

Instructions for the Lector

Purpose: To read the appointed lessons from Scripture during Sunday services and at special services throughout the year

Before the Service:

- Familiarize yourself with the appointed lessons for the day, especially those you will be reading (the first and second lessons). These can be found on the parish website by clicking on “Worship” and downloading the service bulletin for the upcoming Sunday service. Worship bulletins are generally available on the Thursday before a Sunday service
- Familiarize yourself with the pronunciation of unfamiliar Biblical names and words

During the Service:

- After the Collect for the Day and as the children are moving downstairs for Children’s Chapel, make your way to the lectern
- It is customary and proper to reverence the Altar by making a solemn bow before going to the lectern
- Make certain to wait until the children have made it downstairs to begin reading.
- Please read the lessons slowly, at a comfortable pace, and loudly enough for everyone in the nave to be able to hear you
- For reading, it is preferable that you use the Lectionary book on the lectern rather than your service bulletin as the Lectionary book has the proper introduction for each reading
- In between the first and second lessons, the psalm is typically sung either in unison or responsively between cantor and congregation. You may remain at the lectern during the singing of the psalm
- At the conclusion of the second reading, return to your seat