

WORSHIP PARTICIPANT FUNCTIONS

Lector

Before your Sunday of service

You will need to prepare your readings. Be certain that you have received them from the senior parish administrator and that they are for the proper Sunday or Holy Day. If you have a question, call the senior parish administrator or one of the pastors. Read through the readings aloud several times at home, perhaps in front of mirror. This practice is important so that you will feel comfortable and project adequately. Feel free to mark your text, or to make pronunciation marks.

When You Arrive:

You are responsible for the day that you have agreed to serve. If you find that you are unable to serve, then you will need to first contact the parish administrator. If at all possible, please arrange for someone else to take your place, and give that name to the parish administrator as well.

- If you have a marked text, place it in the lectern prior to the service. Do not bring any notes or other papers up with you to the lectern. Normally you should read from the lectionary, only using marked texts when necessary.
- Read naturally, but with projection. **Speak to the person in the last pew.** It is not necessary to look at the people when you read. It is necessary that everyone hear what it is that you are reading.

First Lesson

After the **Prayer of the Day**, approach the lectern and reverence the altar, if you wish. If you have marked texts, remove them from the lectern and place them on top of the lectionary.

When the reading is completed, and a psalm follows; leave the lectern and sit in the first pew until the psalm is finished. If there is no psalm, wait a few moments before beginning the second lesson.

Psalm

Sit in the first pew.

Second Lesson

Read the second lesson. When you have finished, you may reverence the altar, and return to your pew.

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