

ASTORIA COMMUNITY CHURCH

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CALL TO WORSHIP from Psalm 71

Leader: In you, O LORD, I take refuge; let me never be put to shame. In your righteousness deliver me and rescue me; incline your ear to me and save me.

People: **Be to me a rock of refuge, a strong fortress to save me, for you are my rock and my fortress.**

Leader: Rescue me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked, from the grasp of the unjust and cruel.

People: **For you, O Lord, are my hope, my trust, O LORD, from my youth.**

All: **From my birth I have leaned upon you, my protector since my mother's womb. My praise is continually of you.**

PRAYER OF ADORATION

SONG OF PRAISE

"Rock of ages" (see insert)

CALL TO CONFESSION from John 3:19

The light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. Let us confess our sins to God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Almighty God who inhabits eternity but dwells with those who are of a humble and contrite spirit: before you and our Lord Jesus Christ we confess our sins. We have ignored the presence of your Spirit. We have failed to look for the return of our Savior and Judge. We have been blind to your coming in the suffering of the hungry, the exiled, the destitute, the sick, and the imprisoned. In your great goodness put away our offenses and cleanse us from our sins, for Jesus' sake. Amen

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON I Timothy 1:15

The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

In Christ we are forgiven!

All: Thanks be to God!

SONG OF RESPONSE "We are not overcome"

Flesh will fail and bones will break;
Thieves will steal, the earth will shake.
Night will fall, the light will fade;
The Lord will give and take away.

*Because of his great Love,
We are not overcome!
Because of his great Love,
We are not overcome!*

Put no trust in the earth,
In the sod you stand upon.
Flowers fade into dust;
The Lord will make a place for us.

Offer up your shoes and shirt;
Turn your cheek! Turn your cheek!
Bear the yoke of love and death;
The Lord will give all life and breath. **Isaac Wardell**

OLD TESTAMENT READING Jeremiah 1:4-10

The word of the LORD came to me, saying,
"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,
before you were born I set you apart;
I appointed you as a prophet to the nations."
"Alas, Sovereign LORD," I said, "I do not know how to speak; I am too young." But the LORD said to me,
"Do not say, 'I am too young.' You must go to everyone I send you to and say whatever I command you. Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you and will rescue you," declares the LORD. Then the LORD reached out his hand and touched my mouth and said to me, "I have put my words in your mouth. See, today I appoint you over nations and kingdoms to uproot and tear down, to destroy and overthrow, to build and to plant."

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL READING Luke 4:21-20

He began by saying to them, "Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing." All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his lips. "Isn't this Joseph's son?" they asked. Jesus said to them, "Surely you will quote this proverb to me: 'Physician, heal yourself!' And you will tell me, 'Do here in your hometown what we have heard that you did in Capernaum.'" "Truly I tell you," he continued, "no prophet is accepted in his hometown. I assure you that there were many widows in Israel in Elijah's time, when the sky was shut for three and a half years and there was a severe famine throughout the land. Yet Elijah was not sent to any of them, but to a widow in Zarephath in the region of Sidon. And

there were many in Israel with leprosy in the time of Elisha the prophet, yet not one of them was cleansed—only Naaman the Syrian.” All the people in the synagogue were furious when they heard this. They got up, drove him out of the town, and took him to the brow of the hill on which the town was built, in order to throw him off the cliff. ³⁰ But he walked right through the crowd and went on his way.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING I Corinthians 13:1-13

If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing. Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away. For we know in part and we prophesy in part, but when completeness comes, what is in part disappears. When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put the ways of childhood behind me. For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known. And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SONG OF RESPONSE “King of kings”

In the darkness we were waiting,
Without hope, without light,
Till from Heaven you came running.
There was mercy in your eyes.
To fulfil the law and prophets,
To a virgin came the Word
From a throne of endless glory
To a cradle in the dirt.

*Praise the Father, praise the Son
Praise the Spirit, three in one.*

*God of Glory, majesty,
Praise forever to the King of Kings.*

To reveal the kingdom coming
And to reconcile the lost,
To redeem the whole creation
You did not despise the cross.
For even in your suffering
You saw to the other side.
Knowing this was our salvation,
Jesus, for our sake you died.

And the morning that you rose
All of heaven held its breath
Till that stone was moved for good,
For the Lamb had conquered death.
And the dead rose from their tombs,
And the angels stood in awe,
For the souls of all who'd come
To the Father are restored.

