

ASTORIA COMMUNITY CHURCH

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PRELUDE

“When the church ... lives out Christ’s mission of reconciliation, justice, mercy, and peace, her light radiates God’s triune love like a city on a hill.”

– Stephen M. Garrett

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 8

Leader: LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

People: **You have set your glory in the heavens.**

Leader: Through the praise of children and infants you have established a stronghold against your enemies,

People: **to silence the foe and the avenger.**

Leader: When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place,

People: **what is mankind that you are mindful of them, human beings that you care for them?**

Leader: You have made them a little lower than the angels and crowned them with glory and honor.

People: **You made them rulers over the works of your hands; you put everything under their feet:**

Leader: all flocks and herds, and the animals of the wild, the birds in the sky, and the fish in the sea, all that swim the paths of the seas.

All: **LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!**

PRAYER OF ADORATION

SONG OF PRAISE

“**Holy, holy, holy**”

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee;
Holy, Holy, Holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, Holy, Holy, all the saints adore thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
Who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, Holy, Holy, though the darkness hide thee,
Though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,

Only thou art holy; there is none beside thee
Perfect in power, in love, and purity.

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy Name, in earth and sky
and sea;
Holy, Holy, Holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity! NICAEA; Heber

CALL TO CONFESSION

Leader: Father, you have come to meet us as we return to you.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: Jesus, you died on the cross for our sins.

People: **Christ, have mercy.**

Leader: Spirit, you give us life and peace.

People: **Lord have mercy.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: **Triune God, we praise you as the God of love and life. Though Jesus prayed that we would be one, we confess that we fail to live in unity with each other and with you. We break our communion through hostile words and unkind actions. We long for your Spirit to heal us and to correct us. We long for you to help us experience communion with you and with each other. Even now, dependent on your grace, we commit ourselves to live more fully in the unity you desire. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

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 Romans 5:1-2
Therefore, 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.

SONG OF PRAISE

“Lord, I need you”

Lord I come. I confess.
Bowing here, I find my rest.
And without you I fall apart.
You're the one that guides my heart.

Lord, I need you. Oh, I need you.
Ev'ry hour I need you.
My one defense, my righteousness,
Oh, God, how I need you.

Where sin runs deep, your grace is more.
Where grace is found, is where you are.
And where you are, Lord, I am free.
Holiness is Christ in me.
Where you are, Lord, I am free.
Holiness is Christ in me.

So teach my song to rise to you
When temptation comes my way.
And when I cannot stand, I'll fall on you.
Jesus, you're my hope and stay.
And when I cannot stand, I'll fall on you.
Jesus, you're my hope and stay.

Lord, I need you. Oh, I need you.
Ev'ry hour I need you.
My one defense, my righteousness,
Oh, God, how I need you.
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Oh, God, how I need you. **Maher CCLI#20219511**

OLD TESTAMENT READING Genesis 1:1-2:4a

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.

And God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light. God saw that the light was good, and he separated the light from the darkness. God called the light “day,” and the darkness he called “night.” And there was evening, and there was morning—the first day.

And God said, “Let there be a vault between the waters to separate water from water.” So God made the vault and separated the water under the vault from the water above it. And it was so. God called the vault “sky.” And there was evening, and there was morning—the second day.

And God said, “Let the water under the sky be gathered to one place, and let dry ground appear.” And it was so. God called the dry ground “land,” and the gathered waters he called “seas.” And God saw that it was good. Then God said, “Let the land produce vegetation: seed-bearing plants and trees on the land that bear fruit with seed in it, according to their various kinds.” And it was so. The land produced vegetation: plants bearing seed according to their kinds and trees bearing fruit with seed in it according to their kinds. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening, and there was morning—the third day.

And God said, “Let there be lights in the vault of the sky to separate the day from the night, and let them serve as signs to mark sacred times, and days and years, and let them be lights in the vault of the sky to give light on the earth.” And it was so. God made two great lights—the greater light to govern the day and the lesser light to govern the night. He also made the stars. God set them in the vault of the sky to give light on the earth, to govern the day and the night, and to separate light from darkness. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening, and there was morning—the fourth day.

And God said, “Let the water teem with living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the vault of the sky.” So God created the great creatures of the sea and every living thing with which the water teems and that moves about in it, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it

was good. God blessed them and said, “Be fruitful and increase in number and fill the water in the seas, and let the birds increase on the earth.” And there was evening, and there was morning—the fifth day.

