

ASTORIA COMMUNITY CHURCH

April 13, 2025
Palm Sunday
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CALL TO WORSHIP from Psalm 118

Leader: O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever!

People: Let Israel say, “His steadfast love endures forever.”

Leader: Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.

People: This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it. I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

Leader: The stone the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

All: This is the Lord’s doing; it is marvelous in our eyes. This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

PRAYER OF ADORATION

SONG OF PRAISE

“All glory, laud and honor” (see insert)

PALM SUNDAY READING Luke 19:29-40

As he approached Bethphage and Bethany at the hill called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, “Go to the village ahead of you, and as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ say, ‘The Lord needs it.’” Those who were sent ahead went and found it just as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, “Why are you untying the colt?” They replied, “The Lord needs it.” They brought it to Jesus, threw their cloaks on the colt and put Jesus on it. As he went along, people spread their cloaks on the road. When he came near the place where the road goes down the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of disciples began joyfully to praise God in loud voices for all the miracles they had seen:

“Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!”

“Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!”

Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, “Teacher, rebuke your disciples!” “I tell you,” he replied, “if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out.”

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God

CHORAL RESPONSE “Let the King come in!”

Lift up your heads! Lift up your heads!

Lift up your heads, O gates, and let the King come in!

Lift up your heads, O gates! Lift up, O ancient doors,

That the King of glory may come in,

The King of glory come in!

Who is the King of glory?

The Lord, strong and mighty!

Who is the King of glory?

The Lord who reigns on high!

Lift up your heads, O gates! Lift up, O ancient doors,

That the King of glory may come in,

The King of glory come in! Hosanna!

Lift up your heads! Lift up your heads, O gates,

And let the King come in!

DARWALL, arr. Larson

CALL TO CONFESSION Psalm 51:17

The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: O Lord, who on this day entered the rebellious city that later rejected you, we confess that our wills are as rebellious as Jerusalem’s, that our faith is often more show than substance, that our hearts are in need of cleansing. Have mercy on us, Son of David, Savior of our lives. Help us to lay at your feet all that we have and all that we are, trusting you to forgive what is sinful, to heal what is broken, to welcome our praises, and to receive us as your own. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

SONG OF CONFESSION

“Lamb of God”

O Lamb of God,

Who takest away the sins of the world,

Have mercy upon us. (Repeat)

(Women) Grant us peace! (Men) Grant us peace!

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(All) Grant us peace! Amen. John Wykoff

ASSURANCE OF PARDON John 3:17

For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

SONGS OF RESPONSE “Hosanna (Be lifted higher)”

Hosanna, in the highest;
Let our King be lifted up,
Hosanna!

Israel Houghton

“The Lion and the Lamb”

He's coming on the clouds,
Kings and kingdoms will bow down.
And every chain will break
As broken hearts declare his praise.
For who can stop the Lord Almighty?

*Our God is the Lion, the Lion of Judah.
He's roaring with power and fighting our battles.
And every knee will bow before him.
Our God is the Lamb, the Lamb that was slain.
For the sins of the world,
His blood breaks the chains.
And every knee will bow before
the Lion and the Lamb,
Every knee will bow before him.*

So, open up the gates,
Make way before the King of kings.
The God who comes to save
Is here to set the captives free.
For who can stop the Lord Almighty?

Who can stop the Lord Almighty?
Who can stop the Lord?

Brown, Johnson and Mooring

OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 50:4-9a

The Sovereign LORD has given me a well-instructed tongue, to know the word that sustains the weary.
He wakens me morning by morning,
wakens my ear to listen like one being instructed.
The Sovereign LORD has opened my ears;
I have not been rebellious,
I have not turned away.
I offered my back to those who beat me,
my cheeks to those who pulled out my beard;
I did not hide my face from mocking and spitting.
Because the Sovereign LORD helps me,
I will not be disgraced.
Therefore have I set my face like flint,
and I know I will not be put to shame.
He who vindicates me is near.
Who then will bring charges against me?
Let us face each other!
Who is my accuser? Let him confront me!
It is the Sovereign LORD who helps me.
Who will condemn me?

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING Philippians 2:5-11

In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:

Who, being in very nature God,
did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage;
rather, he made himself nothing
by taking the very nature of a servant,
being made in human likeness.
And being found in appearance as a man,
he humbled himself
by becoming obedient to death—
even death on a cross!

Therefore God exalted him to the highest place
and gave him the name that is above every name,
that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SONG OF RESPONSE “I shall not want”

From the love of my own comfort,
From the fear of having nothing,
From a life of worldly passions,
Deliver me, O God.

From the need to be understood,
And from a need to be accepted,
From the fear of being lonely,
Deliver me, O God. Deliver me, O God.

