

ASTORIA

COMMUNITY CHURCH

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CALL TO WORSHIP from Psalm 62

Leader: O my soul, find rest in God; my hope comes from him. Truly he is my rock and my salvation; he is my fortress, I will not be shaken.

People: **My salvation and my honor depend on God; he is my mighty rock, my refuge.**

Leader: Trust in him at all times, you people; pour out your hearts to him, for God is our refuge.

SONG OF PRAISE

"A mighty fortress is our God" (see insert)

PRAYER OF ADORATION

PRAYERS OF PRAISE

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.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, whose face is hidden from us by our sins, and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts: cleanse us from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires, that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to you, confessing our faults, confiding in your grace, and finding in you our refuge and strength; through Jesus Christ your Son. Amen.

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 "What a beautiful name"

You were the Word at the beginning,
One with God the Lord Most High.
Your hidden glory in creation
Now revealed in you our Christ.

*What a beautiful name it is,
What a beautiful name it is,
The name of Jesus Christ my King.
What a beautiful name it is,
Nothing compares to this.
What a beautiful name it is,
The name of Jesus.*

You didn't want heaven without us,
So Jesus, you brought heaven down.
My sin was great, your love was greater;
What could separate us now?

*What a wonderful name it is,
What a wonderful name it is,
The name of Jesus Christ my King.
What a wonderful name it is,
Nothing compares to this.
What a wonderful name it is,
The name of Jesus.
What a wonderful name it is,
The name of Jesus.*

Death could not hold you, the veil tore before you
You silenced the boast of sin and grave.
The heavens are roaring the praise of your glory
For you are raised to life again.
You have no rival, you have no equal,
Now and forever, our God reigns.
Yours is the kingdom, yours is the glory,
Yours is the name, above all names.

*What a powerful name it is,
What a powerful name it is,
The name of Jesus Christ my King.
What a powerful name it is,
Nothing can stand against.
What a powerful name it is,
The name of Jesus.*

Brooke Ligertwood, Ben Fielding

****Children ages 3-7 are dismissed for Sunday school.****

OLD TESTAMENT READING Jonah 3:1-5, 10

Then the word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time: "Go to the great city of Nineveh and proclaim to it the message I give you." Jonah obeyed the word of the LORD and went to Nineveh. Now Nineveh was a very large city; it took three days to go through it. Jonah began by going a day's journey into the city,

proclaiming, "Forty more days and Nineveh will be overthrown." The Ninevites believed God. A fast was proclaimed, and all of them, from the greatest to the least, put on sackcloth....When God saw what they did and how they turned from their evil ways, he relented and did not bring on them the destruction he had threatened.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING Mark 1:14-20

After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. "The time has come," he said. "The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!" As Jesus walked beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. "Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will send you out to fish for people." At once they left their nets and followed him. When he had gone a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John in a boat, preparing their nets. Without delay he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men and followed him.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING I Corinthians 7:29-31

What I mean, brothers and sisters, is that the time is short. From now on those who have wives should live as if they do not; those who mourn, as if they did not; those who are happy, as if they were not; those who buy something, as if it were not theirs to keep; those who use the things of the world, as if not engrossed in them. For this world in its present form is passing away.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SONG OF RESPONSE "When love was slain"

This world is not my home.
Oh, this world is not my home.
My home's been made at heaven's throne;
This world is not my home.

This life is not my own.
Oh, this life is not my own.
I am his and his alone;
This life is not my own.

*I was bought when Love was slain;
What high cost, to pay death's wage.
Now ransomed, I am freedom's slave.
My Jesus raised me from the grave.*

Come now and walk with me.
Oh, come now and walk with me.
Together we our Lord shall meet;
Come now and walk with me.

Soon, Lord, and very soon,
Oh, soon Lord, and very soon,
You'll come take me to be with you
Soon, Lord, and very soon.

Riddle and Yates

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERTORY

SCRIPTURE READING II Corinthians 3:12-18 *NIV*

¹²Therefore, since we have such a hope, we are very bold. ¹³We are not like Moses, who would put a veil over his face to prevent the Israelites from seeing the end of what was passing away. ¹⁴But their minds were made dull, for to this day the same veil remains when the old covenant is read. It has not been removed, because only in Christ is it taken away. ¹⁵Even to this day when Moses is read, a veil covers their hearts. ¹⁶But whenever anyone turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away. ¹⁷Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. ¹⁸And we all, who with unveiled faces contemplate the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE "One degree of glory to another"

Reyn Cabinte

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.

“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

MUSIC OF COMMITMENT

“Christ, whose glory fills the skies” (see insert)

BENEDICTION Numbers 6:24-26

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his
face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the
Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you
peace.

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 Welcome Table (hard copy or QR code). We send out a weekly electronic newsletter and other announcement emails.

PRAYER AFTER THE SERVICE: If you need prayer for anything, the Elders and Diaconate members will be up front in the sanctuary after the announcements twice a month - on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month. The next Sunday will be this coming Sunday, **January 28th**.

EMERGENCY WINTER CLOTHING: Thanks to all that were able to bring clothing donations today!

WINTER COMMUNITY GROUPS: Join us this winter as we look at Metaphors for the Church of God. The Bible uses a rich tapestry of metaphors to describe the church, its role, and its relationship with God and its members. Gather with others from ACC for a time of study, prayer and fellowship. CGs start this week. Sign up link is in the Tuesday newsletter.

LOVING THE CITY: LOVING THE CITY: Please plan to join our winter Christian education class for 6 weeks starting **February 4th** using Pastor Keller's book, Loving the City. We live in a great city! However, we need to be trained in biblical principles for contextualizing the gospel as we communicate respectfully and truthfully to the culture around us. Come develop a gospel centered vision for the city. The class will take place after the service in the Chapel at **12:30PM**. Feel free to bring your own vegetarian/dairy lunch (Synagogue kosher rules.) Sign up link is in the Tuesday newsletter.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Please consider working with our children! We need teachers, assistants, floaters and hall monitors. Questions? Contact Annette at acckids@astoriachurch.org or speak with her in person.

ADDITIONAL ONGOING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

- ESL Saturday Zoom class - Contact Al at QueensESL@gmail.com
- Youth Group - Contact JC at youth@astoriachurch.org

NEW WAYS TO GIVE YOUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS:

Here are the ways you can give:

- * Cash and Check in the offering basket on Sundays
- * Simple donations (giving through our website.)
- * Zelle: admin@astoriachurch.org
- * Venmo: [@astoriacomcommunitychurch](https://venmo.com/@astoriacomcommunitychurch)
- * PayPal: admin@astoriachurch.org

READ THROUGH THE BIBLE IN A YEAR: We started a new plan to read through the Bible in a year on **Jan 1st**. The Word of God is our primary means of knowing God's will, character, and ways. This can be a great time to grow and learn together. It's not too late to join! Sign up link is in the newsletter.

FOOD PANTRY: Please bring **non perishable food, microwaveable (NOT frozen) meals, diapers of all sizes and baby formula/food** on Sundays and place in the green bin. Thank you!

WELCOME TO ASTORIA COMMUNITY CHURCH

Our mission is to glorify God by learning of God, living in Christ, and loving God and our neighbors.

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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, acckids@astoriachurch.org.

God's Treasures (Ages 7-10): Sundays 9:30 – 10:20 a.m. Annette Scattoni, acckids@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.

Men's and Women's Ministry

Info for women, contact: women@astoriachurch.org
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