

CRUCIFER INSTRUCTIONS

The Crucifer should be dressed and prepared for the Worship Service at least 10 minutes prior to the service beginning.

The Crucifer leads the procession and all follow the cross of Christ.

The Crucifer wears an alb (white robe) and it is optional whether to wear rope belt.

The Crucifer's first responsibility is to retrieve the processional cross from its stand in the sanctuary and report to the Narthex before service begins.

The cross must always be carried with dignity. The best way is to hold the cross firmly with both hands in the middle of the pole. Carry the cross slightly raised from the ground. Where on the pole you hold will depend on your height. Just be sure you hold it firmly and that the position looks relaxed but dignified.

When the crucifer reaches the Chancel Rail, they will turn to face the congregation and raise the processional cross. The crucifer shall remain in this position until the acolytes have passed and also the Pastor. At the conclusion of the procession, the crucifer will take the processional cross to its stand and then go to his/her seat.

When the last hymn is sung, the crucifer will go down first, followed by the acolytes. The crucifer then goes to the Cross and is the first to go out of the Church carrying the Cross and is followed by the acolytes and the Pastor.

At the end of the service, the Crucifer will then place the processional cross back in its stand.