



**CHRIST CHURCH  
CATHEDRAL**  
A CATHEDRAL FOR THE CITY

## **CATHEDRAL RE-OPENING PLAN – ROUND TWO**

To all our Cathedral members and friends:

As public health restrictions begin to be lifted, and in accordance with decisions taken by our diocesan leadership, the Cathedral is set to begin a gradual reopening of our facilities, and a return to in-person worship, meetings, and other organized gatherings. Here are some details and timelines. You will also find a “Frequently Asked Questions” document that may provide more specific detail. Please don’t hesitate to reach out with questions or concerns. Thanks for your patience and perseverance over these past 15 months.

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### **Sundays Beginning June 20**

#### **8.00 a.m. Said Eucharist**

This service will take place in the nave, rather than the Lady Chapel, to allow for adequate distancing. In every other way, it will come as close as possible to our usual 0800 practice.

Until we have some idea how many people will choose to attend this service, it will be necessary to pre-register, either on line, or by phone. Should it be the case that significantly fewer than 50 choose to attend this service, we will suspend the need to reserve a space, and invite people to attend on a first come, first served basis.

#### **10.30 a.m. Cathedral Eucharist**

For the foreseeable future (at least until the fall), this will be the principal eucharist of the day. In accordance with current public health directives, a total of 50 people can be accommodated, and will need to register in advance, either online or by phone. As restrictions are relaxed, we hope to reintroduce a full complement of clergy, servers, and choir. But for now, we will pare back our liturgical leadership to allow as many as possible to attend. We are in a good position to livestream these services to those unable to attend, and we will continue to do this.

#### **4.00 p.m. Cathedral Evensong**

We will continue to livestream Evensong, but for the time being, without a congregation. The current public health guidelines allow but a single singer when a congregation is present. Livestreaming (without an in-person congregation) allows us to retain a small choir.

**Weekdays  
Beginning July 1**

Traditionally, the cathedral has been open daily, providing a rare and important oasis of quiet in the city, a location for concertizing, and a destination for tourists. Perhaps most important, the round of daily services has rooted and grounded our purpose as a spiritual touchstone.

We plan to re-open the cathedral gradually, pausing frequently to evaluate our capacity to manage numbers and public health protocols.

**10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. Open Doors**

The cathedral will be open to visitors, no more than 50 at any one time. To do this, we will need lots of volunteers to welcome people, and to record their names and phone number or email address, for the purposes of contact tracing. If you would like to help with this by covering a shift, please be in touch with Malcolm Read [communitylife@christchurchcathedral.bc.ca](mailto:communitylife@christchurchcathedral.bc.ca), or the Cathedral Office 250.383.2714.

**Summer Concerts**

We will be able to accommodate small in-person audiences (in addition to our livestreaming) for many of our summer recitals and concerts. Please watch the e-news, or sign up for the cathedral music newsletter, for details.

**Midweek Worship**

The daily recitation of morning and evening prayer, as well as the celebration of the eucharist, is a defining feature of cathedral life. Prior to shutting down 15 months ago, this cathedral prayed 17 services a week. Our plan is to ease into a regular pattern of daily prayer, based on public health guidelines, the availability of caretaking staff to monitor the premises, and a sufficient cadre of lay and ordained folk to assume leadership. Stay tuned!

**The Church Office and Church Meetings  
Beginning June 15**

Beginning June 15, we will begin a gradual return to in-person meetings, for example of staff and committees, in accordance with the comfort level of the participants involved.

The Cathedral Offices will be open Monday to Friday from 8.30 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. For the time being, masks and social distancing remain mandatory when visiting the office or cathedral.

**Meetings of User Groups  
Beginning July 1**

Groups renting or using cathedral space will be required to have their own COVID safety plans meeting Worksafe BC standards for their particular activity. These plans must be submitted to the Cathedral Administrator for review, in order to ensure that they also meet cathedral standards.