

## **Lay Reader Instructions**

If you cannot serve when scheduled, please arrange for your own substitute or call George Coulombe if you can't do so.

In general, you should not wait for the time you need to read to get up and move to the Lectern, but should time yourself to be in place when it is time to read so as not to have the congregation waiting on your movement.

Lead the Collect of the Day from the bulletin. Introduce collect by referring to page in bulletin. Please note that if current events (natural disaster, accident, etc.) make it important to add a collect or prayer to specifically address what has gone on, you may add a collect after the Collect of the Day. Many prayers can be found in the Prayer Book (see index).

Invite congregation to be seated.

Read the first lesson from the bulletin.

Lead the Psalm from the bulletin stating the method to use (antiphonally either by half or whole verse alternating with you and the whole congregation, antiphonally with one side of the congregation alternating with the other, or the whole congregation saying all the verses).

Read the second lesson from the bulletin.

After Sermon and Creed

Lead the congregation in the Prayers of the People from the bulletin, indicating page number.

Lead the congregation in the post communion prayer using one of the two prayers on pages 365 or 366, or from bulletin, or you may say your own collect.

If not accustomed to speaking with a microphone, please practice before the service so that you know how loud to speak and become aware of the direction you need to speak so that the mic picks up your voice fully.

Thank you for your service to the Lord and His body the Church!

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