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)
Collect of 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.
Psalm (sung by all, muted)
Psalm 145:1-8

1 I will exalt you, O Gód my King, *
   and bless your Name for evér and ever.
2 Every day will I bléss you *
   and praise your Name for evér and ever.
3 Great is the LORD and greatly tó be praised; *
   there is no end tó his greatness.
4 One generation shall praise your works to anóther *
   and shall decláre your power.
5 I will ponder the glorious splendor of your májesty *
   and all your marvélous works.
6 They shall speak of the might of your wóndrous acts, *
   and I will tell óf your greatness.
7 They shall publish the remembrance of your great góodness; *
   they shall sing of your righteous deeds.
8 The LORD is gracious and full of compássion, *
   slow to anger and óf great kindness.

Second Reading
Philippians 1:21-30
To me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.
Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well-- since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

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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 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.”

All: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

Choral Anthem “Panis Angelicus” César Franck

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.
Blue Hymnal #7 “Christ Whose Glory fills the Skies” (sung by all, muted)

1. Christ, whose glory fills the skies, Christ the true, the only Light,
2. Dark and cheerless is the morn unaccompanied by thee;
3. Visit then this soul of mine! Pierce the gloom of sin and grief!

Sun of Righteousness, arise! Triumph o’er the shades of night:
joyless is the day’s return, till thy mercy’s beams I see,
Fill me, radiancy divine; scatter all my unbelief;

Day-spring from on high, be near; Day-star, in my heart appear.
till they inward light impart, glad my eyes, and warm my heart.
more and more thy self display, shining to the perfect day.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

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, Carlos, Carol, Chester, 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: Don Rogan on the 5th anniversary of his death

Announcements

Annual Meeting  Due to COVID restrictions, Harcourt Parish will not hold an in-person annual meeting. Rather, on Sunday, Oct. 4, all members of the parish are invited to remain for an extended "Zoom coffee hour" after the 10:30 worship service to elect members to vestry and appoint delegates to (online) Diocesan convention. The annual report will be distributed both as a PDF document and by video. Further information will be forthcoming.

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

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. *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.*

Register for Mass on the Grass  Enjoy a time of worship and prayer on the shaded lawn by the chapel. Join us at 4:30pm the first and third Sundays of the month, on the chapel lawn. Chairs will now be provided. Attendance is limited to twenty-five. Please sign up for the services you plan to attend: https://reopen.church/r/obfLviu4. *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.*
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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