

ASTORIA COMMUNITY CHURCH

May 31, 2020 – 11:15 am
Pentecost
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PRELUDE

“And when we come to the end of ourselves, when everything is failing within us and around us, we realize that nothing but God can satisfy the longings in our soul.”
– Trillia Newbell

CALL TO WORSHIP from Psalm 104

Leader: How many are your works, LORD! In wisdom you made them all; the earth is full of your creatures. There is the sea, vast and spacious, teeming with creatures beyond number—living things both large and small. There the ships go to and fro, and Leviathan, which you formed to frolic there.

People: All creatures look to you to give them their food at the proper time. When you give it to them, they gather it up; when you open your hand, they are satisfied with good things.

Leader: When you hide your face, they are terrified, when you take away their breath, they die and return to the dust.

People: When you send your Spirit, they are created, and you renew the face of the earth.

SONG OF PRAISE

“Spirit of God, descend upon my heart”

Spirit of God, descend upon my heart;
Wean it from earth; through all its pulses move;
Stoop to my weakness, mighty as thou art;
And make me love thee as I ought to love.

I ask no dream, no prophet ecstasies,
No sudden rending of the veil of clay,
No angel visitant, no op’ning skies;
But take the dimness of my soul away.

Hast thou not bid me love thee, God and King?
All, all thine own, soul, heart and strength and mind.
I see thy cross; there teach my heart to cling:
O let me seek thee, and O let me find.

Teach me to feel that thou art always nigh;
Teach me the struggles of the soul to bear.
To check the rising doubt, the rebel sigh,
Teach me the patience of unanswered prayer.

Teach me to love thee as thine angels love,
One holy passion filling all my frame;
The baptism of the heav’n-descended Dove,
My heart an altar, and thy love the flame.

MORECAMBE; George Croly

PRAYER OF ADORATION

PENTECOST READING Acts 2:1-11

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them. Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. Utterly amazed, they asked: “Aren’t all these who are speaking Galileans? Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!” Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, “What does this mean?” Some, however, made fun of them and said, “They have had too much wine.” Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: “Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. These people are not drunk, as you suppose. It’s only nine in the morning! No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

“‘In the last days, God says,

I will pour out my Spirit on all people.

Your sons and daughters will prophesy,

your young men will see visions,

your old men will dream dreams.

Even on my servants, both men and women,

I will pour out my Spirit in those days,

and they will prophesy.

I will show wonders in the heavens above
and signs on the earth below,
blood and fire and billows of smoke.
The sun will be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood
before the coming of the great and glorious day of
the Lord.
And everyone who calls
on the name of the Lord will be saved.'

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SONG OF PRAISE

"O bless the Lord"

*O bless the Lord, and sing his glory,
And tell of all the marvels he has done.
O bless the Lord, and sing his glory.
Praise him from the rising to the setting of the sun.*

You who lived in darkness, pris'ners of the night,
Can it be you're living free and walking in the light!
Tell us of the glory that makes your joy complete.
Shout it from the housetop, brothers,
Dance it in the street!

You who were so thirsty, you who went unfed,
Tell us who has called you
To this feast of wine and bread.
Tell us of the fountain that fills your throat with song.
Sing it in the morning, sisters, tell it all day long.

You whose bones were broken,
You who've known despair,
Tell us how you're laughing now
And leaping in the air;
Tell us of the Spirit that makes your life all new,
Tell us who has done all this so we can praise him too.
Gary Brockman

CALL TO CONFESSION

Jesus said, "If you love me, you will obey what I command, and I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever—the Spirit of truth. Whoever has my commands and obeys them, he is the one who loves me. He who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love him and show myself to him." Let us confess our sin to God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Spirit, I have often grieved you. I have not always had the courage to live by faith, to trust that Christ has become my righteousness. I have tried to be my own righteousness. I am anxiety-

ridden about my weaknesses. And I have demanded too much of this life by settling for too little of your power. I have not set my sights on the life to come. I do not live enough for the day when what is mortal shall be swallowed up by life. O Spirit of Christ, have mercy on me. Amen.

SONG OF CONFESSION

"O for a closer walk with God"

O for a closer walk with God,
A calm and heavenly frame,
A light to shine upon the road
That leads me to the Lamb!

Where is the blessedness I knew
When first I saw the Lord?
Where is the soul refreshing view
Of Jesus and his word?

Return, O holy Dove, return,
Sweet messenger of rest;
I hate the sin that made thee mourn,
And drove thee from my breast.

The dearest idol I have known,
Whate'er that idol be,
Help me to tear it from thy throne,
And worship only thee.

So shall my walk be close with God,
Calm and serene my frame;
So purer light shall mark the road
That leads me to the Lamb.

CAITHNESS; William Cowper

ASSURANCE OF PARDON Romans 5:1-2, 5

Since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God.... And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

SONG OF RESPONSE

"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.

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OLD TESTAMENT READING Numbers 11:24-30
So Moses went out and told the people what the LORD had said. He brought together seventy of their elders and had them stand around the tent. Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke with him, and he took some of the power of the Spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. When the Spirit rested on them, they prophesied—but did not do so again. However, two men, whose names were Eldad and Medad, had remained in the camp. They were listed among the elders, but did not go out to the tent. Yet the Spirit also rested on them, and they prophesied in the camp. A young man ran and told Moses, “Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.” Joshua son of Nun, who had been Moses’ aide since youth, spoke up and said, “Moses, my lord, stop them!” But Moses replied, “Are you jealous for my sake? I wish that all the LORD’s people were prophets and that the LORD would put his Spirit on them!” Then Moses and the elders of Israel returned to the camp.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE READING I Corinthians 2:3b-13

No one can say, “Jesus is Lord,” except by the Holy Spirit. There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work. Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. To one there is given through the Spirit a message of wisdom, to another a message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues, and to still another the interpretation of tongues. All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he distributes them to each one, just as he determines. Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. For we were all baptized by one Spirit so as to form one body—whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SONG OF RESPONSE

“Fall afresh”

Awaken my soul, come awake.
To hunger, to seek, to thirst.
Awaken first love, come awake,
And do as you did at first.

