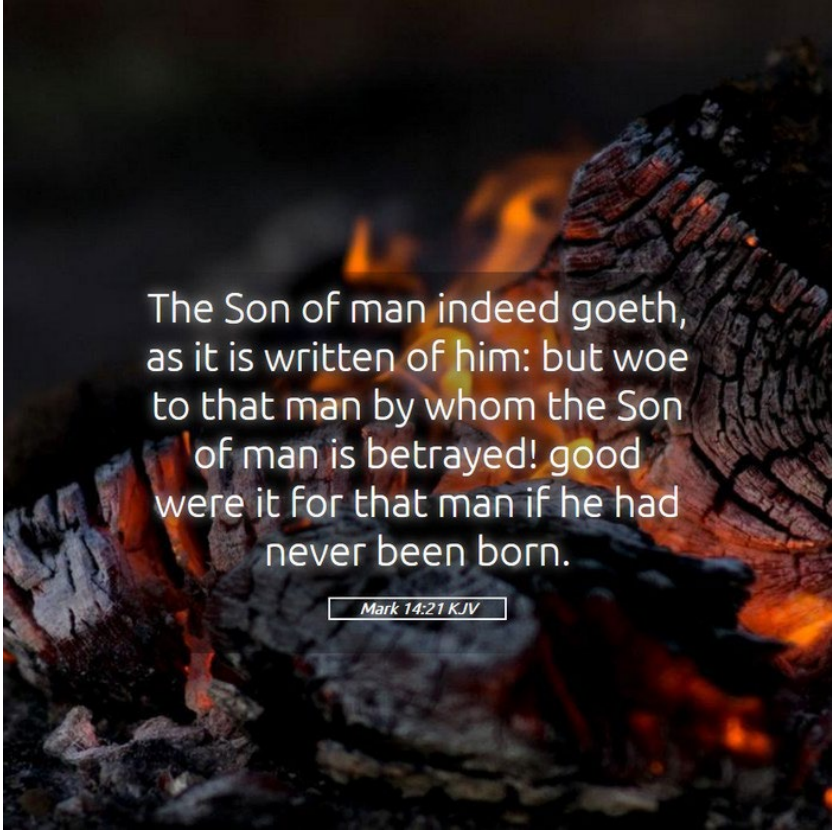


28 March 2024

Maundy Thursday

St. John's: Making and Maturing Disciples of Jesus Christ



The Son of man indeed goeth,
as it is written of him: but woe
to that man by whom the Son
of man is betrayed! good
were it for that man if he had
never been born.

Mark 14:21 KJV

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The Order for Holy Communion

IN PREPARATION

Evening Meditation

John 13:31-35

Words of Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

O, the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus

in the setting of Ludwig van Beethoven's Moonlight Sonata, 1st movement, Op.27, No. 3

Call to Worship

Psalm 116:1-2 (part of the Hallel)

I love the Lord, because He has heard

my voice and my pleas for mercy.

Because He inclined His ear to me,

therefore I will call on Him as long as I live.

Prayer of the Day

from Common Order, Panel on Worship, Church of Scotland, 1994

Lord Jesus Christ, in this sacred and solemn week when we see again the depth and mystery of Your redeeming love, help us

**to follow where You go, to stop where You stumble,
to listen when You cry, to hurt as You suffer,
to bow our heads in sorrow when You die,
so that when raised to life again
we may share Your endless joy.**

* Maundy Thursday Hymn *'Tis Midnight on Olive's Brow*

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* Praise & Confession

Lord Jesus,

We are stunned at Your passion and Your commitment toward us.

You did not run from the darkness,

You did not hide from Your accusers,

You did not fade into safe obscurity.

You stepped with determination into the darkness,

willingly giving Yourself to whip and fist,

to wood and nails.

We praise You, Gracious Lord, for what You were prepared to endure to reconcile us with God. We praise You, Gracious Lord, for Your words of forgiveness, and the invitation to paradise.

**Forgive us that we allow ourselves to become too familiar
with this story. That we take Your suffering too lightly,
and receive Your grace too cheaply.**

**As we watch with You, while the darkness encroaches,
Let us remember what this journey means, and count
again the cost of love. Amen.**

* Assurance

God our Father reaches out to heal, and to reveal again the love that will not let us go. Know that you are forgiven, to answer God's love with your praise, devotion and service. My brothers and sisters, know that in Christ you are forgiven.

* *Gloria Patri*

IN LEARNING

Pastoral Prayer

Hymn Response

What Wondrous Love Is This

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Scripture

Old Testament Lesson

116th Psalm, verses 12-19

Old Testament Lesson

Exodus 12:11-14

Gospel Lesson

Mark 14:12-21

Sermon

The Son of Man Goes

IN RESPONSE

Holy Communion

* Praise

Blessed are You, Lord our God, King of the universe, You who have brought forth bread from the earth.

Blessed be God, now and forever!

Blessed are You, Lord our God, King of the universe, You who created the fruit of the vine.

Blessed be God, now and forever!

