

ASTORIA COMMUNITY CHURCH

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REFLECTION

“Some people think God does not like to be troubled with our constant coming and asking. The way to trouble God is not to come at all.” – D.L. Moody

CALL TO WORSHIP from Psalm 91

Leader: Because you have made the LORD your refuge, the Most High your dwelling place, no evil shall befall you, no scourge come near your tent.

People: **For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways. On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.**

Leader: You will tread on the lion and the adder, the young lion and the serpent you will trample under foot. Those who love me, I will deliver; I will protect those who know my name.

All: **When they call to me, I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble, I will rescue them and honor them. With long life I will satisfy them, and show them my salvation.**

SONG OF PRAISE

“Abide with me” (see insert)

PRAYER OF ADORATION

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.

SILENT CONFESSION

SONG OF CONFESSION

“Father, only in your power”

Father, only in your power can we ascend to you.
Help us, Father, we are helpless
To pay our righteous due. Lord, have mercy.

Jesus, only in your weakness
Can we your kingdom claim.
Help us, Jesus, we are reckless
In self-destruction’s chains

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Spirit, only in your presence can we true union find.
Help us, Spirit, we are restless,
Our soul’s divisions bind.

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world,
Have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, slain before the dawn of the world,
Have mercy on us.

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
Our ancient curse we own.
Broken in the blood of Adam,
The blood of Christ now show. **Z. Hicks & B. Benedict**

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

“Come, ye sinners”

Come, ye sinners, poor and needy,
weak and wounded, sick and sore;
Jesus ready stands to save you,
Full of pity, love, and pow'r.

*I will arise and go to Jesus,
He will embrace me in his arms.
In the arms of my dear Savior,
O, there are ten thousand charms.*

Let not conscience make you linger,
Nor of fitness fondly dream.
All the fitness he requireth
Is to feel your need of him.

Come, ye weary, heavy laden,
Lost and ruined by the fall.
If you tarry 'til you're better,
You will never come at all. **Walker; Hart**

OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 53:4-12

Surely he took up our pain and bore our suffering,
yet we considered him punished by God,
stricken by him, and afflicted.
But he was pierced for our transgressions,
he was crushed for our iniquities;
the punishment that brought us peace was on him,

and by his wounds we are healed.
 We all, like sheep, have gone astray,
 each of us has turned to our own way;
 and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.
 He was oppressed and afflicted,
 yet he did not open his mouth;
 he was led like a lamb to the slaughter,
 and as a sheep before its shearers is silent,
 so he did not open his mouth.
 By oppression and judgment he was taken away.
 Yet who of his generation protested?
 For he was cut off from the land of the living;
 for the transgression of my people he was punished.
 He was assigned a grave with the wicked,
 and with the rich in his death,
 though he had done no violence,
 nor was any deceit in his mouth.
 Yet it was the LORD's will to crush him and cause him
 to suffer, and though the LORD makes his life an
 offering for sin,
 he will see his offspring and prolong his days,
 and the will of the LORD will prosper in his hand.
 After he has suffered,
 he will see the light of life and be satisfied;
 by his knowledge my righteous servant will
 justify many, and he will bear their iniquities.
 Therefore I will give him a portion among the great,
 and he will divide the spoils with the strong,
 because he poured out his life unto death,
 and was numbered with the transgressors.
 For he bore the sin of many,
 and made intercession for the transgressors.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING Mark 10:35-45

Then James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to him. "Teacher," they said, "we want you to do for us whatever we ask." "What do you want me to do for you?" he asked. They replied, "Let one of us sit at your right and the other at your left in your glory." "You don't know what you are asking," Jesus said. "Can you drink the cup I drink or be baptized with the baptism I am baptized with?" "We can," they answered. Jesus said to them, "You will drink the cup I drink and be baptized with the baptism I am baptized with, but to sit at my right or left is not for me to grant. These places belong to those for whom they

have been prepared." When the ten heard about this, they became indignant with James and John. Jesus called them together and said, "You know that those who are regarded as rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all. For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

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EPISTLE READING Hebrews 5:1-10

Every high priest is selected from among the people and is appointed to represent the people in matters related to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He is able to deal gently with those who are ignorant and are going astray, since he himself is subject to weakness. This is why he has to offer sacrifices for his own sins, as well as for the sins of the people. And no one takes this honor on himself, but he receives it when called by God, just as Aaron was. In the same way, Christ did not take on himself the glory of becoming a high priest. But God said to him, "You are my Son; today I have become your Father." And he says in another place, "You are a priest forever, in the order of Melchizedek." During the days of Jesus' life on earth, he offered up prayers and petitions with fervent cries and tears to the one who could save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Son though he was, he learned obedience from what he suffered and, once made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him and was designated by God to be high priest in the order of Melchizedek.

