

Gathering Safely Again  
Protocols related to Liturgical Practice  
(Diocesan-developed protocols)

1. Registration •

All those entering for worship must provide their names and contact information (email, phone, or other) to assist in contact-tracing, if required by the Province of BC. All collected information will be held for 30 days and then destroyed.

2. Processional and Recessional •

To be undertaken only if it is possible to protect social distancing requirements.

3. Order of Service •

Single use bulletins (to be picked up, not handed out) may be used. • Parishes may wish to consider projecting the service or making it available digitally to be viewed on cell phones, tablets, etc.

4. Music •

Congregational singing is not permitted at this time. • A small choral ensemble generously distanced from each other (i.e. more than 2 metres) may provide musical leadership. • Instrumental music is encouraged; brass or wind instruments are discouraged.

5. Readings •

Only one reader will be assigned, to prevent surface contact at the lectern.

6. The Peace •

The Peace may be exchanged, but without touch.

7. The Offering •

Almsbasins are not to be passed hand to hand.

8. Eucharistic elements & distribution •

Wafers only are to be used for bread. • During the eucharistic prayer, the ciborium is to be covered, even during the words of institution. • The eucharist is to be celebrated in both kinds, but only the presider will receive from the chalice. • The presider, deacon or other assisting clergy will distribute the sacrament. • Prior to administering the sacrament, clergy will don non-medical face masks and sanitize their hands. • The sacrament is to be administered under the form of bread only. • The sacrament is to be administered at physically distanced standing stations, not at the communion rail. • Clergy will take care not to touch the hands of communicants, and to re-sanitize their hands if they do. • Following the administration of the sacrament, clergy will (in this order) remove their face masks, dispose of them appropriately, and re-sanitize their hands before proceeding to the post-communion prayer.

9. Farewell queuing • Queuing to greet the presider after the service is discouraged.