As the grain once scattered in the fields and the grapes once dispersed on the hillsides are now reunited on this table in bread and wine, so, Lord, may Your whole Church soon be gathered together from the corners of the earth into Your kingdom.

Maranatha! Come, Lord Jesus!

[Note: Maranatha is an Aramaic word that means either
“The Lord is coming!” or “Come, O Lord!”]

* Eucharistic Prayer

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right for us to give thanks. It is our joy and our peace at all times and in all places to give thanks to You, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God, through Christ our Lord.

It is indeed right and good to glorify You, at all times and in all places, and to offer You our thanksgiving, O Lord. Through Your living Word, You created all things and pronounced them good. You made human beings in Your own image, to share Your life and reflect Your glory. In the fullness of time You gave Christ to us as the way, the truth, and the life. In the upper room Christ gave us this supper, that we should celebrate the memorial of the cross and resurrection, by which He became the source of salvation for all who put their trust in Him. Therefore with the whole company of saints in heaven and on earth, with all creation in all time, we sing a hymn to Your glory:

* Communion Hymn

Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed?

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The Institution

We give thanks to God the Father that our Savior, Jesus Christ, before He suffered, gave us this memorial of His sacrifice, until His coming again. For the Lord Jesus on the night when He was betrayed took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it, and said, "This is My body which is for you. Do this in remembrance of Me." In the same way also the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

The Memorial and Profession of Faith

We shall do as our Lord commands. We proclaim that our Lord Jesus was sent by the Father into the world, that He took upon Himself our flesh and blood, and bore the wrath of God against our sin. We confess that He was condemned to die that we might be pardoned, and He suffered death that we might live. We proclaim that He is risen to make us right with God, and that He shall come again in glory to His new creation. We do this now, and until He comes again.

Prayer of Consecration

O Father, send down Your Holy Spirit upon us, Your people, and upon this bread and fruit of the vine, that to us they may be Christ's body and blood, and that in partaking we may be one single body and one single spirit in Christ, a living sacrifice to the praise of Your glory.

Preparation of the Elements

The bread which we break is a sharing in the body of Christ.

**We who are many are one body,
for we all share the same loaf.**

The cup for which we give thanks is a sharing in the blood of Christ.

**The cup which we drink
is our participation in the blood of Christ.**

AGNUS DEI

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,

Have mercy upon us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,

Have mercy upon us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,

Grant us Thy peace. Amen.

Invitation and Dedication

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

**Therefore let us keep the feast.
Hosanna in the highest!**

The gifts of God for the people of God.

The Communion—the sharing of the elements—God's gift of grace

Communion Meditation:

I Corinthians 11:26

For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

(While the bread is shared, we will sing...)

Communion Hymn *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

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(While the cup is shared, we will sing...)

Communion Hymn *Beneath the Cross of Jesus*

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Conclusion

Our Lord suffered, died, and was buried.

But on the third day He arose again.

Behold, O God, Your family: Your Son Jesus did not hesitate for its sake to give Himself into the hands of wicked people and to suffer agony on the cross—Your Son who now lives and reigns with You, in unity with the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Congregational Response

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

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Postlude

[Please depart quietly and solemnly.]

*—Those who are able, please stand.

Today's hymns come from Hymns for the Living Church.
Please leave your offering in the basket on the stand in the narthex.



Welcome to
St. John's Church!

Scripture (ESV):

Psalm 116, verses 12-19:

- ¹² What shall I render to the LORD
for all His benefits to me?
- ¹³ I will lift up the cup of salvation
and call on the name of the LORD,
- ¹⁴ I will pay my vows to the LORD
in the presence of all His people.
- ¹⁵ Precious in the sight of the LORD
is the death of His saints.
- ¹⁶ O LORD, I am your servant;
I am Your servant, the son of Your maidservant.
You have loosed my bonds.
- ¹⁷ I will offer to You the sacrifice of thanksgiving
and call on the name of the LORD.
- ¹⁸ I will pay my vows to the LORD
in the presence of all His people,
- ¹⁹ in the courts of the house of the LORD,
in your midst, O Jerusalem.
- Praise the LORD!

Exodus 12:11-14:

- ¹¹ In this manner you shall eat it: with your belt fastened, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand. And you shall eat it in haste. It is the LORD's Passover. ¹² For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the LORD. ¹³ The blood shall be a sign for you, on the houses where you are. And when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague will befall you to destroy you, when I strike the land of Egypt.”
- ¹⁴ “This day shall be for you a memorial day, and you shall keep it as a feast to the LORD; throughout your generations, as a statute forever, you shall keep it as a feast.”

Mark 14:12-21:

¹² And on the first day of Unleavened Bread, when they sacrificed the Passover lamb, His disciples said to Him, “Where will You have us go and prepare for You to eat the Passover?” ¹³ And He sent two of His disciples and said to them, “Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him, ¹⁴ and wherever he enters, say to the master of the house, ‘The Teacher says, Where is My guest room, where I may eat the Passover with My disciples?’” ¹⁵ And he will show you a large upper room furnished and ready; there prepare for us.” ¹⁶ And the disciples set out and went to the city and found it just as He had told them, and they prepared the Passover.

