

This is what in-person worship in the Parish of the Valley will look like as of September 6th barring any further Covid19 setbacks:

BEFORE YOU ARRIVE

In order to help ensure the health and safety of everyone who comes to our service, the church building will be thoroughly cleaned and sanitized before and after each service.

You are asked to self-screen and anyone who feels unwell or is in a high-risk group should stay home.

The size of the congregation will be limited to no more than 50 people, or one-third of our capacity seated (whichever is less) at least two metres apart.

If you are able, please print off a copy of the order of service on our website. All books will be removed from the worship space. Printed copies of the order of service will be available at the church as well. These will be collected and disposed of immediately after the service.

All those who are in attendance will be required to wear a mask. If you have your own reusable, non-medical mask, please bring it with you and put it on before entering the building.

If you do not have a mask, or forget your mask, disposable masks will be available at the entrance to the church. The clergy will also wear a mask at all times.

UPON ARRIVAL

There will be hand sanitizer dispensers at the entrance of the church and at the chancel steps. Everyone entering and exiting the church will be asked to sanitize their hands.

Everyone arriving for a service will be asked to provide contact information and you will be asked if you are ill or have been in contact with anyone who is ill in the last 14 days. We are required to keep detailed information about who comes into the building and how they can be contacted. This is to help with contact tracing in case it becomes necessary and includes name, telephone number and email address.

Please arrive early and wait to be escorted to your seat.

DURING THE SERVICE

There must be no physical touching during any part of the service or afterwards. Physical distancing will be maintained at all times.

An offering plate will be available as you enter the church but it will not be passed during the service. We will not have any congregational singing.

With regard to the Eucharist, the clergy will be the only administrators and will sanitize their hands several times both before and after the distribution of communion. Communion for the congregation will involve receiving the wafer only.

OTHER THINGS TO NOTE

Any lower level of our buildings will be closed to the public. The washrooms should only be used in the case of emergencies as they will have to be cleaned after each use.

In order to keep everyone safe and healthy, people are asked not to congregate in the building after the services to help ensure proper physical distancing.

Please know that no one is obligated to return to in-person worship if they do not yet feel ready to do so, or if they are in a high-risk group (due to age, underlying health conditions). Online services will continue to be offered for the time being.

For more information please go online at: www.valleyanglicans.ca or follow us on twitter or on Facebook: @ValleyAnglicans



Getting Ready to Open Our Doors



As a church community it is difficult to be apart from one another. Not gathering in our church building is difficult and painful. In order for us to come back to church in this new reality, we have put forward this information sheet (subject to change as necessary) to help us come back safely.

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