



St Stephen's Episcopal Church

Orinda, CA

What to Expect when Attending In-Person Worship (updated June 2022)

TIME AND PLACE OF WORSHIP

Sunday morning worship takes place in our Sanctuary. Services are held at 8am and 10am. During the Summer months, choir and Sunday School are suspended, but we do offer Nursery care at the 10am service (and children are always welcome for all our services). The 10am service is also live-streamed.

SUNDAY SCHOOL and NURSERY

Children are always welcome at every worship service at St Stephen's. During the Summer months, we offer Nursery care at our 10am service, while our Sunday School program takes a break until August 21. Contact our Parish Office to learn about any changes or updates to our Sunday School program.

PARKING

There are two parking areas: the lower parking lot is accessed from St Stephen's Drive, with stairs that lead you up to our welcome patio and church entrance. The upper parking lot is accessed from Las Vegas Drive and has three "tiers," with stairs that lead you down to the welcome patio and church entrance. Accessible parking is available in both lots, and there is elevator access to the sanctuary from the lower lot (follow the signs).

ARRIVAL

When you arrive at the entrance to the Parish Hall, greeters will welcome you and help orient you to the space, including providing you with a bulletin for use in worship.

MASKS

In accordance with current State and County guidelines, masks are **strongly encouraged** including for those who are fully vaccinated. Masks are available at the Welcome table for those who need one. Staff, clergy, altar party, and worship leadership are all fully vaccinated, and we strongly encourage you to be, too.

SINGING

County and State mandates no longer require masking indoors for any reason. Since our choir are all fully vaccinated, we have removed the masking requirement for them in their role as worship leaders. Parishioners may choose to wear a mask or not during worship, but singing is allowed, and expected!

HOLY COMMUNION

We will celebrate and share Holy Communion. Sacramental guidelines from the Diocese still prevent us from sharing wine from a common cup, so we will bless both bread and wine, but share the bread only. Gluten-free wafers are available for those who desire them.

HOSPITALITY (COFFEE HOUR)

During the Summer months, our regular hospitality teams take a break, but volunteers do bring snacks to share. Coffee and decaf are always served, and espresso drinks are available for purchase (proceeds benefit our Youth Ministry programs).

Please contact Rev Steve (steve@ststephensorinda.org) if you have any further questions or concerns.

THANK YOU FOR BEING PART OF OUR EFFORT TO STAY SAFE!