¹⁷ And when it was evening, He came with the twelve. ¹⁸ And as they were reclining at table and eating, Jesus said, “Truly, I say to you, one of you will betray Me, one who is eating with Me.” ¹⁹ They began to be sorrowful and to say to Him one after another, “Is it I?”

²⁰ He said to them, “It is one of the twelve, one who is dipping bread into the dish with Me. ²¹ For the Son of Man goes as it is written of Him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that man if he had not been born.”



If you would like to worship with us, our Holy Week schedule is as follows:

Holy Week Schedule

Good Friday: March 29 Online viewing of the Passion Play

Good Friday Prayer Times: March 29 at Noon & 6 PM

Community Sunrise Service: March 31 at 7:00 am at Boy Scout Lake (small pavilion) - bring a chair

Traditional Easter Festival Service: March 31 at 10 am

All are welcome to join us as we walk from darkness into the light of the empty tomb!



Announcements and Upcoming Events

Carl Lotz Scholarship Applications: Purpose: To provide a scholarship to a Hardin County student or church member who plans to further their education and/or training for their career. Application, eligibility requirements, and procedure list is available online at <https://forms.gle/p3Zdp3zHfsJmaqB16>. Deadline to apply is April 30 (Must complete All 3 steps).

Cookie Donations for the Bike Blessing: If you can make cookies for the Bike Blessing on May 19, please sign up on the sheet in the back of the church. Thank you!

Bike Blessing: May 19 at 11:30 am

Kids Activity Bags: We would like to provide kids activity bags again each week. If anyone would like to donate a prepackaged snack or items for the bag, that would be great.

Wednesday Night Organizer Needed: We are looking for someone who would be willing to organize the Wednesday night program for next year. This would include working with the Christian Ed Committee in selecting a curriculum/program and having it prepared for the teachers each week.

Seeking Bed Ministry Leader: We are looking for someone to take over the Bed Ministry along with others to be on a committee to assist. Please contact Anna LaWarre or the church office for more information.

Nursery Subs Needed: If you would be willing to help out in the nursery periodically when needed, please contact the church office.

Confirmation: Any students that are in 7th grade or above who are interested in a confirmation class to join the church, please contact the church office or Pastor Randall. The class would probably start in the fall.

New Member Class: Interested in joining the church? Please contact Pastor Randall or the church office about a New Member Class. We will try to find a time that is convenient for all participants.

Entering Church using South or East Entrance: During the wintry and potentially icy months, entrance will be available through the east and south doors. Thank you!

Coffee Hour News: Coffee Hour is offered as a time of fellowship in our lobby, and we hope you have time to greet one another before worship. If you take beverages into the sanctuary, please advise ushers of any spills. If spills are not cleaned up promptly, it creates stains on the carpet. Thank you for your understanding.

Bulletin Announcements: due by Friday at 8:30 AM.

Children's sermon: If you would like to be added to the Children's sermon list, please contact the church office.

Office Hours: 8:30-10:30 am & 12:30-2:30 pm, Monday – Friday unless there is a delay/cancellation. Please call the office if you have any questions.

Please join us for the Second Annual Blessing of the Bikes hosted by St. John's Evangelical Church and God's Thunder.



May 19, 2024

211 E. Carrol St., Kenton, OH

11:30 - Coffee and Cookies served

12:00 - Blessing of the Bikes

Open invitation to all to attend Worship

Service beginning at 10am.

Hosted by:

*St. John's Evangelical Church
and Christian Motorcycle
Association, God's Thunder*



What More Can God Do to Show He Loves Us?

Author and speaker Brennan Manning has an amazing story about how he got the name "Brennan." While growing up, his best friend was Ray. The two of them did everything together: bought a car together as teenagers, double-dated together, went to school together and so forth. They even enlisted in the Army together, went to boot camp together and fought on the frontlines together. One night while sitting in a foxhole, Brennan was reminiscing about the old days in Brooklyn while Ray listened and ate a chocolate bar. Suddenly a live grenade came into the foxhole. Ray looked at Brennan, smiled, dropped his chocolate bar and threw himself on the live grenade. It exploded, killing Ray, but Brennan's life was spared.

When Brennan became a priest he was instructed to take on the name of a saint. He thought of his friend, Ray Brennan. So he took on the name "Brennan." Years later he went to visit Ray's mother in Brooklyn. They sat up late one night having tea when Brennan asked her, "Do you think Ray loved me?" Mrs. Brennan got up off the couch, shook her finger in front of Brennan's face and shouted, "What more could he have done for you?" Brennan said that at that moment he experienced an epiphany. He imagined himself standing before the cross of Jesus wondering, Does God really love me? And Jesus' mother Mary pointing to her son, saying, "What more could he have done for you?"

The cross of Jesus is God's way of doing all he could do for us. And yet we often wonder, Does god really love me? Am I important to God? Does God care about me?

adapted from James Bryan Smith,
The Good and Beautiful God
(IVP, 2009), p. 142