

Lector Etiquette

Be sure the microphone is turned on before you begin to read the first lesson. The button will be RED if it is ON, white if not. The microphone needs to be pointed at your mouth at the level of your mouth, and about 8-10 inches away from your mouth. It should be turned off after you finish the second lesson.

1. After the collect, rise and approach the altar.
2. Reverence the altar and proceed to the lectern.
3. ***Make sure the microphone is on (see explanation above).***
4. To start the lesson, begin: **A reading from.....***Chapter and Verse should be omitted.* (The *Introducing the Scripture Readings in Worship* pdf sets out how each book should be referenced.)
5. Read the lesson.
6. Pause. Say, "The Word of the Lord."
7. Wait while congregation responds, "Thanks be to God."
8. Sit in the choir pews on the Epistle side while the Eucharistic Minister leads the Psalm.
9. As the Eucharistic Minister moves away from the lectern, take your place there again.
10. Follow steps 4-7 above for the second reading.
11. ***Turn off the microphone.***
12. Return to your pew, stopping to reverence the altar on your way.

Note: if you don't know how to pronounce any of the words in your readings, feel free to look them up on the internet. Whichever pronunciation you decide on, say it with authority and consistently throughout the reading.