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People: Thanks be to God.

SONG OF RESPONSE

"Jesus, my great High Priest"

Jesus, my great High Priest,
 Offered his blood and died;
 My guilty conscience seeks no sacrifice beside.
 His pow'rful blood did once atone
 And now it pleads before the throne.

To this dear Surety's hand
Will I commit my cause;
He answers and fulfills his Father's broken laws.
Behold my soul at freedom set;
My Surety paid the dreadful debt.

My Advocate appears
For my defense on high;
The Father bows his ears and lays his thunder by.
Not all that hell or sin can say
Shall turn his heart, his love, away.

Should all the hosts of death
And pow'rs of hell unknown
Put their most dreadful forms of rage and mischief on,
I shall be safe, for Christ displays
His conqu'ring pow'r and guardian grace.
DARWALL; Isaac Watts

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 11:5-13 *NIV*

⁵ Then Jesus said to them, "Suppose you have a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; ⁶ a friend of mine on a journey has come to me, and I have no food to offer him.' ⁷ And suppose the one inside answers, 'Don't bother me. The door is already locked, and my children and I are in bed. I can't get up and give you anything.' ⁸ I tell you, even though he will not get up and give you the bread because of friendship, yet because of your shameless audacity he will surely get up and give you as much as you need.

⁹ "So I say to you: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. ¹⁰ For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.

¹¹ "Which of you fathers, if your son asks for a fish, will give him a snake instead? ¹² Or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? ¹³ If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE "The friend at midnight" J. David Ellis

MUSIC OF MEDITATION

"All your works are good" (see insert)

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 (#735)

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.

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND PRAYER

MUSIC OF COMMITMENT

"Build your kingdom here" (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. 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.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: Members please plan to join **THIS Thursday, October 21 at 7PM (Zoom)** for our annual congregational meeting. We will hear ministry reports, review last FY's financial numbers, present the 21-22 Budget and pray together. An email will be sent on Tuesday with the Zoom link to join. Regular Attenders are welcome to join as well. Email Andrea at admin@astoriachurch.org for the Zoom link.

RELAUNCHING OUR CHOIRS: We are excited to begin singing as a choir again at ACC! The adult and the children's choirs will have their first rehearsal **TODAY right after worship ends**. Our plan is to do this safely and carefully. We will be able to rehearse in the sanctuary with fans and air purifiers, and rehearsals will be more limited to begin with. No previous experience necessary! Please contact Linnea at LLKickasola@yahoo.com if you are interested or have any questions.

ACC SUNDAY MORNING SETUP AND BREAKDOWN

TEAMS: *We need to expand our setup and breakdown teams on Sunday mornings.* If you would like to join either of these teams, please contact Andrea. **This is a great opportunity for families, a Community Group or friend group to serve together.** Thank you!!

NEW ROUND OF COMMUNITY GROUPS: We will begin a new round of short-term community groups starting **THIS WEEK** titled "Stories Jesus Told". This will be a 6-week Community Group series exploring some of the parables of Christ in the Gospel of Luke. Link to sign up is in the newsletter.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS: Mark your calendar for a Children's Ministry meeting this coming **Sunday, October 24th** after worship at the church office (lunch provided). **This meeting is for parents and prospective volunteers.** There is a registration form in the Tuesday newsletter and on our website. Feel free to speak to Annette with any questions you have, acckids@astoriachurch.org.

CHURCH FINANCES: Thank you for giving to God's church and the building of His kingdom. See the bar graph below for an update. Please continue to give as the Lord leads you. You may give on Sundays in our offering basket, online and through sending checks to our PO Box. Thank you!



MEMBER AND REGULAR ATTENDER NEWS: Email admin@astoriachurch.org with your news!

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

Currently we are only offering nursery services on Sundays. We provide a children's/youth bulletin for Pre-K and up. Our Youth Group meets on Fridays Sept - June. See below for more info.

Babies - Toddlers: Nursery is provided for newborns – 4-year olds. New Parents must register in advance. Link is in the newsletter (acckids@astoriachurch.org)

Pre-K - Grade 2: We hope to relaunch soon. Annette Scattoni, acckids@astoriachurch.org

Grades 3 - 5: We hope to relaunch soon. 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 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 or call 718-721-3440. For the **Meals Ministry**, email acmeals@gmail.com.

English as a Second Language Classes

(Saturdays) Info: QueensESL@gmail.com

Outreach Ministries

For info on service opportunities in Queens: Diaconate@astoriachurch.org

Men's and Women's Ministry

Info for women, contact: admin@astoriachurch.org **We are currently praying for new leadership.**

Info for men, contact: mensministry@astoriachurch.org