

# ASTORIA COMMUNITY CHURCH

April 12, 2020 – 11:15 am  
Easter Sunday  
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## REFLECTION

“Jesus is no longer lying inside his grave, so he doesn’t want us to be trapped inside our fear. The same power of God that made Jesus’ Resurrection possible is available to empower us today. Thanks to that reality, we never need to live in fear – no matter how scary our circumstances may seem.”

– Whitney Hopley

## CALL TO WORSHIP

**Leader:** Christ is risen!  
**People:** **He is risen indeed!**  
**Leader:** Why seek Christ among the dead?  
**People:** **He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**  
**Leader:** This is the hour of victory and power for our God. Alleluia!  
**All:** **Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!**

## SONG OF PRAISE

“Christ the Lord is risen today”

“Christ, the Lord, is risen today,” Alleluia!  
Sons of men and angels say, Alleluia!  
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!  
Sing, ye heav’ns, and earth, reply, Alleluia!

Vain the stone, the watch, the seal, Alleluia!  
Christ hath burst the gates of hell, Alleluia!  
Death in vain forbids his rise, Alleluia!  
Christ hath opened Paradise, Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!  
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!  
Once he died, our souls to save, Alleluia!  
Where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!

Soar we now where Christ hath led, Alleluia!  
Foll’wing our exalted Head, Alleluia!  
Made like him, like him we rise, Alleluia!  
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

Hail, the Lord of earth and heav’n, Alleluia!  
Praise to thee by both be giv’n, Alleluia!  
Thee we greet triumphant now, Alleluia!  
Hail, the Resurrection, thou! Alleluia!

EASTER HYMN; Charles Wesley

## PRAYER OF ADORATION

## CONFESSION OF SIN Colossians 3:1-4

**Leader:** Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

**All: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

## SILENT CONFESSION

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON I Corinthians 15:51-57

**Leader:** Hear the word of God to all who repent and truly turn to Him: “Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed—in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. For the perishable must clothe itself with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality. When the perishable has been clothed with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality, then the saying that is written will come true: ‘Death has been swallowed up in victory.’ ‘Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?’ The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.”

## SONG OF RESPONSE

“Christ is risen”

Let no one caught in sin remain  
Inside the lie of inward shame,  
But fix our eyes upon the cross  
And run to him who showed great love  
And bled for us,  
Freely you've bled for us.

*Christ is risen from the dead,  
Trampling over death by death;  
Come awake, come awake,  
Come and rise up from the grave.  
Christ is risen from the dead,  
We are one with him again.  
Come awake, come awake,  
Come and rise up from the grave.*

Beneath the weight of all our sin,  
You bowed to none but heaven's will.

No scheme of hell, no scoffer's crown,  
No burden great can hold you down.  
In strength you reign,  
Forever let your church proclaim.

O death, where is your sting?  
O hell, where is your victory?  
O church, come stand in the light;  
The glory of God has defeated the night.  
Singing, O death, where is your sting?  
O hell, where is your victory?  
O church, come stand in the light.  
Our God is not dead; he's alive, he's alive!  
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### AFFIRMATION OF OUR FAITH

Renewal of Baptismal Vows Colossians 3:1-3

L: "Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God."

L: Do you renounce the devil and all his works?

**P: I renounce him.**

L: Do you trust in God as the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth?

**P: I do trust God!**

L: Do you trust Jesus Christ, his only son, our Lord who was born into this world to bear the results of your sin in his death on the cross?

**P: I do trust Jesus Christ!**

L: Do you trust the Holy Spirit as giver of all life protecting us against all the attacks of the devil, sin, doubts and unbelief?

**P: I do trust the Holy Spirit!**

L: Do you promise to remain in this faith and in the covenant of your baptism, and as a member of the Body of Christ to be faithful in the use of the Word and the Sacrament, and in prayer?

**P: I do, by the help of God!**

### EASTER DOXOLOGY

Now all the vault of heav'n resounds,  
In praise of love that still abounds  
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"  
Sing, choirs of angels, loud and clear!  
Repeat their song of glory here:  
"Christ has triumphed! Christ has triumphed!"  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Eternal is the gift he brings,  
Therefore our heart with rapture sings:  
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"  
Now still he comes to give us life

And by his presence stills all strife,  
Christ has triumphed! He is living!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Oh, fill us, Lord, with dauntless love;  
Set heart and will on things above  
That we conquer through your triumph;  
Grant grace sufficient for life's day  
That by our lives we truly say:  
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Adoring praises now we bring  
And with the heav'nly blessed sing:  
"Christ has triumphed! Alleluia!"  
Be to the Father and our Lord,  
To Spirit blest, most holy God,  
All the glory, never ending!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

LASST UNS ERFREUEN; Paul Strodach

### OLD TESTAMENT READING Jeremiah 31:1-6

"At that time," declares the LORD, "I will be the God of all the families of Israel, and they will be my people." This is what the LORD says:

"The people who survive the sword  
will find favor in the wilderness;  
I will come to give rest to Israel."

