



Attachment 1

Live-streaming of recording worship in the church worship space

Effective Sunday, May 24, clergy or lay leaders may live-stream or record services from their worship spaces following these protocols.

- Only the fewest number of people possible may be part of live-streaming or recording worship. Optimum is two people - the officiant and videographer. A musician may be added.
- Clergy or lay persons who are at risk because of their age or health may livestream or record worship in the church building only if they are the only person present, or if they are present only with other members of their own residential household. Six feet of distance must be kept between persons in every direction at all times.
- Worship leaders should wear masks at all times except when it is absolutely necessary to remove for sound clarity when speaking.
- The Eucharist may be celebrated, but the elements may not be shared among the people present. The practice of spiritual communion may continue. You may choose to lead Morning Prayer instead of the Eucharist.
- No singing may be done when a groups is gathered. Singing may be recorded by a soloist in another place.
- Wash hands frequently.
- Sanitize all surfaces before and after worship.

Should you desire to exercise this option, please write an e-mail to Bishop Goff in which you briefly outline your plan and how you will follow the guidelines. You are asked to write this letter not to make you jump through hoops, but

- So that diocesan leadership will know which congregations are doing this kind of worship as we network,
- So that the bishop can support you,
- So that we can be in touch with you quickly should we need to shift plans in the future.

Send the letter to bishopsoffice@thediocese.net at least three business days before the first date you desire live-stream or record from your worship space. Your e-mail will be read and you will receive a response either granting permission or seeking further information.

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A Reminder about Vulnerable Populations

COVID-19 is especially dangerous for people over the age of 65 and for those with health issues. For this reason, clergy over the age of 65 and those who have health issues should continue to lead worship from home and not go to the church building until a later phase of regathering. An exception to this could be if the clergy person is the only person in the church for live-streaming or recording, or if the only other person present is a household member of the clergy person.

Clergy who have family members who are vulnerable due to age or health should continue to lead worship from home. Those who have young children at home may choose to continue to lead worship from home.

Lay persons including musicians, altar guild members or lay ministers of any kind who are over 65, have health issues or share a home with someone with health issues should not go to the church for live streaming or recording of services.

Congregations love their clergy and their lay leaders, and therefore will not want to jeopardize them in any way. Congregations will respect the choices of their clergy and refrain from coercing them to lead worship from the church building. Clergy salaries will not be affected by the decisions clergy persons make about where to lead worship.