Worship at St. Mark's during COVID

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For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit." 1 Corinthians 12:4-7;12-13

As the church we are called in our baptism to care for one another and serve our city as a presence of healing and reconciliation. Our primary motivation for our COVID protocols is our love for one another. When we worship in person, we do so in a way intended to preserve the health of our parishioners and the broader community of which we are a part. We will revise these protocols as the situation evolves. We have a COVID work group made up of lay leaders, doctors, and staff who regularly review and assess our policy.

Worship Services

Our worship services are in-person and streamed online on our website, Facebook, and YouTube channel. For links to our streaming sites, see the Worship with Us page at StMarks-SA.org

<u>Sundays</u> 7.45am Rite I Holy Eucharist | In-person only 9.00am Rite II Holy Eucharist | In-person and streamed online 11.15am Rite II Holy Eucharist | In-person and streamed online

<u>Wednesdays</u> 5.30pm Rite II Holy Eucharist in Bethlehem Chapel | In-person only

COVID Protocol

- We ask that you wear masks indoors. If you forget to bring one, an usher will offer one to you.
- Our nursery is available on the first floor of the Parish House for infants through pre-K. Our childcare staff are fully vaccinated and masked at all times.
- Trained ushers will welcome and greet you. Hand sanitizer is available in the narthex before entering the sanctuary as a convenience.
- The clergy may remove their masks to preach and to offer the Eucharistic prayer.
- We suggest that you pass the Peace only within family groups. To greet others outside of your family, consider waving.
- During communion, ushers will offer hand sanitizer to those who would like it. We are distributing the host and the communion cup. Currently we are using intinction rather than drinking from a common cup. If you would like to have the host only, simply cross your arms to signal your preference.
- Children's activity bags are available in the narthex.
- Restrooms are available on the first floor of the parish house and in the narthex. Please note that these restrooms are sanitized regularly.
- Currently we are not serving coffee or food indoors to avoid unmasking.