

ASTORIA

COMMUNITY CHURCH

March 28, 2024 – 7:00pm
Maundy Thursday
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PRELUDE

MEDITATION Psalm 62:5

My soul, wait in silence for God only, for my hope is from him.

CALL TO WORSHIP Hebrews 1:1-2, 13:15

Leader: In the past God spoke through the prophets at many times and in various ways, but in the last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom he made the universe. Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise—the fruit of lips that confess his name.

People: Praise the Lord!

PRAYER OF ADORATION

SONG OF RESPONSE

“Behold the Lamb” (see insert)

FIRST READING Exodus 12:1-14, 29-42

The Passover

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

CHORAL RESPONSE

"A song of the covenant"

"The days are coming," declares the Lord,

"When I will make a new covenant

With the people of Israel

And with the people of Judah.

This is the covenant I will make

With the people of Israel," declares the Lord.

"I will put my law in their minds

And will write it on their hearts.

I will be their God,

And they will be my people.

They will all know me,

From the least of them to the greatest.

For I will forgive them their wickedness

And will remember their sins no more."

Amen.

Malcolm Archer

SECOND READING Luke 22:7-13

Jesus prepares for the Passover

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SONG OF RESPONSE

"Come, all ye pining, hungry, poor"

Lord, we adore thy boundless grace,

The heights and depths unknown,

Of pardon, life, and joy, and peace,

In thy beloved Son.

Come, all ye pining, hungry, poor,

The Saviour's bounty taste;

Behold a never-failing store

For every willing guest.

O wondrous gifts of love divine,

Dear Source of every good;

Jesus, in thee what glories shine!

How rich thy flowing blood!

Here shall your numerous wants receive

A free, a full supply;

He has unmeasured bliss to give,

And joys that never die.

Brian Murphy; Anne Steele

THIRD READING Luke 22:14-16

Jesus' desire to be with his disciples

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

CHORAL RESPONSE

"Abide with me" (Choir sings 3 verses, join on vs 4)

Abide with me: fast falls the eventide;

The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide:

When other helpers fail, and comforts flee,

Help of the helpless, O abide with me.

Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;

Earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away;

Change and decay in all around I see;

O thou who changest not, abide with me.

I fear no foe with thee at hand to bless;

Ills have no weight and tears no bitterness.

Where is death's sting? where, grave, thy victory?

I triumph still, if thou abide with me.

All: Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes;
Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies:
Heav'n's morning breaks,
And earth's vain shadows flee:
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

EVENTIDE, arr. Archer; Lyte

FOURTH READING John 13:1-17

Jesus washes his disciples' feet

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SONG OF RESPONSE

"Humble King"

Oh, kneel me down again here at your feet.
Show me how much you love humility
O Spirit, be the star that leads me to
The humble heart of love I see in you.

'Cause you are the God of the broken,
The Friend of the weak;
You wash the feet of the weary,
Embrace the ones in need.
I want to be like you, Jesus,
To have this heart in me.
You are the God of the humble,
You are the humble King.
You are my King, humble King.

Brenton Brown, arr. Kirk Ward

FIFTH READING John 13:18-30

Jesus is betrayed

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

CHORAL RESPONSE

"Ah, holy Jesus, how hast thou offended"

*Ah, holy Jesus, how hast thou offended,
That man to judge thee hath in hate pretended?
By foes derided, by thine own rejected,
O most afflicted.*

*Who was the guilty who brought this upon thee?
Alas, my treason, Jesus, hath undone thee.
'Twas I, Lord Jesus, I it was denied thee:
I crucified thee.*

*Lo, the Good Shepherd for the sheep is offered;
The slave has sinned, and the Son has suffered:
For man's atonement, while he nothing heedeth,
God intercedeth.*

ISTE CONFESSOR, arr. Price; Heermann

SIXTH READING John 13:31-35

Jesus commands his disciples to love one another

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

CHORAL RESPONSE

"Ubi caritas et amor"

Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est.

(Where charity and love are found, God himself is there.)