Spirit of the living God, come fall afresh on me.
Come wake me from my sleep.
Blow through the caverns of my soul;
Pour in me to overflow, to overflow.

Yes, Spirit, come and fill this place.
Let your glory now invade.
Spirit, come and fill this place.
Let your glory now invade.

Jeremy Riddle, CCLI#20219511

MINISTRY REPORT

OFFERTORY

“Be still, for the presence of the Lord”

Be still, for the presence of the Lord,
The Holy One, is here;
Come, bow before him now, with reverence and fear.

In him no sin is found, we stand on holy ground;
Be still, for the presence of the Lord,
The Holy One, is here.

Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around;
He burns with holy fire, with splendor he is crowned.
How awesome is the sight, our radiant King of light!
Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around.

Be still, for the power of the Lord
Is moving in this place;
He comes to cleanse and heal, to minister his grace.
No work too hard for him, in faith receive from him;
Be still, for the power of the Lord
Is moving in this place.

David J. Evans, CCLI#20219511

SCRIPTURE READING John 7:37-39 *ESV*

³⁷ On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and cried out, “If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink. ³⁸ Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, ‘Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.’” ³⁹ Now this he said about the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were to receive, for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE “Rivers of living water” J. David Ellis

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

MUSIC OF COMMITMENT

“Come down, O love divine”

Come down, O love divine;
Seek thou this soul of mine
And visit it with thine own ardor glowing;
O comforter, draw near; within my heart appear
And kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.

Oh, let it freely burn, till worldly passions turn
To dust and ashes in its heat consuming;
And let thy glorious light shine ever on my sight,
And clothe me round, the while my path illuming.

Let holy charity mine outward vesture be,
And lowliness become mine inner clothing—
True lowliness of heart, which takes the humbler part,
And o’er its own shortcomings weeps with loathing.

And so the yearning strong,
With which the soul will long,
Shall far outpass the pow’r of human telling;

No soul can guess his grace till it become the place
Wherein the Holy Spirit makes his dwelling.

Vaughan Williams; Bianco ca Seina, CCLI# 20219511

BENEDICTION

2 Corinthians 13:14

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of
God the Father, 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. We send out a weekly electronic newsletter.

PASTORAL CARE: Pastor David is available for Zoom meetings if you need to connect with him. Give him a call or text him at 917-992-7062 to set up a meeting.

UPDATE FROM PASTOR DAVID: If you are on our email list, you should have received a letter from Pastor David on Thursday with an update on plans to reopen. If you didn't and would like to read it, please email admin@astoriachurch.org and Andrea will forward it to you.

ACC IS LOOKING FOR A PART-TIME BOOKKEEPER: Knowledge of QuickBooks required. Hours flexible. Compensation negotiable. Respond to BDiCicco@Diccolaw.com.

FELLOWSHIP TIME OVER ZOOM: Please join us for some fellowship time over Zoom right after the service from 12:30PM – 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.

SUMMER BOOK STUDY: Join Pastor David and Andrea as they co-lead a summer book study. We will be reading and discussing the book *Emotionally Healthy Spirituality* by Peter Scazzero. **Mondays, 7-8:30PM, on July 6 & 20, August 3, 16 & 31 on Zoom.** The EventBrite link to sign up will be in the Tuesday newsletter. For more info, contact Andrea at admin@astoriachurch.org.

OTHER WAYS TO CONNECT! PRAYER MEETINGS: We are meeting every Tuesday and Thursday at 7PM and every Thursday at noon for a devotional by Pastor David followed by a prayer time.

GREAT NEWS! ESL MINISTRY UPDATE: We have 2 new co-leaders/co-teachers for our ESL ministry! Please welcome Annette Scattoni and Breanne Doyle. Many thanks to them for committing to serve and practically love our neighbors! And we extend our deep gratitude to Judith for her 6 years of service!

EASTER OUTREACH OFFERING: THANK YOU ACC FOR GIVING! As of Monday, May 25th, we have received **\$41,174.34**. We have exceeded our goal!! **Many thanks!!**

FINANCIAL UPDATE: Thank you to all who are giving online and sending in checks to our PO Box while we are not meeting in person. We are a little over 5 weeks away from the end of our fiscal year. Keep up the steady giving! We're so thankful for your generosity! Our mailing address is Astoria Community Church to PO Box 2102, Astoria, NY. 11102. Thank you!

\$419,280 Actual Giving as of 5/25/20

Shortfall
\$33,027

\$452,308 Budgeted to Date

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. 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 or any other reason, please call Andrea at 917-605-4040 or email her at diaconate@astoriachurch.org.

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)

Pre-K - Grade 2: Laurel Daniels (11:15 service only, no class on the 1st Sunday of the Month) (acckids@astoriachurch.org)

Grades 3 - 5: Bryan Taylor (in between services)
(bryantaylor@astoriachurch.org)

Grades 6 - 12: Jeffrey Choi (Fridays, Sept – June)
(jeffrey@astoriachurch.org)

Community Groups

Small groups that meet in homes for fellowship, 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 accmeals@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: women@astoriachurch.org

Info for men, contact: mensministry@astoriachurch.org