



***Please review this page as you wait for the service to begin. Thank you!***

**WELCOME TO ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH.** The health and safety is very important to us. In our sanctuary we now provide a choice of open seating or socially distanced seating. We also continue to offer services online where all are welcome to worship with us. Anyone who is ill, uncomfortable in groups, unable or unwilling to follow the most recent CDC guidelines is asked to stay home and enjoy the service online.

#### **GENERAL SAFETY GUIDELINES**

1. Wash and/or sanitize your hands frequently.
2. Anyone not vaccinated, or uncomfortable around others, is encouraged to take precautions -
  - A properly worn mask, covering both the mouth and nose, should be worn at all times.
  - Keep at least six feet of distance from anyone not living in your household.
3. Because safety protocols differ for those who **have** and those who **have not** been vaccinated, please be careful and respect a safe distance, especially while entering and exiting the service.

#### **WHILE ATTENDING SERVICES**

1. **This Service is Being Recorded** – It's being livestreamed online to many worshippers who cannot be with us today. The members of our production crew are important worship ministers, making the service accessible to everyone. When you see them, remember all the people that are watching from home and lift a prayer for them. Also be aware that, since you're in the sanctuary today, there's a good chance you'll be seen on our livestream broadcasts. By joining us in person at St. Paul's, please understand that you're consenting to being seen and heard on camera.
2. **Two Options for Seating** - For the sake of LOVE and inclusivity, some seats are reserved for social distancing (currently on the Loma Vista or "gospel side" of the church) – reservations must be made in advance. Open Seating is also available (currently on the Memorial Garden or "epistle side" of the church) for those who, according to current CDC guidelines no longer need wear masks or keep their distance – no reservation is required.
3. **Respecting the Needs of Others** - Please keep your distance from those who prefer socially distanced seating. There's a good chance that anyone who's wearing a mask would also appreciate this courtesy.
4. **Singing in Church** – In accordance with Diocesan protocols, all of our choir and musicians are fully vaccinated. Members of the congregation who are also fully vaccinated are invited to sing along with them. For now, those who are not vaccinated are asked to lift their hearts but not their voices. Thank you!
5. **The Passing of the Peace** – Passing the peace is permitted in open seating, but please respect the needs and desires of your neighbors. A friendly wave or ASL hug is still a great way to show you care!
6. **Making an Offering** – Plates can be passed in the open seating section only. A donation box is available for those who in reserved seating. Your donations are very much appreciated. Thank you for your support!
7. **Receiving Eucharist** – Please wait for the usher to invite your row forward. Sanitize your hands as you make your way to the altar rail. Reserved seating will receive at socially distanced spaces. Open seating will receive side by side as usual. Walk-through Eucharist is offered following the service on the first Sundays of the month. Please see our E-newsletter for more information.
8. **Welcome Families!** – Please help your children to enjoy their time here while maintaining social distance. We hope to be able to offer Childcare and return to in-person Sunday School classes this Fall. Until then, activity bags are available. Please keep your children with you while on campus.
9. **Interacting with Children** - Current Diocesan guidelines do not allow direct physical contact with children outside family groups. Since children under 12 years cannot be vaccinated, they need to stay masked and distanced. Please offer a friendly wave and verbally help us remind our children and families that we love them and are happy to see them, but don't offer hugs or shake hands yet. Thank you!
10. **Restrooms** -Please be respectful, especially of those who still need to practice social distancing. Thank you!

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## Let us Pray...

### For this Transition Time

Loving God, we pray for our church community in this time of transition. Deliver us from simply desiring to go "back to normal," and give us grace instead to be open to the opportunities that your Spirit offers in this time. Grant that we may emerge from this pandemic with open eyes, more fully available to the needs of those most vulnerable and those whose labor we have always depended on. Give us creative hearts to embrace and carry forward the new ways we have found to connect with one another; and in your good time bring us safely back together as a people renewed in the knowledge of your faithfulness and abiding love--strengthened for the work ahead. In the name of Jesus, we pray. **Amen.**

### Prayer for Putting on a Mask

We bless you and praise you, Lord Christ, for commanding us to love one another. Let this mask be a sign of your love, and let my behavior be filled with love for my neighbor. **Amen.**

### For Those Battling COVID

Loving God, your heart overflows with compassion for your whole creation. Pour out your spirit on everyone who is battling COVID-19. Bless their families and loved ones. Help them to know that you claim them as your own, deliver them from fear and pain, and send your angels to minister to their needs; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

### Pandemic Prayer

Loving God, hope of the poor and source of all health: Look with compassion upon your creatures who suffer under the weight of this pandemic. Fill us with love toward our neighbor; deliver us from selfish motives as we strive for the common good; and strengthen those who labor for our health. We ask this through the healer of your creation, Jesus Christ, our health and our salvation. **Amen.**

### For Christ's Presence

Resurrected Lord: Dwell in each of our hearts, in each person who has been hospitalized, in all medical personnel, in priests and pastors, in the rulers of the nations and civic leaders, in our families at home, in our grandparents, in those who are in prison, who are afflicted, who are oppressed and mistreated, in those who do not have their daily bread, in those who have lost a loved one because of COVID-19 or any other condition. May the Resurrected Christ bring us hope, strengthen our faith, fill us with love and kinship, and grant us his peace. **Amen.**

### For Emergency Workers

God our strong deliverer: when those charged with the urgent mediation of your healing power feel overwhelmed by the numbers of the suffering, uphold them in their fatigue and banish their despair. Let them see with your eyes, so they may know all their patients as precious. Give comfort, and renew their energy and compassion, for the sake of Jesus in whom is our life and our hope. **Amen.**

### ***For more prayers, go to:***

The *Book of Common Prayer* p. 810; our weekly E-newsletter; and this link:

[https://www.episcopalchurch.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/2/2020/12/covid\\_prayers\\_and\\_liturgies\\_for\\_the\\_covid-19\\_pandemic.pdf](https://www.episcopalchurch.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/2/2020/12/covid_prayers_and_liturgies_for_the_covid-19_pandemic.pdf)

Do you have a prayer request? Please let us know. We'd be happy to join you in prayer.

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