The LORD appeared to us in the past, saying:

"I have loved you with an everlasting love;  
I have drawn you with unflinching kindness.

I will build you up again,  
and you, Virgin Israel, will be rebuilt.

Again you will take up your timbrels  
and go out to dance with the joyful.

Again you will plant vineyards  
on the hills of Samaria;  
the farmers will plant them  
and enjoy their fruit.

There will be a day when watchmen cry out  
on the hills of Ephraim,  
'Come, let us go up to Zion,  
to the LORD our God.'"

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

**People:** Thanks be to God.

### EPISTLE READING I Corinthians 15:19-26

If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive. But each in turn: Christ, the

firstfruits; then, when he comes, those who belong to him. Then the end will come, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father after he has destroyed all dominion, authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

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

**People:** Thanks be to God.

**SONG OF RESPONSE "I know it was the blood"**

I know it was the blood (2x)

I know it was the blood for me.

*One day when I was lost*

*He died on the cross.*

*I know it was the blood for me.*

They nailed him to the tree...

They pierced him in the side...

He hung his head and died...

They laid him in the tomb...

He rose up from the grave...

He reigns as King of Kings

I know it was the blood... **Traditional**

**OFFERTORY**

**"Jesus is alive!"**

*Roll, baby, roll*

*Roll, baby, roll*

*He's not here, he's not here*

*Jesus rolled the stone away*

*And he rose up from the grave!*

*He's not here, he's not here*

*Yes, the Son of God's alive, and that is why we cry:*

*Hosanna in the highest! The stone was rolled aside!*

*Hosanna in the highest! Jesus is alive!*

*He arose! He arose!*

*Now go and tell your friends,*

*Jesus rose up from the dead!*

*He arose! He arose!*

*That we no more may die, and that is why we cry:*

*He's alive! He's alive!*

*He said all authority has been given unto me!*

*He's alive! He's alive!*

*Now, we are heirs with Christ, and that is why we cry:*

**Michael Kendall**

**SCRIPTURE READING** Matthew 28:1-10 *NIV*

<sup>1</sup> After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb. <sup>2</sup> There was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it. <sup>3</sup> His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow. <sup>4</sup> The guards were so afraid of him that they shook and became like dead men. <sup>5</sup> The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. <sup>6</sup> He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. <sup>7</sup> Then go quickly and tell his disciples: 'He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him.' Now I have told you." <sup>8</sup> So the women hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet filled with joy, and ran to tell his disciples. <sup>9</sup> Suddenly Jesus met them. "Greetings," he said. They came to him, clasped his feet and worshiped him. <sup>10</sup> Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

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

**People:** Thanks be to God.

**MESSAGE** "The angel's instructions" J. David Ellis

**EASTER OFFERING**

**"Nothing but the blood"**

*What can wash away my sin?*

*Nothing but the blood of Jesus;*

*What can make me whole again?*

*Nothing but the blood of Jesus.*

*Oh! Precious is the flow*

*That makes me white as snow*

*No other fount I know*

*Nothing but the blood of Jesus.*

*For my cleansing this I see--*

*Nothing but the blood of Jesus.*

*For my pardon this my plea--*

*Nothing but the blood of Jesus.*

*Nothing can for sin atone--*

*Nothing but the blood of Jesus;*

*Naught of good that I have done--*

*Nothing but the blood of Jesus.*

*This is all my hope and peace—*

*Nothing but the blood of Jesus;*

*This is all my righteousness—*

*Nothing but the blood of Jesus.*

**Traditional**

**PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE**

## **MUSIC OF COMMITMENT**

### **“The day of resurrection”**

The day of resurrection!  
Earth tell it out abroad;  
The Passover of gladness,  
The Passover of God.  
From death to life eternal,  
From this world to the sky,  
Our Christ hath brought us over  
With hymns of victory.

Our hearts be pure from evil,  
That we may see aright  
The Lord in rays eternal  
Of resurrection light;  
And listening to his accents,  
May hear, so calm and plain,  
His own “All hail!” and hearing,  
May raise the victor strain.

Now let the heav’ns be joyful,  
Let earth her song begin;  
Let the round world keep triumph,  
And all that is therein.  
Invisible and visible,  
Their notes let all things blend,  
For Christ the Lord hath risen,  
Our joy that hath no end.

LANCASHIRE; John of Damascus (8<sup>th</sup> cent)

### **BENEDICTION** Hebrews 13:20-21

May the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, that great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

## 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. We send out a weekly electronic newsletter.

**EASTER OUTREACH OFFERING:** Today we will be giving a special offering above and beyond our normal giving to help fund our local and global missionaries, local outreach ministries and diaconal mercy fund that assists those in our congregation and community with practical needs. You can donate online and click on Easter Offering on the dropdown menu. You can also mail a check to PO Box 2102 Astoria, NY 11102 and note Easter Offering in the memo.

