

# ASTORIA

## COMMUNITY CHURCH

April 26, 2020 – 11:15 am  
Third Sunday of Easter  
[www.AstoriaChurch.org](http://www.AstoriaChurch.org)

### PRELUDE

“When we come to Jesus Christ, He does not promise to exempt us from trouble or sorrow. Tears will come, but deep inside there will be a joy that is difficult to explain to you. It is a joy from God—produced by the Holy Spirit.”  
– Billy Graham

### CALL TO WORSHIP

**Leader:** Hear, O LORD, and be gracious to me! O LORD, be my helper!

**People:** **You have turned my mourning into dancing; you have taken off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy, so that my soul may praise you and not be silent. O LORD my God, I will give thanks to you forever.**

**Leader:** Christ is risen!

**All:** **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

### SONG OF PRAISE

**“That Easter day with joy was bright”**

That Easter day with joy was bright:  
The sun shone out with fairer light  
When to their longing eyes restored,  
Th’apostles saw their risen Lord.

His risen flesh with radiance glowed,  
His wounded hands and feet he showed;  
Those scars their solemn witness gave  
That Christ was risen from the grave.

O Jesus, King of gentleness,  
Do thou, thyself, our hearts possess,  
That we may give thee all our days  
The willing tribute of our praise.

O Lord of all, with us abide,  
In this, our joyful Eastertide;  
From every weapon death can wield  
Thine own redeemed forever shield.

MACCABAEUS; Edmund Budry

### PRAYER OF ADORATION

### SONG OF PRAISE

**“How deep the Father’s love for us”**

How deep the Father's love for us,  
How vast beyond all measure,  
That he would give his only Son  
To make a wretch his treasure.  
How great the pain of searing loss,  
The Father turns his face away,  
As wounds which mar the Chosen One  
Bring many sons to glory.

Behold the Man upon a cross,  
My guilt upon his shoulders  
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice  
Call out among the scoffers.  
It was my sin that held him there  
Until it was accomplished.  
His dying breath has brought me life  
I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything,  
No gifts, no pow’rs, no wisdom.  
But I will boast in Jesus Christ,  
His death and resurrection.  
Why should I gain from his reward?  
I cannot give an answer.  
But this I know with all my heart,  
His wounds have paid my ransom.

Stuart Townend CCLI#20219511

### CALL TO CONFESSION II Corinthians 5:15

And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again.

### SPOKEN CONFESSION

**All: O Lord, this week I have often lived for myself and not for you. I have not always loved the things you love and hated the things you hate. Forgive me, for your mercy’s sake.**

### SILENT CONFESSION

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON II Corinthians 5:17, 21

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come! God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

## SONG OF RESPONSE

### “Jesus paid it all”

I hear the Savior say,  
"Your strength indeed is small;  
Child of weakness, watch and pray,  
Find in me your all in all."  
*Jesus paid it all, all to him I owe;  
Sin had left a crimson stain;  
He washed it white as snow.*

Lord, now indeed I find  
your power, and yours alone,  
Can change the leper's spots,  
And melt the heart of stone.

For nothing good have I  
Whereby your grace to claim—  
I'll wash my garments white  
In the blood of Calvary's Lamb.

And when, before the throne,  
I stand in him complete,  
“Jesus died my soul to save”,  
My lips shall still repeat. **ALL TO CHRIST; Hail**

## OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19

I love the LORD, for he heard my voice;  
he heard my cry for mercy.  
Because he turned his ear to me,  
I will call on him as long as I live.  
The cords of death entangled me,  
the anguish of the grave came over me;  
I was overcome by distress and sorrow.  
Then I called on the name of the LORD:  
“LORD, save me!”...  
What shall I return to the LORD  
for all his goodness to me?  
I will lift up the cup of salvation  
and call on the name of the LORD.  
I will fulfill my vows to the LORD  
in the presence of all his people.  
Precious in the sight of the LORD  
is the death of his faithful servants.  
Truly I am your servant, LORD;  
I serve you just as my mother did;  
you have freed me from my chains.  
I will sacrifice a thank offering to you  
and call on the name of the LORD.  
I will fulfill my vows to the LORD  
in the presence of all his people,  
in the courts of the house of the LORD—  
in your midst, Jerusalem.

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

**People:** Thanks be to God.

## ACTS READING Acts 2:14a, 36-41

Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice  
and addressed the crowd:

“Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has  
made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and  
Messiah.” When the people heard this, they were cut  
to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles,  
“Brothers, what shall we do?” Peter replied, “Repent  
and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of  
Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you  
will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise is  
for you and your children and for all who are far off—  
for all whom the Lord our God will call.” With many  
other words he warned them; and he pleaded with  
them, “Save yourselves from this corrupt  
generation.” Those who accepted his message were  
baptized, and about three thousand were added to their  
number that day.

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## EPISTLE READING I Peter 1:17-23

Since you call on a Father who judges each person's  
work impartially, live out your time as foreigners here  
in reverent fear. For you know that it was not with  
perishable things such as silver or gold that you were  
redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to  
you from your ancestors, but with the precious  
blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect. He  
was chosen before the creation of the world, but was  
revealed in these last times for your sake. Through  
him you believe in God, who raised him from the  
dead and glorified him, and so your faith and hope are  
in God. Now that you have purified yourselves by  
obeying the truth so that you have sincere love for  
each other, love one another deeply, from the heart.  
For you have been born again, not of perishable seed,  
but of imperishable, through the living and enduring  
word of God.

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

**People:** Thanks be to God.

## SONG OF RESPONSE

### “The same power”

There is pow'r in his name  
For the stone was rolled away.  
Mountains bow down before  
Jesus Christ, our risen Lord,  
Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

*Mighty Savior lifted high,  
King forever, Jesus Christ.  
Crowned in glory, raised to life;*

*The same power lives in us.  
(The same power lives in us)*

We will rise, stand and sing  
Of our great and matchless King.  
Seated high on the throne,  
You shall reign forevermore,  
You shall reign forevermore.

