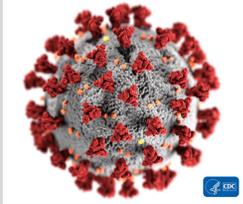




# Annunciation of Our Lady

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

**COVID 19** Friday March 13, 2020



## Feature Heading

Dear Friends:

In light of the latest news on COVID-19, and per the Bishop's directive to the entire Diocese of Chicago, there will be NO Public worship at Annunciation until further notice. Along with worship, all meetings at the Church are also canceled until further notice. Our role in the community during a time of crisis is to lead. We act not out of fear, but out of a desire to do everything in our power to prevent community spread of this virus and to care for the least and most vulnerable among us. This is a season of change and I want to assure you that I have prayed deeply on this event. Deacon Linda and I would be happy to make home visits this week with anyone.

What does this mean for our common life? There are a number of wonderful opportunities to expand our thinking around worship. First, we must pray. As we hear in the first letter to the Thessalonians, we are to pray without ceasing (5:16-18). Let us pray.

As we anticipate this situation lasting until at least March 29, one of the ways we can be together is in imitating the early church and gathering in our homes to hear scripture, break bread, sing songs, and be a comfort to one another. In this, I would remind you to practice good hygiene. If you are interested in exploring this as a worship experience, Deacon Linda and I are available to guide you through the planning of such a gathering. Remember, where two or three are gathered, Jesus is in the midst.

Finally, there are a number of worship services which will be broadcast on the internet. Bishop Lee will offer an online worship service starting March 22.

As the body of Christ we are united in love and compassion, good times and bad, celebration and sadness. This Sabbath can a time of great reflection on our relationships with one another and our relationship with God. Let us be intentional in our care and contact with one another. Deacon Linda and I are both available for conversation and prayer. None of us are alone.

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## Bishop Lee

Click [here](#) to read the March 11th message from our Bishop

