

HARCOURT PARISH EPISCOPAL CHURCH

APRIL 18, 2021 SEASON OF EASTER

Prelude

Opening Sentence

Officiant: Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

Response: The Lord is risen indeed, alleluia!

Gloria #S 280 *Sung together 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 - might - y 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, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

First Reading, Acts 3:12-19

Peter addressed the people, "You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

"And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out."

Psalm 4, Tone S415 Hymnal 1982

The Psalm is chanted responsively: 2 verses by the cantor, then 2 verses by the people (muted).



- 1 Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause; *
you set me free when I am hard-pressed; have mercy on me and hear my prayer.
- 2 "You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory; *
how long will you worship dumb idols and run after false gods?"
- 3 *Know that the Lord does wonders for the faithful; *
when I call upon the Lord, he will hear me.*
- 4 *Tremble, then, and do not sin; *
speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.*
- 5 Offer the appointed sacrifices *
and put your trust in the Lord.
- 6 Many are saying, "Oh, that we might see better times!" *
Lift up the light of your countenance upon us, O Lord.
- 7 *You have put gladness in my heart, *
more than when grain and wine and oil increase.*
- 8 *I lie down in peace; at once I fall asleep; *
for only you, Lord, make me dwell in safety.*

Second Reading, 1 John 3:1-7

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him.

Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is.

And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

Alleluia Tract #848, *Wonder Love and Praise* stand as you are able

Cantor sings first time through, congregation repeats twice.



The Gospel, Luke 24:36b-48

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

All: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus himself stood among the disciples and said to them, “Peace be with you.” They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, “Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence.

Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

The Sermon

Hymnal 1982 #204 “Now the green blade riseth” (Diocese of Ohio video)



1 Now the green blade ris - eth from the bur - ied grain,
2 In the grave they laid him, Love whom hate had slain,
3 Forth he came at Eas - ter, like the ris - en grain,
4 When our hearts are win - try, griev - ing, or in pain,



wheat that in dark earth man - y days has lain;
think - ing that nev - er he would wake a - gain,
he that for three days in the grave had lain,
thy touch can call us back to life a - gain,



love lives a - gain, that with the dead has been:
laid in the earth like grain that sleeps un - seen:
quick from the dead my ris - en Lord is seen:
fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been:



Love is come a - gain like wheat that spring - eth green.

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The Nicene Creed *said together muted, stand as you are able*

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.

Prayers of the People *Leader and People pray responsively*

Let us confidently bring before God the needs of our world and ask God for renewal,
saying: "The Lord is risen indeed, Alleluia!"

The apostles received the Holy Spirit and the grace to lighten the burdens of one
another's lives. May the church be faithful in this gift. May all the baptized live with
abundant compassion, especially for those shut out from society. We pray for agencies
of service. Alleluia, Christ is risen,

People The Lord is risen indeed, Alleluia.

Christ calls us blest who have not seen, yet believe. May more and more of God's people,
and all the created order, become signs of the resurrection in the world, and may our
faith give courage to the doubting. Alleluia, Christ is risen,

People The Lord is risen indeed, Alleluia.

We are strengthened by Christ's resurrection to share the power of the Spirit with all the
suffering. We pray for those in any need. May the power of Christ's resurrection give life
to all who have little reason to hope. Alleluia, Christ is risen,

People The Lord is risen indeed, Alleluia.

For all who have died and all who mourn, that death may have no more power over us
and that grief will turn to consolation. Alleluia, Christ is risen,

People The Lord is risen indeed, Alleluia.

May that morning star which never sets, Christ our light, find us burning with charity
until the world is enlightened with love. Alleluia, Christ is risen,

People The Lord is risen indeed, Alleluia.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Hymnal 1982 #208 "The strife is o'er, the battle done"

Antiphon (at the beginning)

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

1 The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done, the vic - to -
 2 The powers of death have done their worst, but Christ their
 *3 The three sad days are quick - ly sped, he ris - es
 4 He closed the yawn - ing gates of hell, the bars from
 5 Lord! by the stripes which wound - ed thee, from death's dread

1 ry of life is won; the song of tri - umph
 2 le - gions hath dis - persed: let shout of ho - ly
 3 glo - rious from the dead: all glo - ry to our
 4 heaven's high por - tals fell; let hymns of praise his
 5 sting thy serv - ants free, that we may live and

1 has be - gun. Al - le - lu - ia!
 2 joy out - burst. Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 ris - en Head! Al - le - lu - ia!
 4 tri - umphs tell! Al - le - lu - ia!
 5 sing to thee. Al - le - lu - ia! [Ant.]

Antiphon (at the end)

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Lord's Prayer

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.

Blessing

May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing.
May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ for ever.
May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance.
And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. *Amen*

The Dismissal

Celebrant Alleluia, Alleluia! Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!
People Thanks be to God, Alleluia! Alleluia!

Postlude

Announcements

PH Work Day and Lunch Bring your yard tools (rakes, nippers, gloves, etc.) and join us for yard cleanup at the Parish House on Earth Day weekend, Saturday, April 24, 9am until we're done, then stay for a shared lunch! **Students welcome!** For more information or to RSVP for lunch (we'll need a count so we know how much to prepare), contact Buffy by [email](#) or 914.262.5527 or Sarah by [email](#) or 310.210.5421. Thank you for any time you can commit to this project!

In-person Services Weekly in-person services are Wednesdays at 12:15pm (inside) and Sundays at 4:30pm (outside). Reservations are required and schedule subject to change.

Canterbury Events Sundays 8pm--Night Prayers and Check-in; Wednesdays 8pm--Bible Study.
Zoom: 496 561 5003.

Evening Prayer Gather [online](#) at 5pm Monday through Friday.

Centering Prayer Gather [online](#) at 4:30pm Wednesday.

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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