

THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF UPPER SOUTH CAROLINA

The Rt. Rev. Daniel P. Richards

20 April 2022 – Wednesday in Easter Week

Memo

To: Clergy and Wardens Serving Congregations in Upper South Carolina
Re: Visitation Customary

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

As I embark on my first year of congregational visitations, my primary concern is to experience your ongoing life as a worshipping community. I am aware of your questions as to my own customary for these events. This will be, of course, an ongoing process of development. Addressing some immediate concerns, please note the following:

Customary for Visitations (Effective the Day of Pentecost 2022)

The Liturgical Color will be the Color of the Day, unless:

1. White will be used if there is Baptism
2. Red will be used if there are Confirmations (White takes precedent over Red if there is both Baptism and Confirmation)

Lessons of the Day will be used

Asperges is optional and should be requested beforehand

I do not normally chant

Use the version of the Lord's Prayer normally in use in the congregation

Please stand for the Post-Communion Prayer and Blessing

Seasonal Blessings (from The Book of Occasional Services 2018) are encouraged. When they do not apply, I will use a standard blessing (not the Episcopal Blessing from BCP 523)

It is very important that you discuss proposed items or facilities you would like to have blessed during the visitation in advance. Submit this information along with the Pre-Visitation Questionnaire (currently in revision) and a draft of your Service Bulletin at least two weeks in advance to Frank Ballard at fballard@edusc.org. Feel free to email or call him with any questions at 803-569-2106.

My Administrative Assistant, Tracy Forman, will be in contact to verify the schedule of the day, etc. She can be reached at tforman@edusc.org and 803-569-2102.

I hope this is helpful and look forward to getting to know you.



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