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From Bishop Wright on Shelter in Place Directive

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

Psalm 46.1

Brothers and sisters, in response to the most recent directive of Governor Kemp calling for a statewide shelter in place beginning Friday, April 3rd and lasting until April 13th, I am hereby directing all members of The Episcopal Diocese of Atlanta to comply, effective immediately. This specifically includes no longer assembling to record or live stream worship from a church sanctuary or campus. All worship should now be offered by individuals from home.

Now is the time for us as clergy and lay worship leaders to join fully with our congregations in this imposed fasting from our houses of worship. While some may want to claim religious exemption to the stay at home order, I nevertheless see this as an opportunity for us to partner with our Governor and the heroic health care community of our state to defeat the COVID-19 virus. I respectfully ask for your partnership in this leadership effort.

God Bless You,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Bishop Wright", with a cross symbol at the beginning and end.

Please direct liturgy questions to Bishop Wright at bishopwright@episcopalatlanta.org.

For any questions regarding this shelter in place statement please contact The Rev. Canon Alicia Schuster Weltner at aschusterweltner@episcopalatlanta.org.

The [COVID-19 Situation Response Guidelines](#) document has also been updated; please review it and contact the appropriate staff member with questions.