

ASTORIA COMMUNITY CHURCH

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REFLECTION

“God is too wise to be mistaken.
God is too good to be unkind.
So, when you don’t understand,
When you don’t see his plan,
When you can’t trace his hand,
Trust his heart.” -- Babbie Mason & Eddie Carswell

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 67

Leader: May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us, that your way may be known upon earth, your saving power among all nations.

People: **Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you. Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and the guide the nations upon the earth.**

Leader: Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you. The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, has blessed us.

All: **May God continue to bless us; let all the ends of the earth revere him.**

SONG OF PRAISE

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him,
For he is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near;
Praise him in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord,
Who over all things so wondrously reigneth,
Shelters thee under his wings,
Yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen how thy desires e’er have been
Granted in what he ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord,
Who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;
Surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee.
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,
If with his love he befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord,
Who with marvelous wisdom hath made thee,
Decked thee with health,
And with loving hand guided and stayed thee.
How oft in grief hath not he brought thee relief,
Spreading his wings to o’ershade thee!

Praise to the Lord, O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath,
Come now with praises before him.
Let the Amen sound from his people again,
Gladly for aye we adore him.

LOBE DEN HERREN; Neander, tr. Winkworth

PRAYER OF ADORATION

THE LORD’S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy name,
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
On earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
And the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

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

“Yes! we are sons”

We can be—as many as the Spirit will lead—
In God’s family—and struggle though we may
He has made a way,
For he took the curse of the law for us,
Bringing us to him who in faith we trust
We became the seed of his covenant
Made in Christ Jesus.

*Yes! we are sons! Yes! we are daughters,
We are heirs of the promise of his glory,
Yes! we are sons! Yes! we are daughters,
We receive what he’s prepared
For us to share eternally.*

He gave all, obedient to death on the cross,
And if it should be, that for this present time,
Mountains we must climb,
Jesus over sin was victorious,
Now he at the throne intercedes for us,
That together we may be glorified
And bring him glory!

James Ward

OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

This is what the LORD says:

“Maintain justice
and do what is right,
for my salvation is close at hand
and my righteousness will soon be revealed.....And
foreigners who bind themselves to the LORD
to minister to him,
to love the name of the LORD,
and to be his servants,
all who keep the Sabbath without desecrating it
and who hold fast to my covenant—
these I will bring to my holy mountain
and give them joy in my house of prayer.
Their burnt offerings and sacrifices
will be accepted on my altar;
for my house will be called
a house of prayer for all nations.”
The Sovereign LORD declares—
he who gathers the exiles of Israel:
“I will gather still others to them
besides those already gathered.”

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

I ask then: Did God reject his people? By no means! I
am an Israelite myself, a descendant of

Abraham, from the tribe of Benjamin. God did not
reject his people, whom he foreknew.... for God’s
gifts and his call are irrevocable. Just as you who were
at one time disobedient to God have now received
mercy as a result of their disobedience, so they too
have now become disobedient in order that they too
may now receive mercy as a result of God’s mercy to
you. For God has bound everyone over to
disobedience so that he may have mercy on them all.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

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SONG OF RESPONSE

“The glory of the cross”

What wisdom once devised the plan
Where all our sin and pride
Was placed upon the perfect Lamb
Who suffered, bled and died.
The wisdom of a sov’ reign God
Whose greatness will be shown
When those who crucified your Son
Rejoice around your throne.

*And O, the glory of the cross;
That you would send your Son for us.
I’d gladly count my life as loss;
That I might come to know
The glory of, the glory of the cross.*

What righteousness was there revealed
That sets the guilty free,
That justifies ungodly men
And calls the filthy clean;
A righteousness that proved to all
Your justice has been met,
And holy wrath is satisfied
Through one atoning death.

What mercy now has been proclaimed
For those who would believe;
A love incomprehensible,
Our minds could not conceive;
A mercy that forgives my sin
And makes me like your Son.
And now I’m loved for evermore
Because of what you’ve done.

