

## EM Instructions for 8:00 am Liturgy

- EM1 and EM2 Vest in Alb with Cincture; EM 3 may remain in “street clothes” and sit in the pews.
- EM1 Lights the candles on the altar.
- Check-in with Priest and Deacon before the Liturgy (they are usually in the Sacristy) for instructions and prayer
- EMs 1 and 2 have roles to play throughout the service and will enter the nave with Deacon and Priest from the Sacristy, reverence and be seated on the lectern side .

### Readings

- Generally, an assigned lector will read the first and second lessons. If the lector doesn't come, then EM 1 should fill-in.
- The Psalm, if spoken, is led by EM1 based on the instructions in Grace Weekly (usually antiphonally).
- Prayers of the People are generally introduced by the Deacon and then led by EM2. Be sure to locate the prayer list from Grace Weekly and name aloud ‘members’ and ‘those who have died.’

### Communion

- EM1 receives the alms (offerings) and hands them to the priest for blessing. They are placed on the altar during the Great Thanksgiving.
- EM1 remains at the priest's right-hand throughout the Eucharistic Prayer.
- EM2 remains standing at their chair or may kneel at the altar rail during the Great Thanksgiving.
- EM3 comes forward to the chancel at the Invitation (“The gifts of God for the people of God...” and stands in front of the organ. At the same time, EM2 comes behind the altar.
- Near the end of the Fraction Anthem (usually Lamb of God...), the priest the priest will hand EM1 a chalice or flagon to hold up and present to the people as the priest says, “The Gifts of God for the People of God...”
- The Deacon and EM1 receive bread and the wine from the priest.
- EM1 then moves the offering plates to the pedestal near the Creedence Table and brings the two remaining chalices from the Creedence Table to the Deacon. EM1 also brings the two glass “bread boxes” to the Deacon.
- The Deacon fills the remaining two chalices, as the priest communes EM2 & 3. EM1 follows the clergy offering communion to those kneeling.

- The Deacon will hand EM 2 and 3 their chalices from the altar and follow the priest or deacon to the base of the steps for the standing station.
- EM1 remains at the altar and offers the chalice to those who receive at the rail.
- When Communion ends, EM1, EM2, and EM3 will place their chalices and purificators on the Creedence Table, walk behind the altar reverencing, and take their seats.