And the Church of Christ was born,
Then the Spirit lit the flame.
Now this Gospel truth of old
Shall not kneel, shall not faint.
By his blood and in his Name,
In his freedom I am free,
For the love of Jesus Christ
Who has resurrected me. Ligertwood, Ingram, Ligertwood

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERTORY “The Kingdom of Jesus” (see insert)

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 24:24-27, 44-49 *NIV*

²⁴“Then some of our companions went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see Jesus.” ²⁵He said to them, “How foolish you are, and how slow to believe all that the prophets have spoken! ²⁶Did not the Messiah have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?” ²⁷And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself... ⁴⁴He said to them, “This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms.” ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. ⁴⁶He told them, “This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.”

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE “Got the Key to the Highway:
Understanding the Old Testament”
Robert Tanzie

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.

“Of the Father’s love begotten” (see insert)

MUSIC OF COMMITMENT

“Come behold the wondrous mystery”

Come behold the wondrous mystery,
In the dawning of the King
He the theme of heaven’s praises,
Robed in frail humanity
In our longing, in our darkness,
Now the light of life has come
Look to Christ, who condescended,
Took on flesh to ransom us.

Come behold the wondrous mystery,
He the perfect Son of Man
In his living, in his suffering,

Never trace nor stain of sin
See the true and better Adam,
Come to save the hell-bound man
Christ the great and sure fulfillment of the law,
In him we stand.

Come behold the wondrous mystery,
Christ the Lord upon the tree
In the stead of ruined sinners
Hangs the Lamb in victory
See the price of our redemption,
See the Father’s plan unfold
Bringing many sons to glory,
Grace unmeasured, love untold.

Come behold the wondrous mystery,
Slain by death the God of life
But no grave could e’er restrain him,
Praise the Lord, he is alive.
What a foretaste of deliverance,
How unwavering our hope
Christ in power resurrected,
As will we be when he comes.

Boswell, Papa, Bleecker

BENEDICTION from Revelation 1

Grace and peace to you from him who is, and who was, and who is to come. Look, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him!

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.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING UPDATE: This past Sunday, we elected 2 new trustees and 1 new elder. Please join us in welcoming Kam Wong and Raul Rojas as our newly elected trustees, and let us give thanks for James Rim's faithful service over the past three years. We are also pleased to announce that Sung Lee has been elected as our newest Ruling Elder. As Sung steps into this role, we extend our heartfelt gratitude to Bryan Taylor who has concluded his service on the session. With thanksgiving, Pastor Jim

SAVE THE DATE: Join us the evening of **Saturday, March 1st**, at ACC's "Soup Saturday" potluck. Sign up link coming soon.

2024 GIVING STATEMENTS: If you gave in 2024, you should have received an email from cmacky@reconciled.com (search for it as it may have gone into your spam.) If we didn't have an email on file for you, you will receive a hard copy in the mail. Please let Andrea know if you received neither! admin@astoriachurch.org.

WINTER COMMUNITY GROUPS: Join a community group! We are studying what the Bible says about Gospel Centered Work. The Bible offers a rich perspective on work, emphasizing its purpose, dignity, and connection to God's broader mission. Community Groups will run through 4/6/25. Sign up link is in the newsletter.

GODLY PLAY SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS: The Sunday school team recently lost a few volunteers. Please consider joining the team and hanging out with our children once a month during the service. Speak with Annette or email her to find out more details. acckids@astoriachurch.org.

SERVICE RECORDING TEAM: We are losing a couple of our team members at the end of February. If you are good with technology and are willing to help once a month, please contact Andrea at admin@astoriachurch.org. We will train you!

CG LEADERS AND HOSTS NEEDED: If you would like to host or lead a community group, please reach out to Pastor Jim. We are in need of more hosts and leaders to help with our community group ministry. You can email him at jim@astoriachurchj.org.

BIBLE CLUB UPDATE AND RECRUITMENT: Bible Club is going very well! **We could use a couple more volunteers.** You don't need to come every week and it's only from 6-6:30 on Tuesdays. Please speak with Andrea on Sunday or email her at diaconate@astoriachurch.org if you are interested. Thanks!

READ THROUGH THE BIBLE IN A YEAR: Every year at ACC, a group of us individually read through the bible in a year using a thematic format. This can be a great time to grow and learn together. Sign up link is in the newsletter.

CHESS CLUB: Join the Chess Club for their next class on **Saturday, February 8th from 2-4PM**. Note the time change. Speak with Eddie or email him at bkln645@gmail.com with any questions. All are welcome!

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: George Dimitriadis, 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

Info for men, contact: raulwrojas@gmail.com or gianlu19@gmail.com