



Re-gathering Plan Trinity Episcopal Church

As of July 12, 2020



Disaster Preparedness Team

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What Phase
Are We In?!

- **Commonwealth of Massachusetts-Stage 3**
 - 50% occupancy for in-person worship
 - Social distancing-except among family members
 - Use of face masks, except for person leading worship and 6 feet apart
 - Suggested protective shields for lecterns/pulpits
 - Signage/arrows for traffic flow
 - Sign-in with contact information with contact tracing
 - Communicate with the congregation if a member exhibits symptoms and/or test positive for COVID-19
 - Easy access to hand-sanitizer
 - Clean and disinfect after use per CDS guidelines

What Phase Are We In?!

Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts- Stage 2

https://www.diomass.org/sites/diomass/files/documents/A%20JOURNEY%20BY%20STAGES%20202005_18.pdf

- *“Every congregation has been affected by grief and trauma in this pandemic. Every congregation has also experienced new ways of being Church...Being made new, of course, is not the same as “returning to normal.” In fact, we will be called forward to something different – just as Christians have always been.”*

Stage 2 Requirements for In-Person Worship



Complete

Complete Re-Gathering Checklist with help of Re-gathering Shepherd

- Work begun with DPT



Submit

Submit Checklist to DioMass



Begin In

Begin In-Person Worship upon approval

Check List To Be Completed (summary)...

- **Preparation**
 - Cleaning/Sanitizing Plan in place and posted
 - Consultation and training with staff
 - Plan for traffic flow especially around bathrooms, pews, aisles etc....
 - Ventilation Plan in Place
- **Gathering**
 - Sanctuary prepared for parishioners
 - No pre-post worship gatherings
 - Continue on-line streaming worship
 - Seating Plan-Worship Leader/Usher Training
- **Serving**
 - Pastoral Care Plan
 - Community Service Plan
 - Contact with local health authorities
- **Growing**
 - Online Pledge/Donations
 - Online Adult/Youth Christian Education



The Church as the Body of Christ

According to our Book of Common Prayer

(p. 854-855):

- *The mission of the church is to restore all people to unity with God in Christ.*
- *The Church pursues its mission as it prays, and worships, proclaims the Gospel, and promotes justice, peace and love.*
- *The Church carries out its mission through the ministry of all its members.*



Have you noticed...

On the front page of our worship bulletin:

“Flowing with joy. Walking with God.”

What do these words tell us about Trinity?

- Starts with two verbs-Trinity is active, in motion, adaptive, not static
 - “flowing”-natural movement, seeking space, like a river
 - “walking”-moving at a steady, sustainable pace
- Verbs connected with 2 words
 - “Joy”-feeling of happiness, peace
 - God-partnership in mission

Next Steps:

Please reflect/answer the following questions for our conversation this Sunday after worship.

If you can not attend worship this Sunday please email your thoughts/reflections to Rev. Sarah at clergy@trinityhaverhill.org

What you have learned about Trinity during this time?

What have enjoyed about virtual worship? What do you miss most about in-person worship?

How do you imagine worship with the strict restrictions around seating, social distancing, singing, sharing Eucharist?

