

ASTORIA COMMUNITY CHURCH

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CALL TO WORSHIP from Psalm 93

Leader: The LORD is king, he is robed in majesty; the LORD is robed, he is girded with strength. He has established the world; it shall never be moved; your throne is established from of old; you are from everlasting.

All: The LORD is king! The LORD reigns!

PRAYER OF ADORATION

SONG OF PRAISE

“Jesus shall reign” (see insert)

“Our God reigns”

How lovely on the mountains are the feet of him
Who brings good news, good news,
Announcing peace, proclaiming news of happiness
Our God reigns, our God reigns!
Our God Reigns! (4x)

He had no stately form, he had no majesty;
That we should be drawn to him.
He was despised and we took no account of him.
Yet now he reigns with the Most High.
Our God Reigns! (4x)

It was our sin and guilt that bruised and wounded him.
It was our sin that brought him down.
When we like sheep had gone astray, our Shepherd came
And on his shoulders, bore our shame.
Our God reigns! (4x)

Our from the tomb he came with grace and majesty.
He is alive, he's alive.
God loves us so; see here is hands, his feet, his side.
Yes, we know he is alive
Our God reigns! (4x). Leonard E. Smith Jr.

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.

SILENT CONFESSION

SUNG CONFESSION

“Trisagion”

Holy God, holy and mighty,
Holy Immortal One,
Have mercy, have mercy on us.

Fernando Ortega

ASSURANCE OF PARDON Colossians 1:13-14

For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

SONG OF PRAISE

“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

OLD TESTAMENT READING Daniel 9:9-10, 13-14

“As I looked, thrones were set in place,
and the Ancient of Days took his seat.
His clothing was as white as snow;
the hair of his head was white like wool.
His throne was flaming with fire,
and its wheels were all ablaze.
A river of fire was flowing,
coming out from before him.
Thousands upon thousands attended him;
ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him.
The court was seated,
and the books were opened....

In my vision at night I looked, and there before me was one like a son of man, coming with the clouds of heaven. He approached the Ancient of Days and was led into his presence. He was given authority, glory and sovereign power; all nations and peoples of every language worshiped him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that will not pass away, and his kingdom is one that will never be destroyed.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL READING John 18:33-37

Pilate then went back inside the palace, summoned Jesus and asked him, “Are you the king of the Jews?” “Is that your own idea,” Jesus asked, “or did others talk to you about me?” “Am I a Jew?” Pilate replied. “Your own people and chief priests handed you over to me. What is it you have done?” Jesus said, “My kingdom is not of this world. If it were, my servants would fight to prevent my arrest by the Jewish leaders. But now my kingdom is from another place.” “You are a king, then!” said Pilate. Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. In fact, the reason I was born and came into the world is to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me.”

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EPISTLE READING Revelation 1:4b-8

Grace and peace to you from him who is, and who was, and who is to come, and from the seven spirits before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood, and has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve his God and Father—to him be glory and power for ever and ever! Amen.

“Look, he is coming with the clouds,”
and “every eye will see him,
even those who pierced him”;
and all peoples on earth “will mourn because of him.”
So shall it be! Amen.
“I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God,
“who is, and who was, and who is to come, the
Almighty.”

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SONG OF RESPONSE

“Everlasting God”

Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord,
We will wait upon the Lord,
We will wait upon the Lord.
Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord,
We will wait upon the Lord,
We will wait upon the Lord.

Our God, you reign forever.
Our Hope, our strong Deliverer.

*You are the everlasting God,
The everlasting God,
You do not faint, you won't grow weary.
You're the defender of the weak,
You comfort those in need.
You lift us up on wings like eagles.* **Brown and Riley**

“King of kings”

In the darkness we were waiting,
Without hope, without light,
Till from Heaven you came running.
There was mercy in your eyes.
To fulfil the law and prophets,
To a virgin came the Word
From a throne of endless glory
To a cradle in the dirt.
*Praise the Father, praise the Son
Praise the Spirit, three in one.
God of Glory, majesty,
Praise forever to the King of Kings.*

To reveal the kingdom coming
And to reconcile the lost,
To redeem the whole creation

You did not despise the cross.
For even in your suffering you saw to the other side.
Knowing this was our salvation,
Jesus, for our sake you died.

And the morning that you rose
All of heaven held its breath
Till that stone was moved for good,
For the Lamb had conquered death.
And the dead rose from their tombs,
And the angels stood in awe,
For the souls of all who'd come
To the Father are restored.

And the Church of Christ was born,
Then the Spirit lit the flame.
Now this Gospel truth of old
Shall not kneel, shall not faint.
By his blood and in his Name,
In his freedom I am free,
For the love of Jesus Christ who has resurrected me.
Ligertwood, Ingram, Ligertwood

RECEIVING A NEW MEMBER

DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host:
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.
OLD HUNDRETH; Ken

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 18:9-14 *NIV*

⁹To some who were confident of their own righteousness and looked down on everyone else, Jesus told this parable: ¹⁰“Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. ¹¹The Pharisee stood by himself and prayed: ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other people—robbers, evildoers, adulterers—or even like this tax collector. ¹²I fast twice a week and give a tenth of all I get.’ ¹³“But the tax collector stood at a distance. He would not even look up to heaven, but beat his breast and said, ‘God, have mercy on me, a sinner.’ ¹⁴“I tell you that this man, rather than the other, went home justified before God. For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”

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

MESSAGE “The Pharisee & the tax collector”

J. David Ellis

MUSIC OF RESPONSE

“Hungry”

Hungry I come to you, for I know you satisfy.
I am empty, but I know your love does not run dry.
So I wait for you; so I wait for you.
I'm falling on my knees, offering all of me.
Jesus, you're all this heart is living for.

Broken, I run to you, for your arms are open wide.
I am weary, but I know your touch restores my life.
Kathryn Scott

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.

MUSIC OF COMMITMENT

“Hail to the Lord’s anointed” (see insert)

BENEDICTION Colossians 1:11-12

May you be strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy, giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light.

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 MEETING CANCELED: Due to Thanksgiving we will not be meeting for prayer meeting this Thursday.

MEN'S BREAKFAST GATHERING: Sat. Dec 4, 9:00am. Join us at the Belaire Diner (Broadway & 21st St) for a gathering with other men from ACC. We will each pay for our own meal. See the Tuesday newsletter to sign up!

ADVENT OFFERING: We have started to receive the Advent Offering for one of our Missionaries, Macklann and Rose Basse, who live in Togo, West Africa. **We have raised \$1,911 so far. Thanks for your generosity!** This year we will be raising \$3,500 for school needs (\$2,000 tuition for 20 students, \$700 for teacher materials and student books, and \$800 for a small swing and slide for the playground). Any funds raised above the \$3,500 will go towards their capital campaign to buy land for the school in a village about 60 km away. See the Tuesday newsletter for the Basse's latest newsletter. **The deadline for giving is Sunday, December 5th.** Questions? Contact Annette Scattoni at gianlu19@yahoo.com.

CHOIRS: The children's and adult choirs will be rehearsing today. Questions? Speak to Linnea Kickasola or email her at llkickasola@yahoo.com.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Both the Youth and Children's Ministries need more volunteers (members only please). Please see JC for Youth Ministries, youth@astoriachurch.org and Annette for Children's Ministries, 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. 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