




# Crucifer Duties/Responsibilities

## *SUMMARY*

-  Carry the Cross during the procession at the beginning of the service and the recession at the end of the service.
-  Assist Pastor with children during children's sermon to ensure their safety (crowd control).
-  Assist with Holy Communion.

## *BEFORE THE SERVICE BEGINS*

1. Be in the church sacristy 10 minutes before your scheduled service time.
2. Put on robe (appropriate length should come to just about your ankles) and waist "rope" (cincture) in sacristy. Make sure that the color of your "rope" (cincture) matches the color of the altar hanging. Place the knot of the "rope" (cincture) over left hip.
3. Leave the sacristy by means of the door into the sanctuary and walk to the rear of the church.
4. Take the cross from its retaining bracket on the rear wall (pulpit side of the sanctuary).
5. Hold the cross firmly, with one hand slightly higher than the other to prevent the pole from touching the floor
6. When the processional hymn begins, walk *slowly* down the aisle. The choir and/or pastor will follow behind you.
7. When you reach the front of the sanctuary, stand on the first step facing the congregation. The bottom of the pole may now rest on the floor.
8. The acolyte or head usher will nod to signal when to put the cross in the retaining bracket behind the pulpit.
9. Sit in the front pew with the acolyte.

## *DURING THE SERVICE*

10. Assist Pastor with children **during children's sermon** to ensure their safety (crowd control).
11. Participate in all aspects of the worship service.

## *HOLY COMMUNION*

12. Walk with the acolyte and stand in front of the altar with the communion assistants to receive Holy Communion.
13. If you have not made your 1<sup>st</sup> Communion, cross your hands over your chest when the Pastor is distributing the bread and wine. Pastor will give you a blessing.
14. With the acolyte place one tray of grape juice on each of the stands next to the railings.
15. As communion distribution to the congregation begins the crucifer goes to the sacristy and refills the flagon. There will be an opened wine bottle on the counter by the stairs.
16. During Communion the crucifer stands behind the communion assistants in front of the altar ready to refill the pouring chalices.

17. After Communion is finished, place the flagon on the silver tray on the altar.
18. Return to the first pew.

### ***AT THE END OF THE SERVICE***

19. When the congregation begins to sing the last hymn walk to the front wall behind the pulpit and remove the cross from the retaining bracket.
20. Walk to the first step with the cross and stand facing the congregation
21. At the beginning of the 2<sup>nd</sup> verse, step down and walk ***slowly*** down the aisle to the back of the church. The pastor will follow you.
22. When you reach the back of the church replace the cross on the rear wall retaining bracket.
23. After the deacon gives the dismissal you may walk down the side aisle to the sacristy.
24. Hang your robe and belt neatly in the cabinet.

### ***IF YOU CANNOT SERVE WHEN SCHEDULED...***

If you are unable to serve on your assigned date and time as a crucifer, you must call another crucifer to switch dates or substitute for you. Then please call the church office (585-872-5180) to make the change in the bulletin. Please be considerate of others and get a replacement to assist with worship on your assigned date if you cannot serve.