

WORSHIP ASSISTANT

Arrive 20 minutes prior to the service.

Wear an appropriate white alb. They are located on the coat racks on the washroom side of the parish hall.

Ensure that the various other worship volunteers are present (Ushers, Greeters, Communion prep, Sound & Power Point Operators, Acolyte, Lector and Communion Assistant). If not, advise the pastor and/or Worship Assistant Coordinator and help recruit replacement.

It may be helpful to mark in your bulletin when you will be speaking.

Proceed to the altar with the pastor prior to the welcome (or during the opening song). Pause and meditate at the altar rail before proceeding to one of the chairs by the pulpit.

Lead the Prayer after reception of the offering.

Come forward to help with the distribution of the elements following the Lord's Prayer. Beginning on the east side of the altar rail, serve the wafer/bread by placing it in the hand of the communicant, saying "The Body of Christ given for you." When you have finished the table, proceed back to the east side of the altar and begin serving again; repeat until all have communed who wish. If communion is distributed continuously (where communicants do not kneel), stand in the center of the aisle below the raised steps.

Gluten free bread - if this is requested, take the container with the gluten free bread from the altar, present it to the one requesting, and allow them to take a piece. (do not handle the gluten free bread)

Some children will indicate they wish to receive communion by raising cupped hands, but if uncertain, check with parent/adult accompanying the child.

Once all who are able to access the altar have communed, proceed to serve those who are unable to do so.

After the pastor communes the Worship Assistant, Communion Assistant and Acolyte, commune the pastor.

Say the Prayer following the pastor's post-communion statement.

Proceed to the back of the church with the pastor during the final verse of the Sending Song.

Pronounce the Dismissal.