



The Rev. Anne E. Kitch, Rector

Dear People of St. Luke's,

This morning the clergy of the Diocese met with Bishop Hughes by teleconference to discuss the health needs of our congregations due to CORVID 19. All of us are daily aware of the news regarding the Coronavirus and have been practicing the recommended health measures: handwashing, not touching, keeping three feet away from others, and staying home if we are sick. Those over 60 and those with underlying medical conditions are at the highest risk. Keeping our most vulnerable members in mind, at this time our best and most compassionate response is to refrain from public gatherings.

At St. Luke's, we will fast from gathering for public worship, group gatherings, and meetings from now until March 30th. This means:

- we will not be holding Sunday services, midweek services, or Bible studies
- we will not gather in person for meetings, but will use digital meeting platforms instead

Later this afternoon, I will be sending out our usual newsletter. In it I will offer a variety of resources for online worship and bible study. I will also be working with our leadership for creative ways we can continue to share God's love with one another and the world while keeping everyone safe.

This Sunday, March 15, I invite you to worship with our Presiding Bishop, Michael Curry. Bishop Curry will be leading a service at 11:00 a.m. livestreamed from our National Cathedral. You can join this webcast using this link: <https://cathedral.org/event/holy-eucharist-march-15-2020/>

At this time when we are being asked to keep our physical distance from one another, it is vital that we do not distance ourselves in love. We need to keep loving one other, and to love abundantly.

Please pray fervently for all who are affected by this virus; for the sick, for their loved ones, and for those who have died.

In Peace,

Mo. Anne