

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR LECTORS

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Thank you very much for your willingness to serve in these ministries. What a gift to bring God to others in Word and Sacrament!

As lectors, you are proclaiming Christ. It is Christ himself that comes to His people in the Word proclaimed. This isn't some announcement or casual advertisement that you're reading! So please prepare to proclaim God's Word. Read what is written in the workbook and *practice*. It is highly recommended that you spend a few minutes during the week prayerfully reading the readings for the following Sunday (along with the Gospel, even though you won't be proclaiming it) so as to get a feel for the message that the Word is conveying that particular Sunday.

As a lector you will be part of the procession. Once you find your seat, please come to the front of the church. In the order of the procession, you will be behind the altar server(s), but in front of the deacon and priest.

When you reach the altar, during the entrance procession, **genuflect** (if there are two ministers side-by-side, both genuflect together), and go to your seat; do not wait for the priest to genuflect with you!

When the Opening Prayer is over (after the presider says "... who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen), get up from your seat, and approach the altar, and bow slightly to the altar (DO NOT GENUFLECT). Go up to the ambo and proclaim the reading.

Please remember, we do not say, "This is the Word of the Lord." We say, "*The Word of the Lord.*" You should not pick the book up as you say "the word of the Lord." If the alleluia is not sung, **IT IS NOT READ!**

Come up toward the end of the Creed to read the intercessions unless they are sung during Lent or Advent, or for an RCIA rite, or read by the Deacon.

As the music begins for the closing hymn, come forward, and take your place in the procession. Genuflect to the altar as the priest genuflects, turn and process out.

If you are unable to serve when scheduled, find someone to replace you and let the Pastoral Associate know that you have gotten a replacement. You should dress appropriately; your attire should reflect the dignity of the service you are performing. If you are concerned about what you have to wear, speak to Father Tim or Zach.