

THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF UPPER SOUTH CAROLINA

The Rt. Rev. Daniel P. Richards

April 15th, 2024

Memo

To: Clergy and Wardens Serving Congregations in Upper South Carolina

Re: Visitation Customary, updated

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

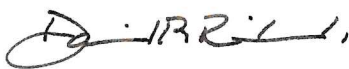
As I enter the third year of my episcopate, I have enjoyed meeting you, communing with you, and worshipping with you. As I mentioned in my first year, this customary for visitations is an ongoing process of development. I would like to confirm the following:

Customary for Visitations (Effective the Day of Pentecost 2022):

- A. The Liturgical Color will be the Color of the Day, unless:
 - 1. White will be used if there is a Baptism
 - 2. Red will be used if there are Confirmations (White takes precedent over Red if there are both Baptisms and Confirmations)
 - 3. Chrismation oil should be available for Baptisms and Confirmations
- B. Lessons of the Day will be used
- C. The Rite of Asperges is optional and should be requested beforehand
- D. I do not normally chant
- E. Use the version of the Lord's Prayer normally used in the congregation
- F. Please stand for the Post-Communion Prayer and Blessing

It is very important that you discuss proposed items or facilities that you would like to have blessed during the visitation in advance, preferably submitted with the Pre-Visitation Questionnaire, as well as a draft of the Service Bulletin. These should be received at least 2 weeks in advance prior to the visitation to Frank Ballard at fballard@edusc.org, and copied to Dana Lindsey at dlindsey@edusc.org.

My Executive Assistant, Dana Lindsey, will be in contact to verify the schedule of the day, etc. She can be reached directly at 803-569-2102, or at the email address above.



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