

Return to Corporate Worship at Nashotah, August/September 2020

As we continue to return to corporate worship at Nashotah House Theological Seminary, great care is being taken to approach with caution and a conservative mind the safety and well-being of our community and guests. Physical distance and masks are mandatory. Therefore, when traveling to and at worship, meals, classes, or meetings, please be respectful of the 6-foot *minimum* distance with your neighbors and wear a mask. Hand-washing and sanitizing are also absolutely essential especially when serving on the Rota. For all campus personnel, if you feel ill or feverish, or if you believe your health has been in any way compromised, you are to recuse yourself from all community activities and report your absence to the Provost/President and the Director of Chapel.

Venues

When classes are in session, The Garth of the Cloister facing St. Luke Tower steps will be used for daily chapel worship. A decision about relocation due to weather will be made by 7 a.m. and 4 p.m. daily, and any change will be sent to "Mission News." For the time being, singing indoors is only to be done by a single cantor at some distance. In case of poor weather, St. Mary's chapel will be used with a minimum of two choir stalls or six feet between each person. Students will be shown their assigned seats both in the Garth and in Chapel during Orientation Week. Please use the cloister or West doors of the chapel only. The Chapter Room and Sacristy are closed except to those preparing to lead the liturgy. Please approach your seat from the sides.

What and When

Morning Prayer and Holy Eucharist 7:45 a.m. daily except Thursdays in term time when Matins will be sung followed by the Community Music Rehearsal. At 4:30 p.m. Evensong or Evening Prayer will be sung or said. On Sundays, Evening Prayer and Holy Eucharist are offered at 4:30 p.m. Beginning August 31, 2020 only registered residential students and faculty are permitted at corporate worship Monday morning to Friday mornings. The weekend said liturgies Friday-Sunday evening are open to the further residential community. All baptized Christians who receive the Eucharist in their home churches, who come in penitence seeking the Body and Blood of Christ, are welcome to receive. The Sacrament will be distributed only under the form of wheat bread. The Church has always taught that to receive the Sacrament is one kind is to receive all the benefits of the Sacrament. If you do not wish to receive for any reason, you may cross your arms and receive a blessing from the priest. The people remain in their place and the priest will approach to administer the consecrated host. Please be seated after you have received. Those with special considerations should contact the Director of Chapel (gwilliams@nashotah.edu) to discuss options for making their communion.

Books

Students will bring their own Nashotah House Psalters, Prayer Books, and Hymnals and seasonal Orders of Service with them. During Orientation Week and the two weeks that follow (Aug 31-Sep 18), Orders of Service which contain most necessary items but the sung Psalms and Hymns will be distributed for ease of worship.

Dress

As is our practice, we will continue to wear cassocks for corporate worship. Surplices (worn for Evensong, Matins, and Solemn Mass) will be kept by class in the Kemper Hall Classrooms.

Respecting Spaces

The Sacristy, Chapter Room, and restroom in St. Matthew are closed to all persons except for the appointed Celebrant or Officiant, Sacristans on duty, and the Director of Chapel. Regarding arriving and departing a space, *even outdoors*, it is expected that physical distance will be observed. The Chapel of St. Mary the Virgin and the Red (St. Sylvanus) Chapel will always be available for private prayer. Respect of physical distancing is expected. Signs have been placed on St. Mary's Chapel doors which indicate that the space is not open to the public and can only be used by members of the resident Nashotah House Community.