

HARCOURT PARISH EPISCOPAL CHURCH

SEPTEMBER 13, 2020 SEASON OF PENTECOST

Prelude

Greeting and Collect for Purity

Priest: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit

Response: And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever.

Priest: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Gloria *(sung by all, muted)*

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
King, al - mighty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most



Collect of the Day

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

First Reading

Genesis 50:15-21

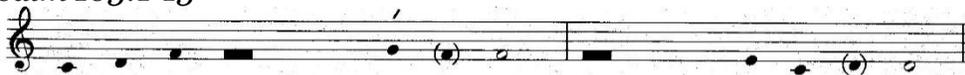
Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph’s brothers said, “What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?” So they approached Joseph, saying, “Your father gave this instruction before he died, ‘Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.’ Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father.” Joseph wept when they spoke to him. Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, “We are here as your slaves.” But Joseph said to them, “Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones.” In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm (sung with the cantors, muted)

Psalm 103:1-13



- 1 Bless the LORD, O my **sóul**, *
and all that is within me, bless his **hóly** Name.
- 2 Bless the LORD, O my **sóul**, *
and forget not **áll** his benefits.
- 3 He forgives all your **síns** *
and heals all **yóur** infirmities;
- 4 He redeems your life from the **gráve** *
and crowns you with mercy and **lóving-kindness**;
- 5 He satisfies you with **góod** things, *
and your youth is renewed **líke** an eagle's.
- 6 The LORD executes **ríghteousness** *
and judgment for all who **áre** oppressed.

- 7 He made his ways known to **Móses** *
and his works to the **childrén** of Israel.
- 8 The LORD is full of compassion and **mércy**, *
slow to anger and **óf** great kindness.
- 9 He will not always **accúse** us, *
nor will he keep his **angér** forever.
- 10 He has not dealt with us according to our **síns**, *
nor rewarded us according **tó** our wickedness.
- 11 For as the heavens are high above the **éarth**, *
so is his mercy great upon **thóse** who fear him.
- 12 As far as the east is from the **wést**, *
so far has he removed our **síns** from us.
- 13 As a father cares for his **childrén**, *
so does the LORD care for **thóse** who fear him.

Second Reading

Romans 14:1-12

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God. We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God."

So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Alleluia Tract #848 (Wonder, Love, and Praise)

(Cantor sings first time through, congregation repeats twice.)

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia.

Gospel

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

All: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Matthew 18:21-35

Peter came and said to Jesus, “Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?” Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

“For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’ And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

Nicene Creed *(said by all, muted)*

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,

and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Intercessions

Intercessor: Let us now pray for the church, and the world, and those who are in need. In the silence after each bidding, you are invited to offer your own prayers silently typed into the chat box.

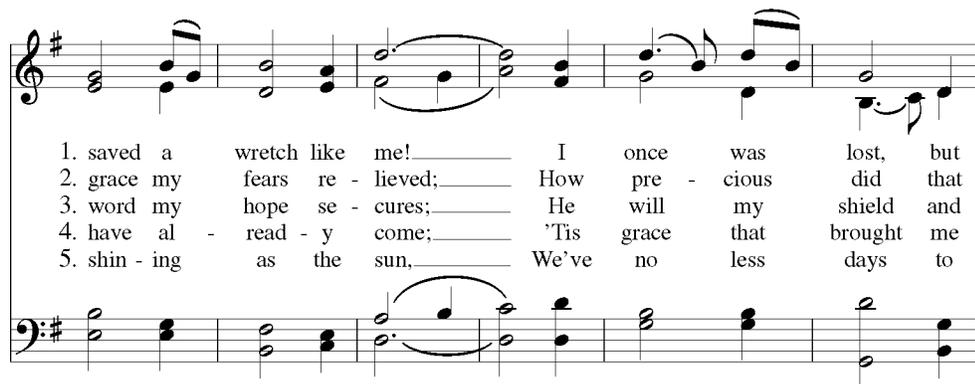
The officiant offers a concluding prayer.

Officiant: Living God, we ask that you would receive these prayers and those unspoken in all our hearts and may be best for us, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

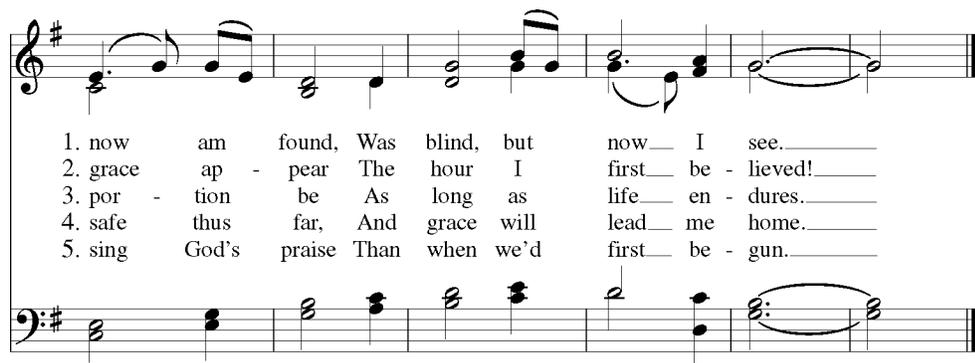
LEVAS #181 “Amazing Grace” (*sung by all, muted*)



