HARCOURT PARISH EPISCOPAL CHURCH
September 20, 2020 PENTECOST

Greeting and Collect for Purity
Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit
Response: And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever.

Celebrant: 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.

Celebrant: Lord have mercy
Response: Christ have mercy
Celebrant: Lord have mercy

Collect for the Day
Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

First Reading Jonah 3:10 – 4:11

When God saw what the people of Nineveh did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. He prayed to the LORD and said, “O LORD! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. And now, O LORD, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live.” And the LORD said, “Is it right for you to be angry?” Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city.

The LORD God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, “It is better for me to die than to live.”

But God said to Jonah, “Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?” And he said, “Yes, angry enough to die.” Then the LORD said, “You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night.
And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?"

Reader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Psalms (said by all) Psalm 145:1-8
1 I will exalt you, O God my King, *
   and bless your Name for ever and ever.
2 Every day will I bless you *
   and praise your Name for ever and ever.
3 Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised; *
   there is no end to his greatness.
4 One generation shall praise your works to another *
   and shall declare your power.
5 I will ponder the glorious splendor of your majesty *
   and all your marvelous works.
6 They shall speak of the might of your wondrous acts, *
   and I will tell of your greatness.
7 They shall publish the remembrance of your great goodness; *
   they shall sing of your righteous deeds.
8 The LORD is gracious and full of compassion, *
   slow to anger and of great kindness.

Gospel
Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
All: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Matthew 20:1-16
Jesus said, "The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o’clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o’clock, he did the same. And about five o’clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, ‘Why are you standing here idle all day?’ They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard.’ When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, ‘Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.’ When those hired about five o’clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I
give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?’ So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

**Reader:** The Gospel of Christ.  
**All:** Praise to you, O Christ.

**Nicene Creed** *(said by all)*
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**
**Leader:** In peace, we pray to you, Lord God. *(silence)*  
For all people in their daily life and work.  
**Response:** For our families, friends, and neighbors and for those who are alone.  
**Leader:** For this community, the nation, and the world.  
**Response:** For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.  
**Leader:** For the just and proper use of your creation;  
**Response:** For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.  
**Leader:** For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble.  
**Response:** For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.  
**Leader:** For the peace and unity of the Church of God’  
**Response:** For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the truth.  
**Leader:** For all bishops and other ministers  
**Response:** For all who serve God in the church
Leader: For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.
    Please add your own prayers and thanksgivings silently or aloud. (silence)
    Hear us Lord

Response: For your mercy is great.

Leader: We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal Kingdom.
    (silence) Lord, let your loving kindness be upon them.

Response: Who put their trust in you.

Confession and Absolution
Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Celebrant and People (said by all)
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.

Celebrant: 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.

Peace
Celebrant: The peace of Lord be always with you. People: And also with you.

Liturgy of the Eucharist
Celebrant: The Lord be with you
People: And also with you
Celebrant: Lift up your hearts
People: We lift them up to the Lord
Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God
People: It is right to give God thanks and praise

Celebrant: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For you are the source of light and life; you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your name.

All: Holy Holy Holy Lord, God of power and might, Heaven and earth are full of your glory
Hosanna in the highest Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord
Hosanna in the highest
Celebrant: We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; ... Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

All: We remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory;

Celebrant: And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; ... By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. AMEN. As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

**Lord’s Prayer* (said by all, muted)**
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.

The Breaking of Bread
Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

All are invited to come forward to receive the bread, as directed by the celebrant. If you do not wish to receive, please cross your arms over your chest and the priest will offer a blessing.

**Post-Communion Prayer**
Celebrant: Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed the church with spiritual food in the sacrament of Christ’s Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Blessing Dismissal**
Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord
All: Thanks be to God!

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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, 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

Announcements

Mass on the Grass  Join us at 4:30pm on the first and third Sundays of the month from now through November 1. Please bring your own lawn chair or blanket and enjoy a time of worship and prayer in the shaded lawn by the chapel. 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.

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

Canterbury Kenyon Gathers for Compline (Night Prayers and community check in)
Sundays at 8pm in the Chapel or join via Zoom meeting 496 561 5003

Student Social Justice Bible Study Thursdays at 8pm via Zoom meeting 496 561 5003

Evening Prayer Continues  Gather online at 5pm Monday through Friday. Visit our website, HarcourtParish.org, for instructions on joining the Zoom online meeting platform. You can join Zoom via computer, tablet, mobile device, or phone.

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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