

# ASTORIA COMMUNITY CHURCH

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## CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 138

**Leader:** I give you thanks, O LORD, with my whole heart; before the gods I sing your praise; I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness, for you have exalted your name and your word above everything.

**People:** On the day I called, you answered me; you increased my strength of soul. All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O LORD, for they have heard the words of your mouth.

**Leader:** They shall sing of the ways of the LORD, for great is the glory of the LORD. For though the LORD is high, he regards the lowly, but the haughty he perceives from far away.

**People:** Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve me against the wrath of my enemies; you stretch out your hand, and your right hand delivers me.

**All:** The LORD will fulfill his purpose for me; your steadfast love, O LORD, endures forever. Do not forsake the work of your hands.

## PRAYER OF ADORATION

### SONG OF PRAISE

**“O the deep, deep love of Jesus” (see insert)**

## CALL TO CONFESSION Joel 2:12-13

“Even now,” declares the Lord, “return to me with all your heart, with fasting and weeping and mourning.” Rend your heart and not your garments. Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in love, and he relents from sending calamity.

## SILENT CONFESSION

### SONG OF CONFESSION “Heal us”

*Heal us, Emmanuel, here we are,  
We long to feel thy touch.  
Deep wounded souls to thee we fly,  
O Savior, hear our cry.*

Our faith is feeble, we confess;  
We faintly trust thy word.  
But will you pity us the less?  
Be that far from you, Lord.

Remember him who once applied  
With trembling for relief.  
“Lord, I believe,” with tears, he cried,  
“O, help my unbelief!”

She, too, who touched you in the press,  
And healing virtue stole  
Was answered, “Daughter, go in peace,  
Thy faith has made thee whole.”

Like her, with hopes and fears we come  
To touch you, if we may.  
O, send us not despairing home;  
Send none unhealed away.

Twit, Morton; Cowper

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON I Peter 3:18a

For Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God.

## SONG OF RESPONSE

**“I heard the voice of Jesus say”**

I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
“Come unto me and rest;  
Lay down, thou weary one, lay down  
Your head upon my breast.”  
I came to Jesus as I was, weary and worn and sad;  
I found in him a resting place,  
And he has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say, “Behold, I freely give  
The living water; thirsty one,  
Stoop down, and drink, and live.”  
I came to Jesus, and I drank of that life-giving stream;  
My thirst was quenched, my soul revived,  
And now I live in him.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
“I am this dark world’s Light;  
Look unto me, thy morn shall rise,  
And all thy day be bright.”  
I looked to Jesus, and I found in him my Star, my Sun;  
And in that light of life I’ll walk,  
Till traveling days are done.

KINGSFOLD; Bonar

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

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** Isaiah 6:1-8

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord, high and exalted, seated on a throne; and the train of his robe filled the temple. Above him were seraphim, each with six wings: With two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they were flying. And they were calling to one another:

“Holy, holy, holy is the LORD Almighty;  
the whole earth is full of his glory.”

At the sound of their voices the doorposts and thresholds shook and the temple was filled with smoke. “Woe to me!” I cried. “I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the LORD Almighty.” Then one of the seraphim flew to me with a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with tongs from the altar. With it he touched my mouth and said, “See, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away and your sin atoned for.” Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?” And I said, “Here am I. Send me!”

**Reader:** This is the word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

**EPISTLE READING** I Corinthians 15:1-11

Now, brothers and sisters, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand. By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain. For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, and then to the Twelve. After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers and sisters at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles, and last of all he appeared to me also, as to one abnormally born. For I am the least of the apostles and do not even deserve to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace to me was not without effect. No, I worked harder than all of them—yet not I, but the grace of God that was with me. Whether, then, it is I or they, this is what we preach, and this is what you believed.

**Reader:** This is the word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

**SONG OF RESPONSE** “I will rise”

There's a peace I've come to know,  
Though my heart and flesh may fail.  
There's an anchor for my soul--  
I can say, “It is well.”

