



CHRIST CHURCH, DARTMOUTH

An inclusive church welcoming everyone

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Why is this community so important to you?

Dear Friends in Christ,

“How are you making out” is the question friends and family most likely ask many of us at this time. Do you feel like the world is turned upside down? Well, for the first time in a long time, this feeling is real. That is why we, as a community, need to connect as much as possible. As we approach Holy Week, continuing to stay in our homes, we can’t help but be a little sad. I know I will miss our time together.

Over the last few days, I’ve been reflecting on what I miss as I live this new reality.

I miss:

Driving down Ochterloney Street and seeing “our sign”
Walking into the church office, and it being busy and loud.
The plopping down in my office chair.
Hearing footsteps in the upper hall.

Rounding the corner to the Memorial Gardens.
Walking across the street for a coffee.
The members of our community, walking, and running.
The paddle canoes in the water.

The words “I’m praying for you today.”
The handshakes and warm embraces at the door.
The shy smile of a child.
The sound of the bell ringing on Sunday morning.

The booming organ, the touch of the ivory keys.
The comments about our worship.
The feeling of excitement as I walk outside the front doors of our church.
The sense of history when I step into our church.

The smiles on faces.
The laughter at the back of the church.
The short, but intelligent conversations during coffee hour.

Touching hands as the Body of Christ is received.
Seeing young hands, old hands.
Touching foreheads for blessings.
Hearing “Thank you Jesus”

What do you miss about your church family? Perhaps now is the time to reflect upon why community is so important.

As we move into Holy Week, I wanted to provide you with the details of our services. All services will take part in the online platform Zoom. John Gallant has provided directions in our weekly news feature on how to download and install. For security reasons, our zoom meetings will be password protected. John Gallant will send out the password to those on our mailing list. For people requesting to join our worship experience, there will be directions for them to get the password from the parish office.

On April 9th there will be an online Agape Meal Service over Zoom with details to come. Also, our Good Friday Liturgy (April 10th) will be Zoomed and filmed for later viewing. This Sunday, we gather together online for Palm Sunday via Zoom at 10:00am.

Unfortunately, our Good Friday ecumenical service is cancelled. However, we plan to get our churches together once we are able.

I also want to provide you with some links so you and your family can make the best use of the resources available.

On our website, you can simply click on the tab “Online Resources,” which is at the top of the webpage. Our address is of course: www.christchurchdartmouth.com

- To access the times, and directions for our zoom gatherings you can view them here:
 - o <https://www.christchurchdartmouth.com/zoom-church.html>
- For online prayerbooks and services compline, morning and evening prayer please visit:
 - o <https://www.christchurchdartmouth.com/liturgies-for-at-home.html>
- For video messages and updates please see:
 - o <https://www.christchurchdartmouth.com/video-messages.html>
- For my pastoral letters and notes please visit:
 - o <https://www.christchurchdartmouth.com/rectors-letters.html>
- For online bulletins for our zoom worship please see:
 - o <https://www.christchurchdartmouth.com/online-bulletins.html>
- For our Facebook page and updates please see:
 - o <https://www.facebook.com/christchurchdartmouth/>
- For our Youtube channel to watch services online and other videos please visit:
 - o https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCUnnx5_7UORuJudCuinOqQw

Be well of Good Courage,

Faithfully yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kyle".

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