

Guidelines for In-Person Worship
Christ the King Episcopal Church, Alpine, California

As we gratefully begin in-person worship and with the primary concern for the health and safety of our congregation, the following guidelines which have been established by the Vestry at Christ the King Episcopal Church will be in effect until further notice:

- If you are ill and/or have a fever and/or cough, please do not attend.
- The best ventilation possible will be established; outdoor worship will be considered depending on the weather.
- On an-ongoing basis, the worship facility will be deep cleaned prior to and after the worship service. This will include but not limited to, door handles, pew tops, the pulpit, and the communion rail.
- Hand sanitizer will be placed at the entrance and exit to the worship space and other convenient locations.
- Masks must be worn at all times, except when reading or preaching. Extra masks will be provided at the entrance for those worshipers who arrive without them.
- The Holy Water vessel will be emptied.
- In-person attendance at any worship service is limited to the number of people (or household groups) who can sit 6 feet or more away from any other person or household group.
- Every other row of pews will be blocked.
- There will be no choir or congregational singing.
- Only one lector will be scheduled for each service.
- Social distancing of a minimum of 6 feet is required at all times, including during the Peace.
- The collection plate will be placed in the rear of the Nave (worship space) for donations to be placed in when entering or leaving the service.
- The Celebrant will greet the congregation at the beginning of the service and provide instructions as needed. After the Peace and before the Offertory, the Celebrant will remind those present of the procedures for receiving Holy Communion at this time.
- Guidelines for Holy Communion
 - a. The celebrant will wash/sanitize hands prior to preparing the altar.
 - b. The celebrant will be the only person to touch the vessels after they have been set out by the altar guild and before they are used for communion.
 - c. Consecrated bread will be distributed to the people; no common cup will be used at this time.
 - d. The bread used for communion will be pre-made wafers.
 - e. Communion will be taken to the people in the center aisle and distributed by the celebrant with outstretched arm, dropping the bread into the hand of those receiving. No contact will be made.
 - f. The celebrant will receive communion last.

Following the service people may greet each other and the celebrant in the courtyard but must maintain social distancing and are encouraged not to linger. We are not permitted to provide coffee or any other refreshments at this time.