

Epistle Cross:

(underlined portion is for 9:00 only)

Arrive 20 minutes before the service and Vest.

Before you leave the vesting room, the priest will pray. At that time everyone will proceed to the Narthex (back of the Nave).

For the service:

- Line up at the back of the Nave. When the opening hymn starts, start the procession as soon as the first words are sung
- lead the procession down the aisle and once you've stepped up onto the altar area, turn to the right, or epistle side.
- After placing the cross in its holder, stand by the children's liturgy cross until the priest releases the children to the children's liturgy
- Process back down the center isle with the children's cross and give it to the adult in charge, then walk back down the side isle on the vesting room side and sit on the bench.
- If serving at the 11:00, simply post the cross and go to the bench.
- After the Epistle Readings, grab the Gold Gospel Book from the front of the altar and take your place directly behind the gospel cross.
- When the gospel cross turns around to signal to stop, you also turn and face the priest.
- The Priest will turn to the correct page and place the open book in your hands.
- Hold the book up so that the priest can read from it.
- When the Priest is done, he/she will lift the book, close it and give it back to you.
- After the reading step to the side to allow the gospel cross and torches to pass then follow them back up to the altar
- Return the Gospel Book to its spot on the altar and sit down on the bench in the back.

- After the sermon, creed, and prayers of the people are over and during the peace take the epistle cross back to the narthex and wait for the offertory to be over.
- At the beginning of the song at the end of the offertory lead the procession back to the altar.
- Help the person carrying the children's liturgy cross place it in the holder.
- When the priest says, "On the night before he died for us...", kneel down and get ready to ring the bells.
- Ring them 3 times with 3 turns of your wrist immediately after the words "do this for the remembrance of me".
- Set the bells down quietly and wait until he says "do this for the remembrance of me" again, then ring them 3 more times.
- After the priests have taken communion, all the acolytes and chalcers will stand and make a semi-circle behind the altar to take communion
- During the communion you can choose to post with the host or you can sit and wait for the communion to be over to help clear the table.
- At the end of communion, all acolytes help clear the altar.
- Make sure the unused purificators go in the sacristy and the holy water is last to be put away.
- Everything but the purificators are put on the Credence Table.
- After the blessing and dismissal, retrieve the cross and walk to the front and center of the altar area and face the altar.
- Wait for the priest(s) to bow, then turn around, raise the cross and lead the procession out.
- Proceed to the Narthex.
- Form a circle where the priest will give a final blessing.
- Proceed to vesting room, put cross away and hang up robes.