Preparing for Sunday Evening Eucharist Outdoors at GSL

Important Information About How To Prepare And What To Expect

Grace-St. Luke’s plan to provide an outdoor worship opportunity according to safety guidelines associated COVID-19 is both approved by our bishop, the Right Reverend Phoebe A. Roaf, and informed by input from an advisory group to the clergy, including medical professionals and the wardens.

Limited space is available for thirty (30) household groups to maintain six feet apart distancing requirements on the lawn of Anchor Hill (Peabody at Lemaster). Sign-up is required by noon on Sunday. If the maximum capacity number is reached at Signup Genius, we will be unable to make accommodations. However, we would like to know who you are as we plan for future services; please email Parish House Receptionist & Ministry Associate Abby Huber (ahuber@gracestlukes.org).

- Before arriving to GSL, each household member planning to attend should check their temperature (should be less than 100° F) and determine whether anyone has a dry cough or has lost their sense of smell. If anyone has any of these symptoms, has been exposed to someone with coronavirus or has tested positive for coronavirus, all household members should remain at home.
- Persons who are at higher risk for coronavirus (children, persons age 65 or older, those who are asthmatic, diabetic or have a compromised immune system) should assess the degree of risk that is acceptable for them and their household.
- Wash your hands before you leave home.
- Bring hand sanitizer and apply it while at Anchor Hill, especially before receiving communion.
- Maintain a six-feet distance from other household groups at all times.
- Welcome Hosts will be available at Anchor Hill (Peabody at Lemaster) to assist with entering and exiting the lawn. Please follow protocols provided at the Welcome Table and by Welcome Hosts.
- Face coverings are required at all times by each member of the household except for children less than 2 years old. Wear the face mask throughout the service, except when receiving communion.
- Six-feet distance setup by household groups will be assisted by Welcome Hosts. Note: Households are responsible for bringing chairs and/or blankets; a few chairs will be available.
- Service leaflets complete with all things necessary to follow the liturgy will be provided.
- There will be no congregational singing until health experts advise otherwise but instrumental music may be offered.
- During the Peace, please do not shake hands or otherwise touch people who are not members of your household group. Instead, you are encouraged to bow, wave or offer the “peace” sign.
- Communion: Only bread (wafers) will be distributed. At the time of ministration, the priest(s) will wash her/his hands with warm soapy water and sanitize them before arriving to pods to place (“drop”) wafers into the hands of receiving individuals. Face coverings must be worn by both priest and congregation except when consuming the Blessed Sacrament. Priest hand-sanitizing also will occur after distribution.
- At the conclusion of the service, the Celebrant will give instructions about leaving in a distanced fashion as assisted by Welcome Hosts.
- In the event of rain or inclement weather, service plans will be posted on the GSL website and Facebook page.