

CLBC Communion Celebration Guidelines

CLBC has resumed in-person worship services after the stage 2 reopening in Ontario. Our proceedings have been carried out according to Public Health guidelines. One of the frequently asked questions has been that of celebrating communion for our in-person services. We would like to give the following guidelines:

- Participation in the Lord's Supper for in-person celebration- We would like to invite our worshipers to share in the communion by bringing their own elements of bread and grape drinks. The Ministry of Health does not prohibit distribution of communion elements but discourages such practices.

http://www.health.gov.on.ca/en/pro/programs/publichealth/coronavirus/docs/advice_religious_services.pdf

- To exercise the "abundance of caution" We would like to minimize all non-essential handling and distributions of materials by secondary parties. Because of that, printed materials like bulletins, hymn books or bibles for common use has all been discontinued as preparations and sanitization of such would be difficult to ensure. Church prepared bread and juices, including one time use varieties, are not provided for this reason.
- We do encourage our in-person celebrants to bring their own in order for us to exercise the remembrance and fellowship of the Sacrament.
- All such participations are strictly voluntary. In order for us to have the Lord's Supper in an orderly and appropriate manner, kindly exercise considerations for the following guidelines:
 - One time use wafer and cup packages
 - Bite size baked bread of plain natural flavor and colour
 - If one would join us for the celebration of the cup, please bring grape juice or drinks (non-alcoholic; non- gaseous...) in a container which do not require pouring during the Service.

In this difficult and uncommon time, we are all trying to adjust to the situation with flexibilities and considerations. Please help us to continue our mission of the church- to continue to preach the Gospel and celebrate the Sacraments.