

FROM: The Cathedral of St. John the Divine

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**THE CATHEDRAL OF ST. JOHN THE DIVINE TO RESUME
IN-PERSON WORSHIP SERVICES STARTING TUESDAY, JULY 6**

Continued Cathedral regathering will include public events, services, and programs



Worshippers will be welcomed back for in-person Holy Eucharist services, the first since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, beginning **Tuesday, July 6, 2021 at 12:15 pm at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine, located at 1047 Amsterdam Avenue (at 112th Street), Manhattan.**

Like many churches in New York City and across the country, the Cathedral transitioned its weekday and Sunday worship services to online platforms in March 2020. Almost since that date, the Cathedral clergy has been at work determining how to safely bring congregants back into the spacious interior of the world's largest Gothic cathedral. Now, a year and a half since the Cathedral made its services virtual, the time is right to begin safely gathering together for Holy Eucharist Mondays through Fridays.

In accordance with the Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese's guidelines, the Eucharist will be offered in the form of Bread only, and congregants will remain masked and physically distanced for this first resumption of in-person worship. Starting in September, the Cathedral will begin offering Sunday worship services in its capacious interior once again.

This next phase of the Cathedral's gradual process of regathering coincides with the resumption of more signature programs and events, many of which were put on hiatus in 2020. Guided visits, which moved online early in the pandemic, return to the Cathedral's indoor spaces on Saturday, July 3. The Cathedral's beloved annual services, including the Feast of St. Francis in early October, are currently being planned, with the Cathedral closely following updates to state and city COVID regulations to ensure a safe return to indoor gatherings.

For more information, please visit the Cathedral's website at stjohndivine.org.

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DATE: Beginning Tuesday, July 6, 2021
TIME: 12:15 PM – 1:00 PM
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