

Questions and Answers About the Service

Getting everyone to their seats will take time. Should we arrive early? It's true that this will take a little more time as you enter. We've tried to streamline it by asking you to call Catherine in advance to let her know you are coming (204 786-4765 or allsts@mymts.net) but it would be good to arrive 10 minutes before to help our sidespeople process everyone.

How will the Offertory Work? Once again, we will all have the opportunity to give our offering in person. However, we need to refrain from "passing the plate." Instead, people will be invited to place their offering (inside an envelope, please) on an offering plate at the back of the Church prior to being escorted to their pew. The plate will be presented at the Altar during the usual time for the Offertory.

What about the sharing of the Peace? Unfortunately, we'll have to contain our expressions of enthusiasm. Please remain in your pew for the sharing of the Peace. A nod, smile or greeting can be exchanged from the pew without physical contact.

How will Communion be done? We will be receiving Communion in one kind only (bread). A Sidesperson will indicate your time to come forward up the centre aisle where you will remove your mask from your face (hold on to it in one hand) use hand sanitizer provided at the front and then approach the small table in front of the Altar. There will be individual paper cups each holding a consecrated wafer. As the Presider speaks the words of administration, you will pick up a cup, move a few steps to the side, take your Communion, deposit the paper cup in a receptacle provided, replace your mask and then re-sanitize your hands prior to returning to your pew down a side aisle. We will allow plenty of time for people to do this without feeling rushed or anxious.

What are Dietrich's thoughts about the music? When we return to worship together, the music will be a little different. Instead of the full choir, groups of no more than 4 singers will lead in the singing. Hymns will either be sung by the singers, with the congregation invited to hum along, or hymn verses will be read, alternating with organ improvisations on the tune. Much of the liturgy will be said instead of sung. For the psalm, the singers will sing the refrain before and after the congregation reads the psalm responsively. Fortunately, the organ does not need to be masked, and will continue to sound as majestically as ever.

What You Need to Know as We Resume Services in the Church

The corporation and other leaders have been hard at work to prepare for the return of in-person services at All Saints Church. While we are excited to make plans to worship together again, we are moving slowly and carefully, as our priority is to create a safe and welcoming environment for our community to gather. We have been working in accordance with Shared Health Manitoba and Diocese of Rupert's Land guidelines to ensure a safe environment for all.

Our plan is to start back with an 11:00 am in-person service on Sunday September 27. If all goes well, we will start offering a 9:00 am service a few weeks later. Please remember, though, that our plan may be changed or suspended at any time due to changing circumstances during the Covid-19 pandemic.

Services will continue to be posted every week on the All Saints website (<http://allsaintswinnipeg.ca>) for those not attending services.

Here is what to expect as we return:

- Anyone that wants to attend the 11:00 am service is asked to preregister by emailing or calling the church office by the Wednesday prior to Sunday service (204 786-4765 or allsts@mymts.net). There is a capacity for 40 families or groupings. Walk-ins will be accepted until capacity is reached.
- Please use the doors on Broadway on the west side, closest to West Broadway Commons, to enter the building and "check in" for the service.
- Only members of the same household or in the same bubble may sit together in one grouping. Please keep all your belongings with you in the pew.
- Mask use is mandatory for all people attending the service. Please bring a mask with you. One will be provided for you if you forget to bring yours.
- All people will be asked to review health questions when they arrive. Please do not attend if you have:
 - been in contact with someone with a suspected or confirmed case of Covid-19 in the last 14 days;
 - returned from international travel or from Ontario (east of Terrace Bay), Quebec or the Atlantic provinces in the last 14 days;
 - a new onset of any of the following symptoms: fever/chills, cough, loss of taste or smell, sore throat/hoarse voice; shortness of breath; vomiting or diarrhea for more than 24 hours; poor feeding if an infant;
 - a new onset of two or more of the following symptoms: runny nose, muscle aches, fatigue, conjunctivitis, headache, nausea or loss of appetite, skin rash of unknown origin.
- **Please do not attend the service if you are feeling unwell, even slightly. Please note that people over 60 years of age are more vulnerable to the Covid 19 virus.**
- Hand sanitizer will be placed throughout the church for your use. Please use it when entering the church, before and after communion, and when exiting the building.
- People will be seated by sidespeople at alternate ends of every second pew.

- The entire service will be on service sheets provided for each congregation member. Hymn and prayer books and cushions have been removed from the pews. You are welcome to bring your own cushion. There can be no congregational singing at this time.
- There will be no hospitality hour after service. Please leave promptly via the doors on Broadway closest to the bus stop at the conclusion of the service with the assistance of the sidespeople. If you wish to stay and chat, you can do so on the lawn, provided you remain socially distanced.
- People with wheelchairs, walkers or ambulatory disabilities can enter and exit by the doors off the parking lot near the Sacristy. There will be sidespeople to help with the entry process and guide you to your seats.
- Please respect physical distancing requirements by maintaining six feet (two metres) of distance from others at all times.

Thank you for respecting these rules. They are in place for your safety and the safety of your fellow All Saints parishioners. Don't worry about remembering everything. There will be people available to guide you through the process. We look forward to worshipping together soon.

Questions or concerns? Please contact your warden team:

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