

# ASCENSION REOPENING PLAN

Please take care to follow each of these precautions as requirements for us to regather.

## WORSHIP SERVICE

1. Stay home if you do not feel completely well in any way, and/or if you are especially vulnerable to virus.  
*-If you have had any of the following symptoms in the past 24 hours, or have been exposed to someone who has, or feel especially vulnerable to contracting the virus, please enjoy the service from the comfort of your home. Symptoms include: colds, cough, sore throat, fever, nasal discharge, nausea, or vomiting, and loss to taste and smell.*
2. Masks are required during entire service.  
*-To protect everyone around you, wear a face mask during service and as you come and go. If you do not have one, we have masks available for you at the entrance.*
3. Face shields will be used by preacher and celebrant. Podium shield will be used for the readings and prayers of the people.  
*-Clergy will have face shields for improved sound quality along with significant physical distancing from the congregation. Readers will lower masks to read behind podium shield - masks will be worn at all other times*
4. Social Distancing is required: People need to sit at least 6 feet apart unless they are family living in the same home and keep distance during entry and exit  
*-Sit with your household members and keep six feet from everyone else. Your children will stay with you as Kids' Sunday School will not be resuming just yet.*
5. Sanitize your hands upon entry/exit.  
Hand sanitization bottles will be at the entrance of the church.  
*-Help yourself to the hand sanitizer as you enter and exit the sanctuary.*
6. Take a service booklet from the table at the entrance and drop it in the designated box on your way out.  
*-No sharing of prayer books or hymnals.*
7. Use the offering box in the lobby as collection plates will not be passed.  
*-Drop your tithes and offerings in the offering plate inside the lobby area--or give online at [ascensionanglican.com/giving](http://ascensionanglican.com/giving).*
8. No shaking of hands or hugging at the passing of the peace.  
*-Wave and smile (we'll see it in your eyes) please resist the temptation to hug or shake hands.*

## COMMUNION

9. Celebrant will wash hands thoroughly before the service, and immediately before celebrating communion.  
*-Thorough washing of hands assures extra protection before distributing hosts*
10. Celebrant will cover the hosts with a pall or purificator when celebrating. The priest's host rests on top of the napkin or purificator.  
*-Communion hosts will remain protected and unexposed to maximize safety for the congregation*
11. The Celebrant consecrates only enough wine for himself to receive symbolically on behalf of the community.  
*-Congregation will receive host only with our understanding that the fullness of God's grace is present in each of the elements of bread and wine. Sharing of chalice too risky during this time!*
12. Receive the host from the priest being careful to maintain the six-foot distance. Return to seat to partake with moment of prayer  
*-Approach celebrant for communion host while maintaining six feet of physical distance from others and wait to consume host together once all have returned to their seats.*

## CONCLUSION

13. All must leave at the conclusion of the service.
14. Exit starting from back pews first maintaining social distance
15. When talking with one another in the outside areas, please continue to wear masks and maintain social distancing.
16. No coffee hour or sharing of food is allowed
17. The church will have a deep cleaning before and after each service – using disinfectant on all surfaces that people may have touched, including the communion vessels and service booklets.
18. Thanks and Blessings!  
*-I commend all of you for your patience and love for one another in the midst of this most unusual time. May God bless you and keep you in health, as we join together to uphold the precautions listed above. Amen!*