

REVERENCE AT WORSHIP LECTORS AND PSALMIST GUIDELINES

The **1st Reading Lector** makes a head bow to the cross and reverently approaches the ambo.

Wait for a period of silence and announce, “**A reading from ...**”, not say, “**The first reading is a reading from ...**”. **Pause slightly** before beginning the reading.

After the reading, **pause slightly** and say, "The Word of the Lord".

When the assembly has said, "Thanks be to God", **make a head bow inviting the assembly to reflect (pray Hail Mary inaudibly)**. Avoid unnecessary hand movements preparing the pages of the Lectionary for the next reader. The **Lector** leaves the ambo and makes a head bow to the cross in unison with the Psalmist.

The **Psalmist** makes a head bow to the cross in unison with the 1st Reading Lector and reverently approaches the ambo to lead the singing of the psalm with the assembly. After the psalm is sung, the **Psalmist** leaves the ambo and makes a head bow to the cross in unison with 2nd Reading Lector.

The **Psalmist** carries a ceremonial binder to keep the song sheets to sing from instead of singing the psalms directly from the song sheets. Please pickup the ceremonial binder from your coordinator. After the worship, please return the ceremonial binder to your coordinator.

The **2nd Reading Lector** makes a head bow to the cross in unison with Psalmist and reverently approaches the ambo. Announce, “**A reading from ...**”, not say, “**The second reading is a reading from ...**”. **Pause slightly** before beginning the reading.

After the reading, **pause slightly** and say, “The Word of the Lord”.

When the assembly has said, "Thanks be to God", **make a head bow inviting the assembly to reflect (pray Hail Mary)**. Place the Lectionary in the shelf of the ambo to accommodate the Book of Gospel. The **Lector** leaves the ambo and makes a head bow to the cross.

No matter how well prepared, occasionally things go wrong. Stay calm when something does go wrong.