*And I shall not want, no, I shall not want.
When I taste your goodness, I shall not want.
When I taste your goodness, I shall not want.*

From the fear of serving others,
Oh, and from the fear of death or trial,
And from the fear of humility, deliver me, O God.
Yes, deliver me, O God. Assad and Brown

MINISTRY REPORT

OFFERTORY “Man shall not live by bread alone”

*Man shall not live by bread alone,
But by every word that comes from the mouth of God.*
Nate Roberts; Matthew 4:4

SCRIPTURE READING John 19:38-42 NIV

³⁸ Later, Joseph of Arimathea asked Pilate for the body of Jesus. Now Joseph was a disciple of Jesus, but secretly because he feared the Jewish leaders. With Pilate's permission, he came and took the body away. ³⁹ He was accompanied by Nicodemus, the man who earlier had visited Jesus at night. Nicodemus

brought a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about seventy-five pounds. ⁴⁰ Taking Jesus' body, the two of them wrapped it, with the spices, in strips of linen. This was in accordance with Jewish burial customs. ⁴¹ At the place where Jesus was crucified, there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb, in which no one had ever been laid. ⁴² Because it was the Jewish day of Preparation and since the tomb was nearby, they laid Jesus there.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE "At the Cross: With the Mourners"

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.

Pews will be released from the back by ushers to come forward.

"Go to dark Gethsemane"

Go to dark Gethsemane,
You who feel the tempter's pow'r
Your Redeemer's conflict see;
Watch with him one bitter hour;
Turn not from his griefs away;
Learn of Jesus Christ to pray.

Follow to the judgment hall;
View the Lord of life arraigned;
O the wormwood and the gall!
O the pangs his soul sustained!
Shun not suff'ring, shame, or loss;
Learn of him to bear the cross.

Calv'ry's mournful mountain climb
There adoring at his feet,
Mark the miracle of time,
God's own sacrifice complete:
"It is finished!" hear the cry;
Learn of Jesus Christ to die. **REDHEAD; Montgomery**

HOLY WEEK SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 26:31-46

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

MUSIC OF COMMITMENT

"My song is love unknown" (see insert)

BENEDICTION 2 Corinthians 13:14

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit 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. We send out a weekly electronic newsletter and other announcement emails.

FASTING AND PRAYING: For our Maundy Thursday service on **April 17th at 7pm**, we invite you to join us in a time of fasting and prayer. As we fast, let's pray for a deeper love for Christ, a greater awareness of His sacrifice, and a renewed commitment to follow Him. Please see the website and the newsletter for more details and instructions.

HOLY WEEK: Join us as we reflect on Jesus's incredible journey—His triumph, His sacrifice, and His victory over death.

- **Maundy Thursday, April 17, 7pm** – Join us as we remember Jesus' last meal with His disciples, where He revealed the depth of His love.
- **Easter Sunday, April 20** – Rejoice in the Resurrection, the ultimate triumph of light over darkness and hope over despair!

GENEROUS JUSTICE CLASS: Please plan to join our spring Christian Education class for 5 sessions starting **Sunday, April 27th**. We will meet in the chapel from 12:30 to 2PM. What does it mean to "do justice" as Christians? Is justice only about politics or charity—or is it something deeper, something central to our faith? In *Generous Justice*, pastor and author Tim Keller shows that biblical justice is not a side issue but flows naturally from a true experience of God's grace. Come and be challenged to think through how caring for the vulnerable and living generously are essential parts of a faithful Christian life. See the newsletter to sign up.

SPRING COMMUNITY GROUPS: Spring Community Groups kick off on **April 27**. Let's gather together to study the first 3 chapters of the book of Revelation. Spring groups will run from the weeks of 4/27/25 - 6/15/25. The sign up link is in the Tuesday newsletter.

WOMEN'S SPRING POTLUCK BRUNCH: Join the women of ACC for a time of fellowship and feasting on **Saturday, April 12 from 10:30 - 12 noon** at Astoria First Art House at 23-35 Broadway. See the newsletter to sign up. Questions? Email Anne at women@astoriachurch.org

YOUTH GROUP DAY OF SERVICE: The ACC Youth Group is planning a trip to bring students to the Lighthouse Mission in Long Island THIS Wednesday, April 16th! Today is the last day to donate any clothing you may want to give (new or used) and any canned, dry foods on all Sundays leading up to the trip. You can drop any donations off at the Synagogue tomorrow, Monday, April 14. Call or text Andrea at 917-605-4040 to bring any donations by. Questions? Email George at youth@astoriachurch.org

EASTER OUTREACH OFFERING UPDATE: Thank you all who have given to our Easter Outreach Offering so far. We are 17%(\$3,495) of the way to our goal of \$20,000. We will be taking up a separate offering on Easter Sunday but you can give online before then. See our website for the ways you can give. Please note Easter Offering with your gift. Thank you!

WELCOME TO ASTORIA COMMUNITY CHURCH

WORSHIP: Sundays, 10:30AM (Mixed Style) MAILING
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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

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