**FELLOWSHIP TIME OVER ZOOM:** Please join us for some fellowship time over Zoom right after the service from 12:30 – 1:15PM. You should have received an email with the link and phone number to join. You can call in on your phone or download the Zoom app in advance so that you are Zoom ready for some fellowship time!

**DIACONATE ASSISTANCE:** If you are sick and in quarantine at home and have any practical needs such as groceries, medications to be picked up etc. please call Andrea at 917-605-4040 or email her at [diaconate@astoriachurch.org](mailto:diaconate@astoriachurch.org). We have a Healthy Helps Team ready to meet your practical needs.

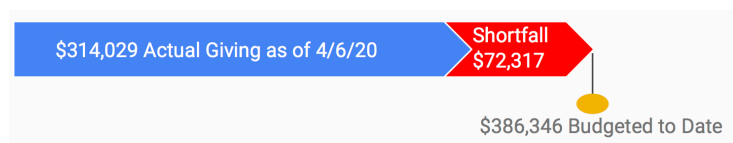
**DIACONATE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE:** If you have a financial need due to loss of income because of the COVID-19 NYS pause, please call Andrea at 917-605-4040 or email her at [diaconate@astoriachurch.org](mailto:diaconate@astoriachurch.org).

**FACE MASKS and GLOVES:** The CDC is now recommending that all individuals wear a simple face covering, especially in communities with high rates of infection like Queens. ACC received a donation of 30 single use face masks and 30 homemade face masks. If anyone is in need of a few face masks and/or gloves, please contact Andrea at 917-605-4040 or [diaconate@astoriachurch.org](mailto:diaconate@astoriachurch.org).

**PASTORAL CARE:** If any of you need to connect with Pastor David, feel free to call him at 917-992-7062.

**PRAYER MEETINGS AND COMMUNITY GROUP MEETINGS:** We are meeting every Tuesday and Thursday for a devotional by Pastor David followed by a prayer time from 7-8PM. The link for these video calls will be emailed to you. **Most of our Community Groups are still meeting remotely.** If you would like to join a CG, please contact David at 917-992-7062 or [david@astoriachurch.org](mailto:david@astoriachurch.org) to discuss CG options.

**FINANCIAL UPDATE:** Thank you to all who have given online while we are not meeting in person. Please continue to do so. You may give online on our website. You can also send a check made out to Astoria Community Church to PO Box 2102, Astoria, NY. 11102. Thank you!



**COVID-19 UPDATE:** ACC is suspending all in person church gatherings including worship until further notice. Please check our website regularly for details on how to join our virtual worship services and when we will resume in person worship.

## WELCOME TO

### ASTORIA COMMUNITY CHURCH

WORSHIP: Sundays, 9:30AM (mixed style) & 11:15AM (contemporary)

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*Our mission is to proclaim the good news of  
Jesus Christ to our neighbors,  
to welcome them into loving community,  
and to equip them to glorify God.*

#### Helpful Information:

##### Children and Youth Ministries

Programs are available on Sundays for babies through 5th grade. Our Youth Group meets on Fridays. See below for more info.

**Babies - Toddlers: Laurel Daniels** (both services)  
([acckids@astoriachurch.org](mailto:acckids@astoriachurch.org))

**Pre-K - Grade 2: Laurel Daniels** (11:15 service only, no class on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the Month) ([acckids@astoriachurch.org](mailto:acckids@astoriachurch.org))

**Grades 3 - 5: Bryan Taylor** (in between services)  
([bryantaylor@astoriachurch.org](mailto:bryantaylor@astoriachurch.org))

**Grades 6 - 12: Jeffrey Choi** (Fridays, Sept – June)  
([jeffrey@astoriachurch.org](mailto:jeffrey@astoriachurch.org))

##### Community Groups

Small groups that meet in homes for fellowship, study, and prayer. Email: [admin@astoriachurch.org](mailto:admin@astoriachurch.org) for info

##### Physical, Financial, or Emotional Need

Church leaders are available to meet with you if you have a need. Please email [diaconate@astoriachurch.org](mailto:diaconate@astoriachurch.org) or call 718-721-3440. For the **Meals Ministry**, email [accmeals@gmail.com](mailto:accmeals@gmail.com)

##### English as a Second Language Classes

(Saturdays) Info: [QueensESL@gmail.com](mailto:QueensESL@gmail.com)

##### Outreach Ministries

For info on service opportunities in Queens:  
[diaconate@astoriachurch.org](mailto:diaconate@astoriachurch.org)

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

Info for women, contact: [women@astoriachurch.org](mailto:women@astoriachurch.org)

Info for men, contact: [mensministry@astoriachurch.org](mailto:mensministry@astoriachurch.org)