

Lector Info Sheet

During the "WORD" portion of the liturgy, please begin moving towards the lectern as soon as the Prayer of the Day is concluded (or before if you are seated far away from the chancel). There is no need to wait for an invitation to come forward.

Once at the lectern, there is no need to pull the microphone towards you, it is an area microphone that will pick up your voice from 30 inches away if need be. (Actually, being too close is a problem, because it causes certain sounds to become percussive. Contact to the lectern itself can also cause unwanted sounds.)

When introducing the lessons (not the Psalms), it is enough to introduce the book and chapter(s), without stating the verses: (e.g. "A reading from Exodus, chapters 13 and 14")

After the first (and second, if included) lesson, please conclude with, "Word of God, word of life." The congregation will respond "Thanks be to God."

When introducing the Psalm, please give instruction on where to find the books and where in the books to find the psalm, so visitors can read along. Imagine you are describing the process for someone who is visiting for the first time.

There are various ways to do this, such as:

I invite everyone to please join me in reading **Psalm 95** in unison.

OR

“Please join me in reading from **Psalm 95**: I will read the white and I invite everyone to read the yellow verses on the screen.”

Unlike the lessons, there is no lector – congregation exchange / response after the psalm.

If you have questions about pronunciation, please contact the office. If the order of service is not typical, the minister will give you special instructions about how to proceed.

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