1. A - maz - ing grace!_ how sweet the sound, That
2. 'Twas grace that taught_ my heart to fear, And
3. The Lord has prom - ised good to me, His
4. Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I
5. When we've been there_ ten thou - sand years, Bright



1. saved a wretch like me!_ I once was lost, but
2. grace my fears re - lieved;_ How pre - cious did that
3. word my hope se - cures;_ He will my shield and
4. have al - read - y come;_ 'Tis grace that brought me
5. shin - ing as the sun,_ We've no less days to



1. now am found, Was blind, but now_ I see._
2. grace ap - pear The hour I first_ be - lieved!_
3. por - tion be As long as life_ en - dures._
4. safe thus far, And grace will lead_ me home._
5. sing God's praise Than when we'd first_ be - gun._

Lord's Prayer (*said by all*)

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.

Announcements

Dismissal

Priest: The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us now and forever. *Amen.*

Postlude

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Prayer Requests

Contact the church office to add or remove someone from our prayer list.

For Those Who Do God Work: Clarke, Jess (in discernment) * Alex (seminarian) * Cuttington University * Episcopal Relief and Development * Winter Sanctuary * A Hand at Home * HopeNow * Freedom Center * New Directions * Head Start * Hospice * Humane Society * Interchurch * Habitat for Humanity * NAMI

For the Sick/in Need: Addie, Ben, Bruce, Carlos, Carol, Chester, Clayton, Clifford, David, Earl, Elda, Harry, Hazel & Len, Holden & Jenna & Alex, Jane, Julia, Justin, Kevin, Laurie, Leon, Lewis, Lori & Donna, Marc & Family, Marco, Mary, Meg, Menerva, Mike, Nicholas, Pam, Pat & Bill, Phil, Robert, Roger, Sharon, Sher, Theresa, Tim, Tina, Tony, Trish

For Those Who Have Died: Tony McDonald

Announcements

Online Worship Services Visit HarcourtParish.org/COVID-19-information for links.

Register for Communion While our principal Sunday liturgy will remain our 10:30am service on Zoom (and Facebook Live), we now offer a maximum of ten people to gather for Eucharistic celebrations in the chapel at 12:15 on Mondays and Thursdays. Please sign up for services using this website: <https://reopen.church/r/obfLviu4>. Please, sign up for only one per month in order to allow others an opportunity to participate. *In compliance with the guidelines from the Episcopal Diocese of Ohio, all those who attend are required to wear facial coverings and maintain a social distance from those outside their own household.*

Register for Mass on the Grass Enjoy a time of worship and prayer on the shaded lawn by the chapel. Join us at 4:30pm the first and third Sundays of the month (next: Sept. 20), on the chapel lawn. Chairs will now be provided. Attendance is limited to twenty-five. Please sign up for the services you plan to attend using this website: <https://reopen.church/r/obfLviu4>. Please, sign up for only one per month in order to allow others an opportunity to participate. *In compliance with the guidelines from the Episcopal Diocese of Ohio, all those who attend are required to wear facial coverings and maintain a social distance from those outside their own household.*

Centering/Silent Prayer Junior Warden Sarah Longaker will be leading a practice Wednesdays at 4:30pm. You may join her (masked) in the chapel or join via Zoom through the Evening Prayer link (<https://zoom.us/j/584784758> , password 43022).

Canterbury Students Join us online for Compline at 8pm Sundays and Bible Study on Luke at 8pm Thursdays. Zoom meeting ID: 496 561 5003, meeting password: 43022.

Evening Prayer Continues Gather online at 5pm Monday through Friday. Link: <https://zoom.us/j/584784758> , password 43022.

Virtual Pastoral Support Your priest is still available to you and can be reached using her direct office phone number: 740-427-5353. Mother Rachel will receive an e-mail notice of your voice message and return your call as soon as she is able.

Harcourt Parish, a historic Episcopal congregation, is a prayerful, thoughtful, serving community. We worship in the Church of the Holy Spirit, the chapel of Kenyon College. Fed here by Word and Sacrament, we go out—some to the college, some to the village and county, some to the larger Church and world—as heralds of Christ’s peace and love.

We joyfully practice the Episcopal Church’s Baptismal Covenant, which calls us to “respect the dignity of every human being.” Seeker or believer or both or neither, from the Kenyon Community or beyond, straight or LGBTQ+, single or partnered, married or divorced, progressive or conservative or apolitical, of any ability, of any racial or ethnic or national identity—you are welcomed as part of God’s diverse creation.

Texts from the 1979 *Book of Common Prayer*.

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