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- We recommend that we continue to share the 'Peace' with a smile and gesture, rather than by touch.
- We recommend that, should you wish to sing the hymns, you consider wearing a mask or, if you decide to sing without a mask, to do so quietly, please, to reduce the spread of aerosol droplets.
- The sacrament of Holy Communion will be administered in both kinds, consecrated bread, and consecrated wine from a shared chalice. The bread will be consecrated and administered as it has been during the pandemic. It is important that no one should feel pressure to receive the wine. Receiving in one kind only as we have been doing for several months remains perfectly acceptable. If you choose to receive the wine, the ministrant only will hold the chalice and help you to receive.

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