

GRACE CHURCH
Eucharistic Minister Customary
10:30 am Liturgy

Before the service

- EMs 1 & 2 vest in a white alb with a cincture in the Parlor.
- Check that lectors are present. In the event that a lector is not present, EM1 should be prepared to “read” in their stead.
- Make sure the Prayers of the People are on the lectern and that the Lectionary Book is open to the appropriate page.
- Do not adjust the position of the microphone.
- Reminder to turn “on” mike in lectern when you read.
- EM3 sits in the pews near an outside aisle and will come forward during the Invitation (“The Gifts of God for the people of God”) to receive communion and serve the chalice.

Processional

- Be near the narthex in the “back” of the Church no later than 10:25 am.
- You will process in a single file line after the choir and before the Deacon / Gospel Bearer.
- Reverence briefly after ascending the chancel steps and take your seats on the right-hand side against the wall.

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. Follow the directions on Grace Weekly for how the Psalm is read.

Prayers of the People are generally introduced by the Deacon and then led by EM2. Be sure to identify on Grace Weekly the names of ‘Members of Grace’ and ‘those who have died’ to read aloud at the appropriate places in the prayers.

Communion

Updated 6/6/2019 When acolytes are serving with the crucifer, please refer to a separate document.

- While the crucifer/server is receiving the alms, EM1 walks behind the altar, reverences briefly, and stands to the priest's right-hand side.
- EM2 remains standing at their chair or may kneel at the altar rail during the Great Thanksgiving.
- At the Invitation ("The gifts of God for the people of God"), EM2 and 3 will come behind the altar.
- Near the end of the Fraction Anthem (usually Lamb of God...), 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..." Then EM1 joins the other two EM's waiting to be communed.
- The Deacon receives bread and the wine from the priest.
- (Note: The Server will bring items to the Deacon from the Credence Table.)
- The Deacon fills the remaining two chalices, as the priest serves the bread to the EM's. Then she serves the chalice to EM1 who offers the cup to EM's 2 and 3.
- The Deacon hands EM 2 and 3 the chalices. They immediately follow the clergy who is serving bread at the bottom of the Chancel steps.
- EM1 remains at the altar and offers the chalice to those who receive at the rail, beginning with the acolytes and server.
- The Choir will come forward after the hymn either behind the altar or at the rail, often in small groups.
- If someone in the pews needs Communion brought to them, one EM will follow the clergy. The other may go up to the altar and offer the cup to anyone kneeling or the choir standing if necessary.
- When Communion ends, all EMs give their chalice and purificator to the Crucifer/Server to place on the Credence Table, walk behind the altar reverencing, and take their seats. EM3 returns to the pew

down the side aisle and doesn't need to reverence unless they are walking across the chancel.

- Note: If you are running low on wine, get the attention of the server to refill it. God's love never runs out, and since Jesus' blood is a sign of that love, we don't want it to run low, either.

Recessional

- When the deacon or Gospel Bearer moves toward the altar to get the Gospel Book, the EMs leave their seats and follow the cross and torches down the aisle to recess out of the church.
- On the way out, there is no need to turn and reverence.
- After the dismissal, they return to the parlor to hang their vestments.