlasting:

People: O come, let us adore him.

Leader: Lord, open our lips:

People: And our mouths shall proclaim your praise.

PRAYER OF ADORATION

SONG OF PRAISE "All people that on earth do dwell"
(see insert)

CALL TO CONFESSION *Please reflect on each of
the Ten Commandments after it is read.*

You shall have no other gods before me.

You shall not make for yourself an idol.

You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in
vain.

Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.

Honor your father and your mother.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not bear false witness.

You shall not covet.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
**Maker of all things, Judge of all men; we acknowledge
and confess our many sins; which we have committed;
by thought, word, and deed; against your divine
majesty. We do earnestly repent; and are heartily
sorry for these our wrongs; remembering them is
grief to us. Have mercy upon us; have mercy upon us,
most merciful Father; for the sake of your Son our
Lord Jesus Christ; forgive us all that is past; and
grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please you
in newness of life; to the honor and glory of your
name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON Galatians 4:4-7

But when the time had fully come, God sent his Son,
born of a woman, born under law, to redeem those under
the law, that we might receive the full rights of sons.
Because you are sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into

our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, "Abba, Father." So
you are no longer a slave, but a son; and since you are a
son, God has made you also an heir.

SONG OF RESPONSE "Have mercy on me"

The goodness of the Lord is the kindness of the Lord
With every breath we take, the gift of life and grace;
The power of the Lord is the meekness of the Lord
Who bore humanity with brave humility:

Let your mercy flow through us,

Your mercy, your mercy. (2x)

The beauty of the Lord is the suffering of the Lord,
Is Christ upon a tree, stripped of dignity,
The glory of the Lord is the mercy of the Lord,
Gives life for us to see a new humanity:

When they see us, may they see your mercy,
When they know us, may they know your mercy!

Bless the hands and feet of those who serve in need
Of the broken and ashamed.

Bless the weary soul, the Lord will make us whole.

God, speak peace to those afraid!

May the words we speak build a bridge for peace,

Your lovingkindness shows the way!

Open up our doors, giving refuge for

All the weary and afraid.

Gungor, Alattas and Cunningham

PASSING THE PEACE

*Ages 4K - 2nd grade released for Seedlings Children's Worship. They will
be met at the back of the sanctuary.*

OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 19

The heavens declare the glory of God;

the skies proclaim the work of his hands.

Day after day they pour forth speech;

night after night they reveal knowledge.

They have no speech, they use no words;

no sound is heard from them.

Yet their voice goes out into all the earth,

their words to the ends of the world.

In the heavens God has pitched a tent for the sun.

It is like a bridegroom coming out of his chamber,

like a champion rejoicing to run his course.

It rises at one end of the heavens

and makes its circuit to the other;

nothing is deprived of its warmth.

The law of the Lord is perfect, refreshing the soul.

The statutes of the Lord are trustworthy,
 making wise the simple.
 The precepts of the Lord are right,
 giving joy to the heart.
 The commands of the Lord are radiant,
 giving light to the eyes.
 The fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever.
 The decrees of the Lord are firm,
 and all of them are righteous.
 They are more precious than gold,
 than much pure gold;
 they are sweeter than honey,
 than honey from the honeycomb.
 By them your servant is warned;
 in keeping them there is great reward.
 But who can discern their own errors?
 Forgive my hidden faults.
 Keep your servant also from willful sins;
 may they not rule over me.
 Then I will be blameless,
 innocent of great transgression.
 May these words of my mouth and this meditation of my
 heart be pleasing in your sight,
 Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SONG OF RESPONSE “All your works are good”

The moon it marks the seasons;
 The sun knows when to go down.
 The ocean holds its creatures;
 The river knows its bounds.
 The birds, the trees, the cattle
 And all things great and small,
 We find our place in creation;
 Your hand sustains us all.

*All your works are good,
 All your works are good.
 From everlasting to everlasting,
 All your works are good.*

He makes the clouds his chariot;
 He wraps himself in light.
 He stretches out the heavens
 Like a tent across the sky.
 He knows our every burden
 When darkness veils our eyes.
 He comes with spring returning
 Bringing death to life.

As we labor until evening,
 There's a message on the wind:
 Be still and know your maker,
 Be satisfied in him. **McCracken, Gullahorn, Lee**

“Behold our God”

Who has held the oceans in his hands?
 Who has numbered every grain of sand?
 Kings and nations tremble at his voice;
 All creation rises to rejoice.

*Behold our God seated on his throne;
 Come let us adore him.
 Behold our King, nothing can compare;
 Come let us adore him.*

Who has given counsel to the Lord?
 Who can question any of his words?
 Who can teach the One who knows all things?
 Who can fathom all his wondrous deeds?

Who has felt the nails upon his hands
 Bearing all the guilt of sinful man?
 God eternal, humbled to the grave;
 Jesus, Savior, risen now to reign.

