

Lector Etiquette

With the new sound system, the microphone should always be on. Please position the microphone no more than 5” or 6” from your mouth when you read.

1. After the collect, rise and approach the altar.
2. Reverence the altar and proceed to the lectern.
3. To start the lesson, begin: “**A reading from...**” *Chapter and Verse should be omitted.* Generally, the service leaflet will include this introduction. (The *Introducing the Scripture Readings in Worship* pdf sets out how each book should be referenced. If the service leaflet is incorrect, please feel free to use the correct wording.)
4. Read the lesson.
5. Pause.
6. 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 3-7 above for the second reading.
11. 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 or in the Pronunciation Guide in the sacristy. Whichever pronunciation you decide on, say it with authority and consistently throughout the reading.