*Your love, O Jesus Christ, has gathered us together.
May your love, O Jesus Christ, be foremost in our lives.*

Let us love one another as God has loved us.

Taize

HOMILY "A New Commandment" Jim Fredere

OFFERTORY

"Christ, we do all adore thee"

*Christ, we do all adore thee,
And we do praise thee forever.*

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And we do praise thee forever.*

*Who on the cruel cross hast thou the world
From sin redeemed.*

*Christ, we do all adore thee,
And we do praise thee forever.*

Christ, we do all adore thee. Dubois, arr. CM; Baker

SEVENTH READING John 14:15-27

Jesus promises the Holy Spirit

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SONG OF RESPONSE

"My peace" (see insert)

EIGHTH READING Matthew 26:26-30

The Last Supper

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

CALL TO CONFESSION Revelation 3:19-20

Those whom I love I rebuke and discipline. So be earnest, and repent. Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with him, and he with me.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Eternal God, whose covenant with us is never broken: We confess that we have failed to fulfill your will for us. We betray our neighbors, desert our friends, and run in fear when we should be loyal. Though you have bound yourself to us, we have not bound ourselves to you. God, have mercy

on us weak and willful people. Lead us once again to your table, and unite us to Christ, who is the bread of life and the vine from which we grow in grace. To Christ be praise forever. 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.
O Lamb of God,
Who takest away the sins of the world,
Have mercy upon us.
(Women) Grant us peace! (Men) Grant us peace!
(Women) Grant us peace! (Men) Grant us peace!
(All) Grant us peace! Amen. John Wykoff

ASSURANCE OF PARDON II Corinthians 5:21
God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

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.

“When I survey the wondrous cross”

*When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss,
And pour contempt on all my pride.*

*Forbid it Lord, that I should boast,
Save in the death of Christ my God:
All the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to his blood.*

*See, from his head, his hands, his feet,
Sorrow and love flow mingled down:
Did e’er such love and sorrow meet,
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?*

*Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were a present far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all.*

Mason, arr. Martin; Isaac Watts

NINTH READING Matthew 26: 31-35

Jesus predicts Peter’s denial

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

SONG OF RESPONSE

“Were you there?”

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Oh! sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble,
tremble.
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?

Were you there when the sun refused to shine?

Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?
Spiritual

TENTH READING Matthew 26:36-46

Gethsemane

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

CHORAL RESPONSE

“Drop, drop, slow tears”

*Drop, drop, slow tears and bathe those beauteous feet,
Which brought from heaven the news
And Prince of Peace:
Cease not, wet eyes, his mercies to entreat:
To cry for vengeance sin doth never cease.
In your deep floods drown all my faults and fears;
Nor let his eye see sin but through my tears.*

Gibbons, arr. McDonald; Fletcher

ELEVENTH READING Matthew 26:47-56

Jesus is arrested and his disciples flee

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

CHORAL RESPONSE

“It is a thing most wonderful”

*It is a thing most wonderful,
Almost too wonderful to be,
That God’s own Son should come from heaven,
And die to save a child like me.
And yet I know that it is true,
He chose a poor and humble lot,
And wept, and toiled, and mourned, and died,
For love of those who loved him not.
I sometimes think about the cross,
And shut my eyes, and try to see
The cruel nails and crown of thorns,
And Jesus crucified for me,
But even could I see him die,
I could but see a little part
Of that great love, which like a fire,
Is always burning in his heart.
It is most wonderful to know
His love for me so free and sure,
But ‘tis more wonderful to see
My love for him so faint and poor,
And yet I want to love thee, Lord,
O light the flame within my heart,
And I will love thee more and more,
Until I see thee as thou art.*

Bayley; How

TWELFTH READING Psalm 22

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Let us all leave the sanctuary quietly.

**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)

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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 (Ages 3-6): During worship Sunday School class. Annette Scattoni, ackids@astoriachurch.org.

God’s Treasures (Ages 7-10): Sundays 9:30 – 10:20 a.m. Annette Scattoni, ackids@astoriachurch.org.

Youth Group - Grades 6 - 12: JC Cha, 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.

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