

HARCOURT PARISH EPISCOPAL CHURCH
NOVEMBER 22, 2020
LAST SUNDAY OF PENTECOST: REIGN OF CHRIST THE KING

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, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

First Reading

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

Thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep.

I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the Lord, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the Lord, have spoken.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm (*sung by all, muted*)
Psalm 95:1-7a



- 1 Come, let us sing **tó** the LORD; *
let us shout for joy to the Rock of **óur** salvation.
- 2 Let us come before his presence with **thanksgiving** *
and raise a loud shout to **hím** with psalms.
- 3 For the LORD is a **gréat** God, *
and a great King **abóve** all gods.
- 4 In his hand are the caverns **óf** the earth, *
and the heights of the hills are **hís** also.
- 5 The sea is his, for he **máde** it, *
and his hands have **moldéd** the dry land.
- 6 Come, let us bow down, and **bénd** the knee, *
and kneel before the **LÓRD** our Maker.
- 7 For he is **óur** God,
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep **óf** his hand.

Second Reading

Ephesians 1:15-23

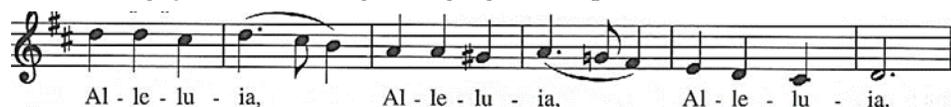
I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

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 25:31-46

Jesus said, "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.' Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?' Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

Choral Anthem "Praise to God, Immortal Praise" -Henry Monk

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 #481 “Rejoice, the Lord is King” (*sung by all, muted*)



1 Re - joice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King a - dore! Mor -
 2 The Lord the Sa - vior reigns, the God of truth and love: when
 3 His king - dom can - not fail; he rules o'er earth and heaven; the
 4 Re - joice in glo - rious hope! Our Lord the Judge shall come, and

Refrain



tals, give thanks and sing, and tri - umph ev - er - more.
 he had purged our stains, he took his seat a - bove. Lift
 keys of death and hell to Christ the Lord are given.
 take his ser - vants up to their e - ter - nal home.



up your heart! lift up your voice! Re - joice! a - gain I say, re -



joice! up your heart! lift up your voice! Re - joice! a -



gain I say, re - joice!

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt.

Music: *Gopsal*, George Frideric Handel (1685-1759); arr. John Wilson (b. 1905)

66. 66 with Refrain

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, Jack, 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: Carla den Hartsig

Announcements

Giving Tree We have local families in need of assistance purchasing Christmas gifts for their children. This year, rather than shop for presents, please donate the amount you would have spent on gifts in the form of a check. We will use these funds to purchase gift cards for the families. To allow the families enough time to shop, donations need to be received by the parish office by Nov. 30. Please make your check payable to Harcourt Parish with "Giving Tree" in the memo and mail to PO Box 377, Gambier OH 43022.

Poinsettias Partners with Food for the Hungry This year, in lieu of poinsettias given in honor or memory of a loved one, Harcourt Parish will be accepting funds for Food for the Hungry given in each person's name. We will publish the dedications in our Christmas bulletin, as usual. Additionally, FFTH will publish the names on their Facebook page. Please donate \$8, the amount that would have been given for a poinsettia, for each named dedication, by mailing a check to Harcourt Parish with "FFTH" in the memo—be sure to include the dedication names. Please submit your donation by Dec. 6.

Food for the Hungry Did you know that for every \$1 you donate to Food for the Hungry, \$10 worth of food can be purchased from the Ohio Foodbank? No donation is too small! FFTH will be held one week early this year on Dec. 11, 9am to 4pm. Go to the FFTH website to donate online <https://www.foodforthehungrycares.org>, or mail a check payable to Harcourt Parish with the memo "FFTH" and we will pass on your donation to this worthy cause. Thank you for feeding your community members in need.

Pledge Ingathering We will hold our annual Ingathering Dec. 6. If you are able, please return your completed pledge card as soon as possible. Pledge cards can be mailed to Harcourt Parish, PO Box 377, Gambier OH 43022. Thank you for supporting the work of the parish! (Please note: any donation checks should be made payable to "Harcourt Parish." Checks made to Church of the Holy Spirit apply to the building alone, not the worshipping community of Harcourt, and should be mailed to Kenyon College.)

Advent Book Study Join us Tuesdays, Dec. 1, 8, 15, and 22, at 4pm on Zoom (Meeting ID 496 561 50030). We will read Alexander Schmemmann's *For the Life of the World*.

Worship Services Visit [HarcourtParish.org/COVID-19-information](https://www.harcourtparish.org/COVID-19-information) for the latest services, links, and details.

Midweek Services Temporarily Suspended Midweek services are suspended while Kenyon continues its "quiet period." In Advent, services will resume on Wednesdays at 12:15, beginning Dec. 2.

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.

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.

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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