



THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE  
OF MARYLAND



**SAINT JAMES**  
Episcopal Church • Monkton Maryland

## **Covenant for Regathering**

In response to the current COVID-19 pandemic, when I attend worship or any events at St. James' Church, I promise, with God's help and to the best of my ability, to abide by the guidelines of the Diocese of Maryland and St. James' Church for participation in the life of my congregation according to the regathering phase in which my congregation is authorized to carry out its mission and ministry.

In fulfillment of the Baptismal Covenant (*BCP* p. 304-305), I will strive to:

"Love my neighbor as myself." I promise to:

- Wear a mask or scarf over my nose and mouth at all times while on church property, in church except momentarily to receive the sacrament or lead worship through an assigned speaking part, and follow public health guidelines for hand sanitizing and disinfecting
- Only attend worship and receive communion if I am non-symptomatic for the COVID-19 virus or any other transmittable disease that could compromise the health of another congregant
- Abstain from attending if doing so would put me at greater risk due to my own health status

"Respect the dignity of every human being." I will:

- Make no physical contact with people beyond the members of my own household
- Maintain a six foot or more distance from other members of the congregation
- Respect any requests for distance, masking, and cleaning, to ensure the safety and comfort level of others

"Seek and serve Christ in all people." I will:

- Trust and support the decisions of both my diocesan and congregational leaders
- Stay connected with others in my community by telephone, video chat, or mail

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