



At A Distance, Wednesday, 5-20-2020 **Resurrection!**

Greetings Saints, and a blessed Wednesday to you all. Today has been an amazing day in that the Mutual Ministry Team from All Saints has been meeting together (in safe and healthy ways of course!) to plan for the re-opening of All Saints Episcopal Church for “in-person” worship. Bishop Greg and the Episcopal Diocese of Olympia have published a very thorough and complete guidance document, available on the Diocesan Website, entitled “A Guide to Gathering in Person.” In this document Bishop Greg lays out a healthy execution strategy for congregations to resume “in-person” worship. Changes and new ways of gathering and worship are coming for sure, but the good news is that our “Day of Resurrection” may indeed be upon us soon.

The Diocesan Guidance Document mirrors the State of Washington’s timeline and criteria very closely. Opening All Saints becomes a reality when we reach Phase 3 of the Diocesan Plan. This phase will allow congregations to meet in person with a maximum of 50 in attendance.

Your Mutual Ministry Team has utilized much of the feedback, comments and guidance that we received from you, our congregation to formulate a safe and healthy re-opening plan for All Saints. The earliest that we will reach Phase 3 will be Sunday, June 28th, Pentecost-4. Of course, all the dates in the plan may be subject to change based on the trajectory of the COVID-19 pandemic. Yet, we remain guardedly optimistic that we are getting closer to our Day of Resurrection. In the meantime, Virtual Services will continue on Sundays along with Zoom Coffee Hour hosted by Mike Heurlin. And this week we are commencing Zoom Compline with Postulant Sheryl Haase presiding. Please “stay tuned” for more information on All Saints re-opening plan and we are looking forward to seeing you in person soon.

Blessings, Father Joe