

Crucifer/Acolyte 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

- Check with the pastor for any special events (baptism, new members, etc.).
- Select a robe.
- Put a worship bulletin on the front pew for your use during worship.
- Check wicks on the candle lighters and that altar and torch candle wicks are exposed.
- Light candle lighter and light the back-altar candles and torches. Extinguish the candle lighter by sliding the wick in and IMMEDIATELY out again. Place candle lighter under front pew.
- Bring the cross to the back of the church.
- Go to the back of the church to wait for the procession.

Beginning of Worship

- Lead the procession.
- The procession begins when the assembly starts singing.
- Turn and face the assembly in front of the front altar until all in the procession have passed. Place the cross in its floor stand, then sit in front pew.

During Worship

- Gospel Procession. At the "Alleluia Verse," retrieve the cross and lead the procession down the center aisle (crucifer, assisting minister with Bible, and pastor). Face the pastor during the reading of the Gospel. After, lead the procession back to the front, replace cross and sit down.
- During the passing of the peace, light the front altar candles (
- After the offering, receive the offering plates from the ushers, bring them to the pastor for a blessing, place on the rear altar and sit down.
- Communion. Go to the altar at the beginning of the meal with other ministers.
- Distribute the grape juice to those who desire it, saying, "The blood of Christ shed for you."
- After the assembly communes, give the chalice and purificator to the assisting minister and receive communion with other worship leaders, then sit down.

End of Worship

- Begin the recessional after the first verse of the final hymn or song.
- The choir and ministers will follow you.
- Turn at the baptismal font and face the assembly.

After Worship

- Return cross, extinguish all altar candles, return candle lighter to sacristy, hang up robe.

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