

# Liturgical Ministry: Acolytes

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## Lighting our Way

Our Sunday Eucharistic Liturgy is movement and song, a shared dance full of beauty, ritual, and symbol. Acolytes help guide us through this dance by leading processions, lighting the Gospel, praying and sitting in silence, and sending us out on our way.

An Acolyte is a helper at the Altar, assisting the Priest, Deacon, and Eucharistic Ministers. Acolytes carry the cross to lead in the Choir and Altar party, lead the Gospel to the people and process out at the end of the service. Acolytes also help at special services and provide incense at the High Holidays.

This ministry is open to anyone capable of doing the required tasks.

## Serving as an Acolyte

### Requirements

- Must be a committed member of Christ Episcopal Church and faithful in Sunday attendance.
- Attend Liturgical Ministry Workshop before serving. Renew attendance at least every other year.
- Review the [liturgical customary](#) each year (and as necessary)
- Be able to do tasks described in the [liturgical customary](#).

### Responsibilities

- Confirm your scheduled dates on the [Liturgical Ministry Rota](#).
- Attend Liturgical Ministry meetings as scheduled.
- If unable to serve on date assigned, obtain a substitute and inform the parish office and team lead of the change.

### On Sunday

- Arrive to assist with final altar setup by 8:45 if attending formation, 9:45 if not. Regular participation in formation is strongly encouraged.
- Pray with all liturgical ministers at 10:15.