

HARCOURT PARISH EPISCOPAL CHURCH
NOVEMBER 29, 2020 ADVENT I

Prelude

Advent Candle Lighting *(by Rev. Karen Ware Jackson)*

Light one candle for hope.
Because the world is broken and the wait is long,
 but hope just won't let go.
Hope holds space for all our longings
 lingers on the edge of harsh reality
 like the dawn gently awakening the sky.
"Keep awake," she whispers,
 "for the world is being made new."
So we light one candle, because it only takes one:
 Christ with us

Penitential Rite

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

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

Priest: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

People and Priest

Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Priest

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

Trisagion, Hymnal S 100 (sung by all, muted)

Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y, Ho - ly Im -
mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us. Ho - ly God,
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Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.

Collect of the Day

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

First Reading

Isaiah 64:1-9

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down,
so that the mountains would quake at your presence--
as when fire kindles brushwood
and the fire causes water to boil--
to make your name known to your adversaries,
so that the nations might tremble at your presence!
When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect,
you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.
From ages past no one has heard,
no ear has perceived,
no eye has seen any God besides you,
who works for those who wait for him.
You meet those who gladly do right,
those who remember you in your ways.
But you were angry, and we sinned;
because you hid yourself we transgressed.
We have all become like one who is unclean,
and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth.

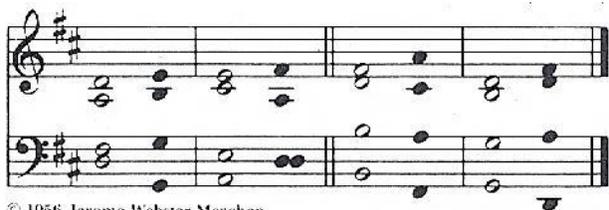
We all fade like a leaf,
and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.
There is no one who calls on your name,
or attempts to take hold of you;
for you have hidden your face from us,
and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity.
Yet, O LORD, you are our Father;
we are the clay, and you are our potter;
we are all the work of your hand.
Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD,
and do not remember iniquity forever.
Now consider, we are all your people.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm Response, Hymnal S 415 (*sung by all, muted*)

Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18



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- 1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; *
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.
- 2 In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, *
stir up your strength and come to help us.
- 3 Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
- 4 O Lord God of hosts, *
how long will you be angered despite the prayers of your people?
- 5 You have fed them with the bread of tears; *
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.
- 6 You have made us the derision of our neighbors, *
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.
- 7 Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
- 16 Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, *
the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.
- 17 And so will we never turn away from you; *
give us life, that we may call upon your Name.
- 18 Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind-- just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you-- so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Hymnal #66 "Come, thou long-expected Jesus" (sung by all, muted)

1 Come, thou long - ex - pect-ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo - ple free;
2 Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art:
3 Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child, and yet a king,
4 By thine own e - ter - nal Spi - rit rule in all our hearts a - lone;

from our fears and sins re - lease us, let us find our rest in thee.
dear de - sire of ev - ery na - tion, joy of ev - ery long - ing heart.
born to reign in us for ev - er, now thy gra - cious king - dom bring.
by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

Music: Stuttgart, melody from *Psalmodia Sacra, oder Andächtige und Schöne Gesänge*, 1715;
adapt. and harm. William Henry Havergal (1793-1870), alt.

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Gospel

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

All: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Mark 13:24-37

Jesus said, "In those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great

power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

“From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

“But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.”

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: Watchful at all times, let us pray for strength to stand with confidence before our Maker and Redeemer. In the silence between biddings, I invite you to add your own petitions, either aloud or typed into the chat box.

The priest adds a concluding collect.

Hymnal #57 "Lo! he comes, with clouds descending"



1 Lo! he comes, with clouds de - scend - ing, once for
 2 Ev - ery eye shall now be - hold him, robed in
 3 Those dear to - kens of his pas - sion still his
 4 Yea, a - men! let all a - dore thee, high on



our sal - va - tion slain; thou - sand thou - sand
 dread - ful ma - jes - ty; those who set at
 daz - zling bo - dy bears, cause of end - less
 thine e - ter - nal throne; Sa - vior, take the



saints at - tend - ing swell the tri - umph of his
 nought and sold him, pierced, and nailed him to the
 ex - ul - ta - tion to his ran - somed wor - ship -
 power and glo - ry; claim the king - dom for thine



train: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 tree, deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly wail - ing,
 ers; with what rap - ture, with what rap - ture,
 own: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.
 deep - ly wail - ing, shall the true Mes - si - ah see.
 with what rap - ture gaze we on those glo - rious scars!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Thou shalt reign, and thou a - lone.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

Music: *Helmsley*, melody Augustine Arne (1710-1778)

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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

Blessing and 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

Announcements

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.

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 Dedication" 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 584 784 758, Password: 43022) <https://zoom.us/j/584784758>. We will read Alexander Schmemmann's *For the Life of the World*.

Advent Services Organ Recital: Advent II (Dec. 6) at 5pm, livestreamed on Harcourt Parish Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/harcourtparish>. Lessons and Carols: Advent IV (Dec. 20) at 5pm, on Zoom <https://zoom.us/j/788455932> or livestreamed on Harcourt Parish Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/harcourtparish>.

Christmas Services Christmas Eve, Dec. 24, on Zoom or livestreamed on Harcourt Parish Facebook: 4:30pm Children's Service and 10:30pm "Midnight Mass." Christmas Day, Dec. 25, on Harcourt Parish Facebook: 10:30am Christmas Morning Eucharist with the Kessler family.

Worship Services Visit HarcourtParish.org/COVID-19-information for the latest services, links, and details.

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 can be reached using her direct office phone number: 740-427-5353. Please leave a voice message and she will return your call.

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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