*Jesus has overcome,  
And the grave is overwhelmed;  
The victory is won, he is risen from the dead.  
And I will rise when he calls my name;  
No more sorrow, no more pain.  
I will rise on eagle's wings,  
Before my God, fall on my knees,  
And rise. I will rise.*

There's a day that's drawing near,  
When this darkness breaks to light,  
And the shadows disappear,  
And my faith shall be my eyes.

And I hear the voice of many angels sing,  
“Worthy is the Lamb!”  
And I hear the cry of ev'ry longing heart,  
“Worthy is the Lamb!”

Giglio, Tomlin, Reeves and Maher

**PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE**

**OFFERTORY**

**SCRIPTURE READING** Luke 5:1-11 *ESV*

On one occasion, while the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, he was standing by the lake of Gennesaret, <sup>2</sup>and he saw two boats by the lake, but the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. <sup>3</sup>Getting into one of the boats, which was Simon's, he asked him to put out a little from the land. And he sat down and taught the people from the boat. <sup>4</sup>And when he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, “Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch.” <sup>5</sup>And Simon answered, “Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at your word I will let down the nets.” <sup>6</sup>And when they had done this, they enclosed a large number of fish, and their nets were breaking. <sup>7</sup>They signaled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. <sup>8</sup>But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, “Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord.” <sup>9</sup>For he and all who were with him were astonished at the catch of fish that they had taken, <sup>10</sup>and so also were James and John, sons of

Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men." <sup>11</sup> And when they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed him.

**Reader:** This is the word of the Lord.

**People:** **Thanks be to God.**

**MESSAGE** "When Jesus Calls" Doug Estella

### 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.*

### "The fearsome trail"

Your Word has come in very many ways:  
Through prophet, sage, and Virgin Mother's song,  
In mountain cold or fiery desert blaze,  
By infant voice or mighty angel throng.

An ass disclosed your will to Balaam's eye,  
A desert bush drew Moses to your place,  
Old Anna said the promised time was nigh,  
And John saw through the clouds of time and space.

*May Word and sacrament your presence show  
A glimpse of loving-kindness through the veil,  
Or point the way of truth that we may know,  
And knowing you not shun the fearsome trail.*

Let none pass by and scorn your bleeding word.  
For, nailed to cross or humbly spoken out,  
Or wrapped in shroud and in a tomb interred,  
The Word is God in whisper or in shout.

*Let sages' word and holy prophets' call  
Your church uphold, your people keep in peace.  
Let gospel hope and worldly kingdoms' fall  
Our faith confirm and loving trust increase.*

*May Word and sacrament your presence show  
A glimpse of loving-kindness through the veil,  
Or point the way of truth that we may know,  
And knowing you not shun the fearsome trail.*

Liturgical Folk

### MUSIC OF COMMITMENT

"All for Jesus" (see insert)

### BENEDICTION I Thessalonians 5:23-24

May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful and he will do it.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**VISITORS:** We are so glad that you joined us for worship. If you are a visitor to ACC, please email [admin@astoriachurch.org](mailto: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.

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

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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, March 15th from 1-3PM**. Note the time change. Speak with Eddie or email him at [bkln645@gmail.com](mailto:bkln645@gmail.com) with any questions. All are welcome!

**FOOD PANTRY:** Please bring non perishable food, and microwaveable (NOT frozen) meals on Sundays and place in the green bin in the foyer. Thank you!

**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](mailto: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

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### Communication Card QR Code:



### 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](mailto:admin@astoriachurch.org).

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

**Youth Group - Grades 6 - 12:** George Dimitriadis, [youth@astoriachurch.org](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:QueensESL@gmail.com)

#### Outreach and Helps Ministries

If you have a practical need, email [Helps@astoriachurch.org](mailto:Helps@astoriachurch.org). For the **Meals Ministry**, email [accmeals@gmail.com](mailto:accmeals@gmail.com). For info on service opportunities email [Diaconate@astoriachurch.org](mailto:Diaconate@astoriachurch.org).

#### Men's and Women's Ministry

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