Bob Kauffin CCLI#20219511

MINISTRY REPORT

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“Have mercy on me”

The goodness of the Lord is the kindness of the Lord
With every breath we take, the gift of life and grace;
The power of the Lord is the meekness of the Lord
Who bore humanity with brave humility:

Let your mercy flow through us,
Your mercy, your mercy. (2x)

When they see us, may they see your mercy,
When they know us, may they know your mercy!

Bless the hands and feet of those who serve in need
Of the broken and ashamed.
Bless the weary soul, the Lord will make us whole.
God, speak peace to those afraid!
May the words we speak build a bridge for peace,
Your lovingkindness shows the way!
Open up our doors, giving refuge for
All the weary and afraid.
Gungor, Alattas and Cunningham CCLI#20219511

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 15:21-28 (NIV)

²¹ Leaving that place, Jesus withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. ²² A Canaanite woman from that vicinity came to him, crying out, “Lord, Son of David, have mercy on me! My daughter is demon-possessed and suffering terribly.”

²³ Jesus did not answer a word. So his disciples came to him and urged him, “Send her away, for she keeps crying out after us.”

²⁴ He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of Israel.”

²⁵ The woman came and knelt before him. “Lord, help me!” she said.

²⁶ He replied, “It is not right to take the children’s bread and toss it to the dogs.”

²⁷ “Yes it is, Lord,” she said. “Even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their master’s table.”

²⁸ Then Jesus said to her, “Woman, you have great faith! Your request is granted.” And her daughter was healed at that moment.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE “Great faith” J. David Ellis

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

MUSIC OF COMMITMENT

“Come, thou fount”

Come, thou fount of every blessing,
Tune my heart to sing thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,
Call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet
Sung by flaming tongues above,
Praise the mount! I’m fixed upon it,
Mount of God’s unchanging love.

Hear I raise my Ebenezer;
Hither by thy help I’m come;
And I hope, by thy good pleasure,
Safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
Wandering from the fold of God.
He, to rescue me from danger,
Interposed his precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor
Daily I’m constrained to be.
Let that grace now, like a fetter,
Bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander—Lord, I feel it—
Prone to leave the God I love:
Here’s my heart, O take and seal it,
Seal it for thy courts above.

NETTLETON; Robinson

BENEDICTION Jude 1:1b-2

To those who have been called, who are loved in God
the Father and kept for Jesus Christ: Mercy, peace and
love be yours in abundance.

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.

IN-PERSON WORSHIP REOPENING PLANS: The Reopening Task Force team submitted their proposal to the Session last Monday. Please pray for the Session as they consider this proposal and make the final decisions. Please continue to regularly check our website and ACC emails for updates regarding plans to reopen.

OUTDOOR COMMUNION SERVICES: We have had 2 outdoor communion services at Rainey Park and Astoria Park so far this month! Please join us for the remaining dates in August: Friday 8/21 at 6:30PM at Rainey Park, and Saturday 8/29 at 10AM at Astoria Park. Please see our website and newsletter for the EventBrite links to sign up.

FELLOWSHIP TIME OVER ZOOM: Please join us for some fellowship time over Zoom right after the Sunday service from 12:30 – 1:30PM. We continue to connect with each other through sharing, guest speakers, small group times and more. The link to join is in your Sunday morning email.

OTHER WAYS TO CONNECT! PRAYER

MEETINGS: We continue to pray together on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 7PM. Links to those meetings are emailed out in advance. Check your promotions and spam folders in case they get filed there.

GIVING FOR FY 2020-2021: Please consider how you can continue to give sacrificially for this next fiscal year. You may give online using our website or send a check to PO Box 2102 Astoria, NY 11102. Thank you for contributing the work God is doing here in Astoria and around the world.

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 for 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:
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Men's and Women's Ministry

Info for women, contact: women@astoriachurch.org

Info for men, contact: mensministry@astoriachurch.org