

# HARCOURT PARISH EPISCOPAL CHURCH

OCTOBER 25, 2020 SEASON OF PENTECOST

## Prelude

### Greeting and Collect for Purity

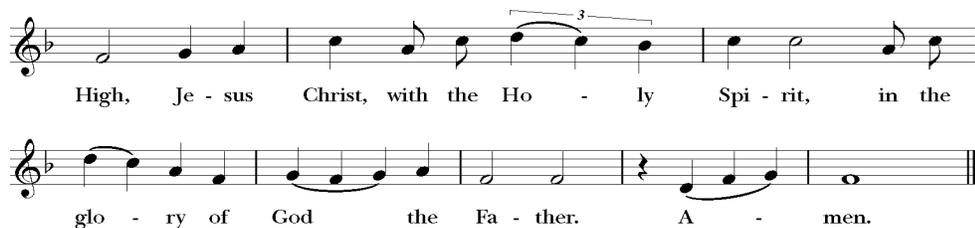
*Priest:* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit

*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

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

### First Reading

*Leviticus 19:1-2,15-18*

The Lord spoke to Moses, saying:

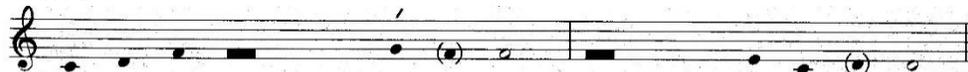
Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them: You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy. You shall not render an unjust judgment; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbor. You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not profit by the blood of your neighbor: I am the Lord. You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbor, or you will incur guilt yourself. You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the Lord.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* Thanks be to God.

### Psalm (sung by all, muted)

*Psalm 1*



- 1 Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the **wicked**, \*  
nor lingered in the way of sinners,  
nor sat in the seats **ó**f the scornful!
- 2 Their delight is in the law **ó**f the LORD, \*  
and they meditate on his law **dá**y and night.
- 3 They are like trees planted by streams of water,  
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not **wí**ther; \*  
everything they **dó** shall prosper.
- 4 It is not so with the **wí**cked; \*  
they are like chaff which the wind **bló**ws away.
- 5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when **jú**dgment comes, \*  
nor the sinner in the council **ó**f the righteous.
- 6 For the LORD knows the way of the **rí**ghteous, \*  
but the way of the **wí**ckéd is doomed.

## Second Reading

*1 Thessalonians 2:1-8*

You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

*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.)*



## Gospel

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

*All:* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

*Matthew 22:34-46*

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."

Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: "What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?" They said to him, "The son of David."

He said to them, "How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying,

'The Lord said to my Lord,

"Sit at my right hand,

until I put your enemies under your feet"?"

If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?" No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

*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.

Hymnal #707 "Take my life, and let it be" (sung by all, muted)



1 Take my life, and let it be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;  
2 Take my voice, and let me sing al - ways, on - ly, for my King;



take my mo - ments and my days, let them flow in cease - less praise.  
take my in - tel - lect, and use ev - ery power as thou shalt choose.



Take my hands, and let them move at the im - pulse of thy love;  
Take my will, and make it thine; it shall be no long - er mine.



take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy roy - al throne.  
Take my - self, and I will be ev - er, on - ly, all for thee.

Words: Frances Ridley Havergal (1836-1879), alt.  
Music: Hollingside, John Bacchus Dykes (1823-1876)

**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, Carol, Chester, Clayton, Clifford, David, Earl,  
Elda, Harry, Holden & Jenna & Alex, Jane, Julia, Justin, Kevin, Laurie, Leon, Lewis,  
Lori & Donna, Marc & Family, Marco, Mary, Meg, Menerva, Mike, Nicholas, Pam, Pat &  
Bill, Phil, Roger, Sharon, Sher, Stacey, Theresa, Tim, Tina, Tony, Trish, Veronica  
For Those Who Have Died

## Announcements

Today's Preacher Thank you to Daniel Mark Epstein for preaching today.

All Saints Mass on the Grass Enjoy a time of worship and prayer at 4:30pm, Sunday, Nov. 1, on the chapel lawn. Chairs are provided. Attendance is limited to twenty-five. Please sign up if you plan to attend: <https://reopen.church/r/ObfLviu4>.

Gathering All Saints' Day Names Please submit to the [office](#) by today, Oct. 25, the names of those who have died in the past year for our recognition.

Online Worship Services Visit [HarcourtParish.org/COVID-19-information](https://HarcourtParish.org/COVID-19-information) for links.

In-person Services Policy In compliance with the guidelines from the Episcopal Diocese of Ohio, all those who attend in-person services are required to wear facial coverings and maintain a social distance from those outside their own household.

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>.

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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