

Reintroduction of Communion Wine

All Currently Licensed Eucharistic Ministers and Those Who Wish to Serve as a Eucharistic Minister Must Attend a Training Session Sunday, October 23, 2022 Following Services.

Wine to be Reintroduced at Holy Communion Sunday, November 27, 2022.

NOTES FROM VESTRY REGARDING THE HYGIENE OF A COMMON CUP

Taking wine with Communion will be totally up to the individual communicant.

The Diocese leaves offering wine totally up to the individual parishes.

The CDC says: "Currently there is no evidence to support transmission of COVID-19 associated with food."

Other web sites support that there is no evidence of increased risk of transmission of COVID-19 by sharing wine at a service. Because transmission is primarily through respiratory droplets, there is more risk from standing near someone who isn't wearing a mask.

We found web sites and guidelines from multiple places across the world that support that the safest way to take the wine is to directly drink from the cup and then wipe the lip of the cup with a "porous" cloth.

The pastor is the person at greatest risk since he drinks the remaining wine, but no one has ever found any data indicating that pastor's risk from disease is actually increased.

There is evidence that the acid in one's digestive tract almost instantaneously destroys COVID.

Germ on a person's fingers are a much greater risk than a person's saliva.

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