

In light of the recent rise in cases of the Omicron variant of the Covid-19 virus, and unknowns about its spread, the liturgy planning team at Resurrection would like to propose the following guidelines for celebrating Mass, especially with respect to music & singing. Our primary goal with the proposed changes is to enable as many community members as possible to “feel comfortable” while attending in-person Mass at Resurrection. Another goal is to minimize any risk, anxiety or confusion about singing together at this time. We will continue to monitor the situation and until further notice, we won’t sing at liturgy – neither the pastoral musicians nor the assembly. We suggest you announce the song # and encouraging the assembly to follow along with the words, **in silent prayer**, not singing aloud, to the instrumental music.

To this end, the following is a guidance for the liturgy.

<b>WHAT</b>	<b>WHO</b>	<b>GUIDANCE</b>
<b>Opening Song</b>	<b>Musicians</b>	instrumental, non-wind instruments only. E.g. refrain and one verse of gathering played by the musicians. Use your judgment.
<b>Introduction &amp; Penitential Rite</b>	<b>Presider</b>	
<b>Gloria</b>	<b>OMIT</b>	
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading</b>	<b>Lector</b>	
<b>Psalm</b>	At the Ambo should remove mask to proclaim the word.	spoken with refrain (assembly responding), led by Lector
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading</b>		
<b>Alleluia/Verse</b>	<b>Cantor</b> should remove mask to lead the prayer	spoken, led by cantor (not singing or playing): Cantor: “Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia” then invite assembly to Assembly: “Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia” Cantor: Gospel verse (spoken) Cantor, invites assembly to respond again Assembly: “Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.”
<b>Creed</b>	<b>Priest</b> starts	The Apostle’s Creed – inside front cover of Gather
<b>Prep</b>	<b>Musicians</b>	instrumental only to accompany the prep actions
<b>Mass parts</b>	<b>Cantor</b> should remove mask to lead the prayer	spoken, led by the Cantor
<b>Communion</b>	<b>Musicians</b>	Instrumental only to accompany communion
<b>Going Forth</b>	<b>Musicians</b>	instrumental, non-wind instruments only. E.g., refrain and one verse of gathering played by the musicians. Use your judgment

It is our hope that this will provide the best safety measures while still trying to preserve a prayerful liturgy with as much congregational involvement as is reasonably possible.

We would like to encourage the assembly to join in the instrumental pieces by humming softly, or perhaps clapping, and to sing with their hearts rather than their voices at this time – where music comes from anyway. Feel free to open your hymnals to the song so you can pray the words silently.

The above is meant to be an outline for the liturgy until further notice. We will continue to monitor how the virus is going (hopefully, NOT going), and then we might be able to return to our usual viva voce.