

St. Peter's Episcopal Church

42 Sweden Rd, Bridgton, Maine 04009

Dearly Beloved of St. Peter's,

Please read the invitation below. I'm grateful for all who have planned, called, consulted health authorities, edited videos, delivered food, moved chairs, and prayed at home so that we can best worship and give witness. Note the Order of Service on p. 2. Dan+

St Peter's First Post-Covid services

On Sunday June 14, St. Peter's will hold its first service since the national epidemic began. We will be closely following the Maine CDC guidelines for opening worship services. This letter will walk you through the procedures, but first I would like to address some concerns you may have.

The Maine CDC reminds all of us that people with special health concerns—chronic ailments, those over 65, and anyone with immune compromises—should carefully weigh their decision whether or not to attend in-person services. The June 14th service will be filmed and will be available for anyone one who choose not to attend in person. We will continue our Zoom coffee hours, as well, since there will be no ability to have a social gathering for some time to come.

If you show any signs of illness, please do not come to the service. Sneezing and coughing, even if you feel like they are the result of allergies, can put others at risk.

The sanctuary has been set up to enforce social distancing—St. Peter's will not look "normal" for many months.

- All chairs are now 6 feet apart, with a few chair groupings set up for family groups, but the rest set up as single, socially-distanced seating.
- We ask that all people planning to participate have a face mask. We have a large amount of hand-sanitizer available, along with masks (both commercially made and some washable home -made masks).
- We will have volunteers who will help you make a safe entry and exit from the building, as well as helping you to find appropriate seating. Please be patient, as this will require seating people one person/family group at a time.
- The doors and windows to the sanctuary will be open and the fans will be on, which is consistent with CDC guidelines. If you are bothered by moving air, be sure to bring a sweater to church.
- We will not be singing during services and there will be no shared responses, as both of these activities can help to spread the virus.
- The service will last less than a half an hour, which is required by the CDC guidelines.
- We have disposable gloves for those who would feel more comfortable having gloves.
- We will be asking questions of participants before they enter—if you have had contact with people outside your immediate family in the last two weeks (with the exception of grocery shopping) we ask that you stay home.
- We will also be keeping a list of all participants as part of our efforts to help in case we need to do contract tracing.
- The bathrooms and kitchen are out-of-bounds for now, as is the water fountain. We realize that this might make coming to church difficult, but until we can set up procedures for between-use sanitizing, they need to remain closed for use.
- The church will continue to be off-limits to the usual groups that have used it in the past, particularly the AA group.
- There will not be a need to clean the chairs in the sanctuary between weekly services, as the virus is not able to survive for a week. There will therefore be no use of the sanctuary between weekly services.

Margaret Reimer, Sr. Warden

June 14, 2020



Special points of interest:

Worship, in person 10:00am
Sunday, June 14,

Zoom Coffee Hour 11am,
Sunday June 14th -

Notices and daily officer
www.stpetersbridgton.org



Worship in person, together, on Sunday June 14, 10am

Dear Friends,

Below is the order of service for Sunday, June 14, 10am.

You may bring a printed version if you wish.

The celebrant will lead from the Book of Common Prayer on Sunday.

Morning Prayer and Communion with bread

Hymn All People That On Earth Do Dwell v. 1,2 sung by cantor, please

hum

Opening Sentences, Confession, and Absolution

78,79

Venite

82

Readings- for Trinity Sunday

Genesis 18:1-15

Psalm 100

Hymn Here I Am Lord

sung by cantor,

please hum

729

Gospel: Mathew 9:35-10:8

Homily

Lord's Prayer, Suffrages, Collects

97f.

Nyandolo

Kenyan

Folk Dance

General Thanksgiving

101

Offering and Blessing of Gifts and Bread

Reception one household at a time, recession through side door

Zoom Coffee Hour from home

Communion