*You will reign forever.
 (Let your glory fill the earth.)*
Baird, Baird, Baird and Altrogge

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

SCRIPTURE READING I Peter 4:8-11 *NIV*

⁸ Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins. ⁹ Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling. ¹⁰ Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms.

¹¹ If anyone speaks, they should do so as one who speaks the very words of God. If anyone serves, they should do so with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE “Service” **Alan Charnok**

OFFERTORY “Lord, from sorrows deep I call”

Lord, from sorrows deep I call
 When my hope is shaken;
 Torn and ruined from the fall,
 Hear my desperation.
 For so long I've pled and prayed,
 “God come to my rescue!”
 Even so, the thorn remains;
 Still my heart will praise you.

Storms within my troubled soul,
 Questions without answers;
 On my faith these billows roll—
 God be now my shelter.
 Why are you cast down my soul?
 Hope in him who saves you.

When the fires have all grown cold,
Cause this heart to praise you.

Should my life be torn from me,
Every worldly pleasure;
When all I possess is grief,
God be then my treasure.
Be my vision in the night;
Be my hope and refuge.
'Til my faith is turned to sight,
Lord, my heart will praise you.

*Oh, my soul, put your hope in God,
My help, my rock, I will praise him.
Sing, oh sing, through the raging storm,
You're still my God, my salvation.*

Matt Papa and Matt Boswell

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.

"Gift of finest wheat"

You satisfy the hungry heart

With gift of finest wheat.

Come, give to us, O saving Lord,

The bread of life to eat.

As when a shepherd calls his sheep,
They know and heed his voice;
So when you call your family, Lord,

We follow and rejoice.

With joyful lips we sing to you
Our praise and gratitude,
That you should count us worthy, Lord,
To share this heavenly food.

Is not the cup we bless and share,
The blood of Christ out-poured?
Do not one cup, one loaf declare
Our oneness in the Lord?

The mystery of your presence, Lord,
No mortal tongue can tell:
Whom all the world cannot contain
Comes in our hearts to dwell.

You give yourself to us, O Lord;
Then selfless let us be
To serve each other in your name
In truth and charity.

Kreutz; Westendorf

MUSIC OF COMMITMENT

"Love divine, all loves excelling" (see insert)

BENEDICTION

II Thessalonians 2:16-17

May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and by his grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope, encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good deed and word.

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 or see the QR code below. We send out a weekly electronic newsletter and other announcement emails.

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

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: Please join us on **Sunday, October 18** soon after worship in the sanctuary for our annual congregational meeting as we come together to discuss budget updates and reflect on the past year celebrating God's faithfulness to ACC. We look forward to gathering as a church family, giving thanks for all God has done, and looking ahead with hope and anticipation to the year to come.

CHOIR: The Advent and Christmas choir will begin rehearsals on **Oct 25** after the service. We welcome all singers! Please speak to Linnea Kickasola or email her at music@astoriachurch.org with interest and questions.

2026 HEART FOR MUSLIMS CONFERENCE – CITY ON A HILL: **November 7**, Calvary Baptist Church NYC 10:00 am - 3:00 pm Shahriq Kahn, an American Muslim background believer and leader of Christ Underground, is headlining the HFM Conference. Be encouraged, equipped, and inspired to take part in what God is doing among the nations next door. Earlybird *General Admission* Code for first 100 guests: **EARLYBIRD-DISCOUNT2026**. Link to register is in the newsletter.

FALL COMMUNITY GROUPS: At ACC, deep connection happens in our Community Groups. This is where real friendships are formed, faith is strengthened, and we learn to follow Jesus together. **The sign up link is in the Tuesday newsletter.**

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS: This Fall, our Sunday School will embark on an exciting journey through the Creeds and Confessions of the Faith. Join us **12:30 – 2 pm in the chapel and lunch will be served! October 4, Nov 1, 8 & 15.**

BLOOD DRIVE: ACI will be hosting a blood drive downstairs on **Sunday, October 11 from 10 am – 4 pm.** See the newsletter to sign up (however, you don't need an appt.)

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 microwaveable items every Sunday for the pantry. Items may be dropped off in the box in the lobby. **We need pouches – beans/lentils, 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@ymail.com. Thank you for your continued generosity and compassion!

MEMBER AND REGULAR ATTENDER NEWS AND NETWORKING: This is a place 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

WORSHIP: Sundays, 10:30AM

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

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Helpful Information:

Seeds: During worship. Nursery is provided for **newborns – 3K**. Andrea Mungo, admin@astoriachurch.org.

Seedlings Children's Worship (4K – 2nd Grade): Our younger children are dismissed during the Passing of the Peace as they grow into participating in corporate worship. The last Sunday of each month is Family Sunday when we all worship together. Carin Fredere, acckids@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.

Men's and Women's Ministry
Info for women, contact: women@astoriachurch.org