And God said, “Let the land produce living creatures according to their kinds: the livestock, the creatures that move along the ground, and the wild animals, each according to its kind.” And it was so. God made the wild animals according to their kinds, the livestock according to their kinds, and all the creatures that move along the ground according to their kinds. And God saw that it was good.

Then God said, “Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground.”

So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

God blessed them and said to them, “Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground.”

Then God said, “I give you every seed-bearing plant on the face of the whole earth and every tree that has fruit with seed in it. They will be yours for food. And to all the beasts of the earth and all the birds in the sky and all the creatures that move along the ground—everything that has the breath of life in it—I give every green plant for food.” And it was so.

God saw all that he had made, and it was very good. And there was evening, and there was morning—the sixth day.

Thus the heavens and the earth were completed in all their vast array.

By the seventh day God had finished the work he had been doing; so on the seventh day he rested from all his work. Then God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it he rested from all the work of creating that he had done.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE READING 2 Corinthians 13:11-14

Finally, brothers and sisters, rejoice! Strive for full restoration, encourage one another, be of one mind,

live in peace. And the God of love and peace will be with you.

Greet one another with a holy kiss. All God’s people here send their greetings.

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

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SONG OF RESPONSE

“All creatures of our God and King”

All creatures of our God and King

Lift up your voice and with us sing

O praise Him alleluia

Thou burning sun with golden beam

Thou silver moon with softer gleam

O praise Him O praise Him

Alleluia alleluia alleluia

Thou rushing wind that art so strong

Ye clouds that sail in Heav’n along

O praise Him alleluia

Thou rising moon in praise rejoice

Ye lights of evening find a voice

O praise Him O praise Him

Alleluia alleluia alleluia

Let all things their Creator bless

And worship Him in humbleness

O praise Him alleluia

Praise praise the Father praise the Son

And praise the Spirit three in One

O praise Him O praise Him

Alleluia alleluia alleluia

O alleluia alleluia

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MINISTRY REPORT

OFFERTORY

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SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 28:16-20 (NIV)

¹⁶Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. ¹⁷When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted.

¹⁸Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

¹⁹ Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE “The radical commission” J. David Ellis

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.
And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
begotten from the Father before all ages,
God from God,
Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made;
of the same essence as the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven;
he became incarnate by the Holy Spirit
and the virgin Mary,
and was made human.
He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered and was buried.
The third day he rose again, according to
the Scriptures.
He ascended to heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again with glory
to judge the living and the dead.
His kingdom will never end.
And we believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life.
He proceeds from the Father and the Son,
and with the Father and the Son is worshiped
and glorified.
He spoke through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and
apostolic church.
We affirm one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look forward to the resurrection of the dead,
and to life in the world to come. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

MUSIC OF COMMITMENT

“Hope and glory”

Hear our cry, O King of heaven,
Jesus, hope to every heart.
We are lost without your glory.
We are lost without you, God.

Be the fire that burns within us,
Flames of love that purify.
Send your power and your salvation.
Let us see your kingdom come

*(Cause) Only you can move the mountains.
Only you can heal our land.
Christ, alone our hope and glory,
Christ, alone in you we stand.*

Turn your eyes and show us mercy.
How we need your Father's love.
Lead us home and out of darkness
With your gospel burning bright.

We believe our God is mighty.
We believe our God is here.
We believe our King is coming.
Christ, alone in you we stand.

Praise the Lord! Our God is mighty.
Praise the Lord! Our God is here.
Praise the Lord! Our King is coming.
Christ, alone in you we stand.

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BENEDICTION 2 Corinthians 13:14

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and 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. 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.

ACC BLOG: Please keep reading our blog. Pastor David is writing a lot of encouraging posts.

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 Scavero. **Mondays, 7-8:30PM, on July 6 & 20, August 3, 16 & 31 on Zoom.** The EventBrite link to sign up is live and can be accessed on our website. 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!

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 4 weeks away from the end of our fiscal year. Keep up the steady giving! We still have a shortfall to make up.** We're so thankful for your generosity! Our mailing address is Astoria Community Church to PO Box 2102, Astoria, NY. 11102. Thank you!

\$426,635 Actual Giving as of 6/01/20

Shortfall
\$35,096

\$461,731 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.

MEMBER NEWS: Email David@astoriachurch.org or Andrea at admin@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)

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