

St. James' Episcopal Church

Crucifer Procedures

A. Before the Service

1. Be vested and make sure the candles are lit 15 minutes before the service starts.
2. Meet in the rector's office for prayer and instructions with other servers.
3. Check that other acolytes are present and know what they are doing.

B. Opening Procession

1. Get the cross and assemble in narthex, out of the way of arriving parishioners.
2. Help torch bearers light their torches and remind Gospel bearer to follow the choir.
3. Make sure Celebrant is ready before processing, and proceed slowly and reverently down the center aisle when the opening hymn begins.
4. Pause at the altar steps, then turn and proceed toward the choir to store the cross.

C. Gospel Procession

1. At the beginning of the Gospel sequence hymn, light the torch bearers' candles, retrieve the cross, and wait for the reader.
2. When the reader joins you, proceed to the second pew.
3. Turn and face the altar, continuing to hold the cross aloft.
4. After the reading, proceed back to the choir risers and store the cross.

D. Holy Communion

1. At the direction of the celebrant, give the ciborium to the celebrant, leaving the lid on the credence table.
2. Open the water and wine pitchers and pick up both, not using the handles; hold the wine in the left hand and the water in the right.
3. Hand off to the celebrant with your left hand and receive with your right.
4. Wash hands of those administering the bread.

E. Closing Procession (Recession)

1. At start of hymn, light torch bearers' candles and retrieve the cross.
2. When signaled by the celebrant, lead the procession down the center aisle.

- F. **REMEMBER YOU'RE ON CAMERA!** Services are being live-streamed and posted on our website and Facebook. Please be reverent and alert, sitting or standing straight with your feet on the floor. Do not leave for the restroom during the service or chat with a neighbor. Keep your robe over your knees, and do not use a cell phone. You never know who is watching!