

## Assisting Minister Guidelines (short)

**LITURGY is "the work of the people." Worship prepares us for our "liturgy" at work, home, and with everyone we encounter. Good worship draws on the gifts of all the assembled people, and your gift helps to equip the people to go out and do "liturgy."**

### **Preparation**

- Print prayers.
- Check with the pastor for any special events.
- Use the worship folder for the AM.
- Robe and wear scapular in appropriate season color.
- Attach a wireless mic.

### **Beginning of Worship**

- Gather in the narthex with other worship leaders for prayer right before worship.
- Get in place for the procession to carry Lectionary Book.

### **The Word**

- Hold the pastor's folder any time they speak, and pastor will hold folder for you.
- Gospel Procession: follow crucifer with the Lectionary Book. Follow the crucifer back to the front.
- Return to chair in front for the *Hymn of the Day*.

### **Prayers and Peace**

- Read only first names on prayer list.
- The pastor reads last petition.
- During the sharing of the peace, place only an empty chalice and the square under-linen (corporal) on the altar.

### **The Meal**

- Pray the offering prayer.
- After the Eucharistic liturgy, place all on the table
- Stand at altar with other worship leaders and be prepared to indicate to the presiding minister which element you will distribute.
- Gluten free wafers and wine/grape juice should be handled only by the communicant
- Say a blessing to anyone not communing.
- After the assembly communes, receive communion with other worship leaders.
- Return all communion wear to rear altar.
- Return to chairs with the pastor

### **Recession and Dismissal**

- Follow the choir in the recessional.
- Announce the dismissal with boldness from rear of church.

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