

Maundy Thursday 2020
Memorial Lutheran Church of Afton

Confession

Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination.

Most merciful God,

**we confess that we are captive to sin
and cannot free ourselves.**

**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.**

For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.

**Forgive us, renew us, and lead us,
so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

May Almighty God have mercy upon us,

may Jesus remember us as he comes into the kingdom of God. **Amen.**

Stay with Me

Stay with me, remain here with me. Watch and pray, watch and pray.

Greeting

Prayer of the Day

Holy God, source of all love, even in the face of betrayal, Jesus gave us a new commandment, to love one another as God loves us. Write this commandment on our hearts, and give us the will to serve others as he was the servant to all. We pray through Jesus Christ, the lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Amen.

Gospel Acclamation

There in God's Garden

ELW #342 verse 1-2
below



1 There in God's gar - den stands the Tree of Wis - dom,
 2 Its name is Je - sus, name that says, "Our Sav - ior!"
 3 Thorns not its own are tan - gled in its fo - liage;
 4 See how its branch - es reach to us in wel - come;



whose leaves hold forth the heal - ing of the na - tions:
 There on its branch - es see the scars of suf - f'ring;
 our greed has starved it, our de - spite has choked it,
 hear what the Voice says, "Come to me, ye wea - ry!



Tree of all knowl - edge, Tree of all com -
 see there the ten - drils of our hu - man
 Yet, look! it lives! its grief has not de -
 Give me your sick - ness, give me all your



pas - sion, Tree of all beau - ty,
 self - hood feed on its life blood,
 stroyed it nor fire con - sumed it,
 sor - row, I will give bless - ing."

5 This is my ending
 this my resurrection;
 into your hands, Lord,
 I commit my spirit.
 This have I searched for;
 now I can possess it.
 This ground is holy.

6 All heav'n is singing,
 "Thanks to Christ whose passion
 offers in mercy
 healing, strength, and pardon.
 Peoples and nations,
 take it, take it freely!"
 Amen! My Master!

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Gospel: John 13:1-17, 31b-35

Sermon

Pastor Elizabeth Damico-Carper

Hymn of the Day

There in God's Garden

ELW #342 verses 3-4
above

Scripture Reading: 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Prayer for being away from the Lord's Supper

We are the church of Christ, scattered and apart.

Every measure of distance is a measure of protection for all.

Our souls are waiting for you, O Lord, in your word we find our hope.

We wait with every soul that suffers in isolation and longing

We wait and refrain from sharing in the sacrament of the table

**We stay in, staying in solidarity with our Muslim and Jewish neighbors
We stay in, staying in solidarity with all in quarantine, isolation or away from internet
connection
Our souls are waiting for you, O Lord, in your word we find our hope.**

**Away from your table, we hunger for the bread of life,
Yearning for healing, we thirst for the cup of salvation.
We wait for you, O Lord,
for with the Lord there is steadfast love;
with the Lord there is abundant redemption,
with the Lord there is still gracious power that abounds.**

**God of grace, surprise us with discoveries of your mercy;
awaken us to the power of your Word,
Strengthen connection that brings comfort and healing
Remind us of your sustaining promises
Fill our words and deeds with your love
Give us wisdom to honor the life we hold together, life in you, life forever.**

**We are the church of Christ, scattered and apart.
Every measure of distance is a measure of protection for all.**

Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

Hymn

There in God's Garden

ELW #342 verses 5-6

Psalm 22