

Daily Reflection

May 24, 2020

When will church re-open? We didn't close! We opened up the doors and took church into the world with worship resources that can be shared as fast as your internet speed. We won't reel it back and lock it up indoors.

But I know what you mean. You miss the communal inspiration we enjoyed worshipping together. We miss the hugs, the music, and the grandeur that takes us out of ourselves. Here are three things to absorb before we worship in person together again:

1. **The virus is just as contagious and dangerous as before.** The success of re-opening efforts will hinge on following good practices for safety. We have a taskforce working on that with guidance from the diocese. Expect facial coverings and social distancing.

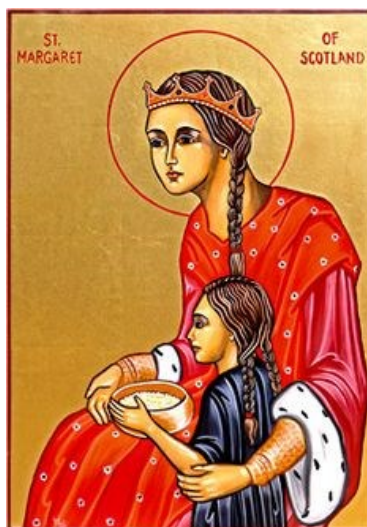
2. **Church will be different:** Singing is highly risky because of the pathogens it propels into the air; even speaking can do the same.

Going barefoot is the best way to prepare. In the first lesson of today's [Daily Office readings](#), Moses has fled from Egypt to the other side of the Sinai Peninsula, leaving everything familiar behind. God comes to him there in a burning bush, not a fancy temple. God says, "take your shoes off, bro. I'm here for you, so it's holy ground." (loose translation).

Our bishop will not likely authorize in-person worship before June 21st. In the meantime, we can go barefoot and practice finding God where we are, lest we make an idol out of a building.

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St. Margaret was always leaving the building in search of people to serve.