The grave could not contain  
The power of his name.  
Death you overcame  
Once and for all.

Cantelon, Herbert CCLI#20219511

## RECEIVING NEW MEMBERS

### 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

### OFFERTORY

*"Who will roll away the stone?"*

*Early in the morning, the sun already risen  
Three women came bearing spices,  
the Lord's body to anoint  
Standing at the tomb, they asked each other saying  
"Who will roll away the stone?"*

*Looking up they realized, the stone had been removed  
And to their amazement, a young man sat before them  
"Do not be afraid," he said, "for Jesus the Nazarene  
He who has been crucified, here you will not find*

*He has risen from the grave"  
You'll find him on the road  
You'll find him at your table  
He has risen from the dead*

Tom Wuest and Peter La Grande

### SCRIPTURE READING Luke 24:13-35 (NIV)

<sup>13</sup> Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup> They were talking with each other about everything that had happened. <sup>15</sup> As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them; <sup>16</sup> but they were kept from recognizing him.

<sup>17</sup> He asked them, "What are you discussing together as you walk along?"

They stood still, their faces downcast. <sup>18</sup> One of them, named Cleopas, asked him, "Are you the only one

visiting Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?"

<sup>19</sup> "What things?" he asked.

"About Jesus of Nazareth," they replied. "He was a prophet, powerful in word and deed before God and all the people. <sup>20</sup> The chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him; <sup>21</sup> but we had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel. And what is more, it is the third day since all this took place. <sup>22</sup> In addition, some of our women amazed us. They went to the tomb early this morning <sup>23</sup> but didn't find his body. They came and told us that they had seen a vision of angels, who said he was alive. <sup>24</sup> Then some of our companions went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see Jesus."

<sup>25</sup> He said to them, "How foolish you are, and how slow to believe all that the prophets have spoken! <sup>26</sup> Did not the Messiah have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?" <sup>27</sup> And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself. <sup>28</sup> As they approached the village to which they were going, Jesus continued on as if he were going farther. <sup>29</sup> But they urged him strongly, "Stay with us, for it is nearly evening; the day is almost over." So he went in to stay with them.

<sup>30</sup> When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. <sup>31</sup> Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight. <sup>32</sup> They asked each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?"

<sup>33</sup> They got up and returned at once to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven and those with them, assembled together <sup>34</sup> and saying, "It is true! The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon." <sup>35</sup> Then the two told what had happened on the way, and how Jesus was recognized by them when he broke the bread.

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**People:** Thanks be to God.

**MESSAGE** "Unexpected" Rev. David Ellis

### PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

## **MUSIC OF COMMITMENT**

### **“This joyful Eastertide”**

This joyful Eastertide,  
Away with sin and sorrow!  
My Love, the Crucified,  
Has sprung to life this morrow.  
Had Christ that once was slain,  
Ne’er burst his three-day prison,  
Our faith had been in vain:  
But now has Christ arisen, arisen, arisen, arisen!

My flesh in hope shall rest,  
And for a season slumber,  
Till trump from east to west  
Shall wake the dead in number.  
Had Christ that once was slain,  
Ne’er burst his three-day prison,  
Our faith had been in vain:  
But now has Christ arisen, arisen, arisen, arisen!

Death’s flood has lost its chill,  
Since Jesus crossed the river;  
Lover of souls, from ill  
My passing soul deliver.  
Had Christ that once was slain,  
Ne’er burst his three-day prison,  
Our faith had been in vain:  
But now has Christ arisen, arisen, arisen, arisen!

**VRUCHTEN; Woodward**

## **BENEDICTION**                  Romans 15:13

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as  
you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope  
by the power of the Holy Spirit.

## 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.

**FELLOWSHIP TIME OVER ZOOM:** Please join us for some fellowship time over Zoom right after the service from 12:30 – 1:30PM. We've been having some great times of connecting! You should have received an email this morning 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!

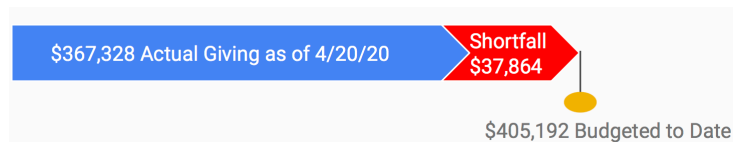
### PRAYER MEETINGS AND COMMUNITY GROUP MEETINGS:

We are meeting every Tuesday and Thursday for a devotional by Pastor David followed by a prayer time at 7PM. **AND we are adding a Thursday at noon prayer time starting this Thursday 4/29.** The link for these video calls will be emailed to you. **Some 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.

### EASTER OUTREACH OFFERING: THANK YOU, ACC, FOR GIVING!

As of Monday, April 20, we have received \$24,058.54! Our goal is \$25,000. AND it's not too late to send in your donation. 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. And be sure to read the full testimony on our website blog.

**FINANCIAL UPDATE:** Thank you to all who have given online while we are not meeting in person. We are closing the gap significantly! 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!



**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:** ACC still has a supply of disposable face masks and homemade face masks. If anyone is in need of a face mask 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.

**ACC'S BLOG:** David has been writing a lot of encouraging posts! Please keep reading.

**MEMBER NEWS:** Email [David@astoriachurch.org](mailto:David@astoriachurch.org) or [Andrea@astoriachurch.org](mailto:Andrea@astoriachurch.org) with your news!

## 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)

([bryantaylornyc@gmail.com](mailto:bryantaylornyc@gmail.com))

**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)

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