

# ASTORIA COMMUNITY CHURCH

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## REFLECTION

“God ... loves to restore broken people like you and me. He meticulously reverses the damage caused by a world of pain and sin (some of which is admittedly self-inflicted). So Christian, cling on to the promise that if you are feeling broken, after a little while of suffering, God will mend you.”

-- Adrian Warnock

## CALL TO WORSHIP from Psalm 17

**Leader:** Hear me, LORD, my plea is just; listen to my cry. Hear my prayer—it does not rise from deceitful lips.

**People:** **Let my vindication come from you; may your eyes see what is right.**

**Leader:** Though you probe my heart, though you examine me at night and test me, you will find that I have planned no evil; my mouth has not transgressed.

**People:** **I call on you, my God, for you will answer me; turn your ear to me and hear my prayer. Show me the wonders of your great love, you who save by your right hand those who take refuge in you from their foes.**

**All:** **As for me, I will be vindicated and will see your face; when I awake, I will be satisfied with seeing your likeness.**

## SONG OF PRAISE

### “O worship the King”

O worship the King, all glorious above,  
O gratefully sing his power and his love;  
Our shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,  
Pavilioned in splendor, and girded with praise.

O tell of his might, O sing of his grace,  
Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space,  
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,  
And dark is his path on the wings of the storm.

The earth with its store of wonders untold,  
Almighty, your pow’r has founded of old;  
Has ‘stablished it fast by a changeless decree,  
And round it has cast, like a mantle, the sea.

Your bountiful care, what tongue can recite?  
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;

It streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,  
And sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,  
In you do we trust, nor find you to fail;  
Your mercies how tender, how firm to the end,  
Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend.

O measureless Might! Ineffable Love!

While angels delight to hymn you above,  
The humbler creation, though feeble their lays,  
With true adoration shall lisp to your praise.

LYONS; Robert Grant

## PRAYER OF ADORATION

### CALL TO CONFESSION Acts 3:19-20

Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord, and that he may send the Christ, who has been appointed for you—even Jesus.

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, whose face is hidden from us by our sins, and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts: cleanse us from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires, that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to you, confessing our faults, confiding in your grace, and finding in you our refuge and strength; through Jesus Christ your Son. Amen.**

## SILENT CONFESSION

### 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 RESPONSE

### “My help, my God”

Why are you so full of heaviness?  
Why are you disquieted within?  
Oh, my soul. Oh, my soul.  
As the deer longs for the waterbrooks,  
So my soul, it longs and thirsts for you,  
Oh, my God. Oh, my God.

*Put your trust in God, I will yet give thanks to him.  
Put your trust in God, I will yet give thanks to him.  
Put your trust in God, I will yet give thanks to him,  
My help, my God.*

Deep goes unto deep like ocean waves.  
All your floods and rapids on me break,  
Oh, my soul. Oh, my soul.  
I will say unto my God, my strength,  
How is it you have forgotten me?  
Oh, how long? Oh, how long?

Yahweh grants his kindness in the day.  
Through the night his song it is that stays.  
Oh, my soul. Oh, my soul

Sandra McCracken CCLI#20219511

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** Genesis 32:22-31

That night Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two female servants and his eleven sons and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. After he had sent them across the stream, he sent over all his possessions. So Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him till daybreak. When the man saw that he could not overpower him, he touched the socket of Jacob's hip so that his hip was wrenched as he wrestled with the man. Then the man said, "Let me go, for it is daybreak." But Jacob replied, "I will not let you go unless you bless me." The man asked him, "What is your name?" "Jacob," he answered. Then the man said, "Your name will no longer be Jacob, but Israel, because you have struggled with God and with humans and have overcome." Jacob said, "Please tell me your name." But he replied, "Why do you ask my name?" Then he blessed him there. So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "It is because I saw God face to face, and yet my life was spared." The sun rose above him as he passed Peniel, and he was limping because of his hip.

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

**GOSPEL READING** Matthew 14:13-21

When Jesus heard what had happened, he withdrew by boat privately to a solitary place. Hearing of this, the crowds followed him on foot from the towns. When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them and

healed their sick. As evening approached, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a remote place, and it's already getting late. Send the crowds away, so they can go to the villages and buy themselves some food." Jesus replied, "They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat." "We have here only five loaves of bread and two fish," they answered. "Bring them here to me," he said. And he directed the people to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke the loaves. Then he gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the people. They all ate and were satisfied, and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over. The number of those who ate was about five thousand men, besides women and children.

