

Reopening Video Script

Introduction - The Rev'd Sabeth Fitzgibbons to be recorded separately.

Welcome – Welcome! We are excited to invite you to the resumption of in-person worship at Trinity. In this video, we walk you through what to expect and the changes brought about by COVID restrictions. July 11th will be our first “test run” and may not go strictly as planned. Please be patient and let us know of your comments or concerns after each service. We welcome your feedback.

Preparing Trinity –Trinity has been thoroughly cleaned and disinfected. The air intake and circulatory systems were reviewed and filters replaced. The windows and doors to the sanctuary (except for the tower entrance) will remain open during the service so that fresh air can circulate throughout the sanctuary. This may create some additional noise from the street but will be done for the safety of those in the sanctuary.

Arriving at Trinity – We require mask wearing and social distancing. An usher near the outside gate or at the top of the garden stairs will greet you and give reminders about mask wearing and social distancing. If you do not have or have forgotten your mask when you arrive at Trinity, one will be provided to you. Mask wearing is for the safety of all worshippers, clergy, staff, and volunteers and particularly for the children of Trinity who are too young to receive vaccinations. We will not ask for proof of COVID vaccinations. Sanitizing stations are located throughout the sanctuary, including at the welcome table. Please use hand sanitizer as you need. You will notice posters around the Sanctuary reminding people about COVID symptoms, and reminders to wash hands, wear a mask, and socially distance. Please, please--if you feel ill in any way, stay home. In this way, we will be better able to keep others safe from COVID.

Elevator – An usher will be available to assist those who need to use the elevator to access the sanctuary. We will restrict the number of people in the elevator to no more than two at a time from the same family because of COVID restrictions and because the elevator is small. Bulletins and hand sanitizer for those using the elevator will be available just inside the St. Margaret's Chapel entrance to Trinity.

Greeter's table – Someone will be seated at the greeter's table, located immediately inside the sanctuary entrance. The greeter can answer questions related to the service, masking, social distancing, seating, etc. Please wait by the greeter's table until you and your family are directed or assisted to a pew. Everyone is asked to maintain social distancing, even when seated, and to always wear your mask when you visit Trinity.

Bulletins – As usual, bulletins will be available as you enter Trinity. They will be located on the display cabinets just inside the sanctuary entrance and across on the other side of the sanctuary. Please take one as you enter. At the end of the service, you may leave your bulletin on your seat for retrieval and recycling later.

Offerings – The offering plate will not be passed during the service because of COVID concerns. Instead, an offertory plate will be in the back of the sanctuary. Envelopes and pencils

or pens will be situated there for your use. For security reasons, the offertory plate will be watched until it is brought forward during the service.

Seating – Pews will be blocked with either tape or ropes to make it easy for you to know where to sit. The center isle will be used for live streaming equipment so will not be available to access the pews. To maintain six feet of social distancing, people are asked to sit in every third pew and maintain distancing unless seated in a family “pod.” Ushers will direct or escort you to your seat. Please enter from the outside aisles and move to the center to allow others to sit socially distanced in that pew.

Restrooms – The undercroft bathrooms will be open before, during, and after the service. You can access the restrooms by using the stairwell in the tower entrance and following the corridor at the bottom of the stairs to the restrooms. The other access is by using the stairwell accessible to the left of the low altar (need better description). The bathrooms have been stocked with ample paper supplies and will have hand sanitizer and disinfectant wipes available.

Childcare – For the near future, childcare will not be available. Please look for additional information as Trinity includes additional family services in the future.

Music – Please feel free to join in singing the hymns during the service. Hymnals and Books of Common Prayer, as usual, are in the racks on the back of the pews. However, please remember to continue to wear your mask while singing. Cantors will sing from the front of the church, socially distanced from others.

The Peace – Because we wish to maintain safety for all, please refrain from shaking hands or hugging during the peace offering. It is appropriate to acknowledge your neighbors and quietly wish them peace and joy. We ask everyone to remain in their seats during the peace offering and refrain from walking around.

Communion – We will process to the altar single file and distanced, using one of the side aisles (the ushers will direct you). Sabeth will give communion to each person as they come up to the altar rail. When you have received your communion wafer, cross over to the other side aisle. You will have the option to have wine from the common cup or proceed directly back to your pew. Please wait to consume the wafer until you have returned to your seat. Our goal is to have a great circle with one side aisle used for approaching the altar and the other for returning to the pews.

Dismissal – At the end of the service, please leave quietly through the back doors of the sanctuary remembering to maintain six feet of separation. Please wear your mask until you have exited Trinity and are safely away from the premises.

Coffee Hour – At this time, there will be no coffee hour. Weather depending, we may initiate outdoor coffee hour sometime this summer.

Closing Words – Again, thank you for coming to Trinity for worship. It will be wonderful to worship together again!