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**EPISTLE READING** Romans 9:1-5

I speak the truth in Christ—I am not lying, my conscience confirms it through the Holy Spirit—I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were cursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my people, those of my own race, the people of Israel. Theirs is the adoption to sonship; theirs the divine glory, the covenants, the receiving of the law, the temple worship and the promises. Theirs are the patriarchs, and from them is traced the human ancestry of the Messiah, who is God over all, forever praised! Amen.

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**SONG OF RESPONSE**

**"I am the bread of life"**

I am the bread of life;  
He who comes to me shall not hunger;  
He who believes in me shall not thirst.  
No one can come to me unless the Father draw him.

*And I will raise him up, and I will raise him up,  
And I will raise him up on the last day.*

The bread that I will give  
Is my flesh for the life of the world,  
Unless you eat of this bread, and drink of this blood  
You shall not have life within you.

I am the resurrection, I am the life.  
He who believes in me,  
Even if he die, he shall live forever.

Lord, we believe that you are the Christ,  
The Son of God, who has come into the world.  
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mail to PO Box 2102, LIC, NY 11102*

#### SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 55:1-5 *ESV*

“Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters;  
and he who has no money, come, buy and eat!  
Come, buy wine and milk

without money and without price.

<sup>2</sup>Why do you spend your money for that which is not  
bread,

and your labor for that which does not satisfy?

Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good,  
and delight yourselves in rich food.

<sup>3</sup>Incline your ear, and come to me;

hear, that your soul may live;

and I will make with you an everlasting covenant,  
my steadfast, sure love for David.

<sup>4</sup>Behold, I made him a witness to the peoples,  
a leader and commander for the peoples.

<sup>5</sup>Behold, you shall call a nation that you do not know,  
and a nation that did not know you shall run to you,  
because of the LORD your God, and of the Holy One  
of Israel,

for he has glorified you.”

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

**People:** **Thanks be to God.**

**MESSAGE** “Come to the waters” J. David Ellis

#### PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

#### MUSIC OF COMMITMENT

**“We are not overcome”**

Flesh will fail and bones will break;  
Thieves will steal, the earth will shake.  
Night will fall, the light will fade;  
The Lord will give and take away.

*Because of his great Love,  
We are not overcome!  
Because of his great Love,  
We are not overcome!*

Put no trust in the earth,  
In the sod you stand upon.  
Flowers fade into dust;  
The Lord will make a place for us.

Offer up your shoes and shirt;  
Turn your cheek! Turn your cheek!  
Bear the yoke of love and death;  
The Lord will give all life and breath.

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#### BENEDICTION Numbers 6:24-26

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his  
face to shine on you and be gracious to you; the Lord  
turn his face toward you and give you peace.

## 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.

**WORSHIP REOPENING PLANS:** Please regularly check our website and ACC emails for updates regarding eventual plans to reopen worship services. The Reopening Taskforce team has been meeting and is making progress. **You should have received an email with a link to a survey that will give us valuable information about your comfort level with returning to in person worship.** If you did not receive this email, please email Andrea at [admin@astoriachurch.org](mailto:admin@astoriachurch.org). Please continue to keep the Taskforce members in your prayers as they work on a safe reopening plan.

**OUTDOOR COMMUNION SERVICES:** We are planning to offer outdoor communion services at Astoria Park and Rainy Park in August on alternating Fridays and Saturdays. The first one is scheduled for **THIS Friday, August 7th at 6:30 at Rainey Park.** The other dates are Saturday 8/15 at 10AM at Astoria Park, 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 all the dates and locations as well as 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:** Join us twice a week on Tuesdays and Thursdays for prayer meetings at 7PM. The Zoom links for these prayer times are emailed separately. Email [admin@astoriachurch.org](mailto:admin@astoriachurch.org) if you would like to be added to our mailing list.

**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](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 or for any other reason, please call Andrea at 917-605-4040 or email her at [diaconate@astoriachurch.org](mailto:diaconate@astoriachurch.org).

**MEMBER NEWS:** Email [David@astoriachurch.org](mailto:David@astoriachurch.org) or Andrea at [admin@astoriachurch.org](mailto: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](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)  
([bryantaylor@astoriachurch.org](mailto:bryantaylor@astoriachurch.org))

**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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