



## Worship Service Team Description

**Service Title:** Acolyte  
**Reports to:** Acolyte Worship Service Team Leader  
**Responsible for:** Assisting during the worship service.

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### Position Purpose:

The Acolyte is asked to assist the Rector on Sunday morning for our services. They will do so by lighting candles, carrying the cross, and assisting the celebrant at the altar

### Qualifications:

An Acolyte must be able to show appropriate reverence, be willing to be in a more public role, and to wear the appropriate attire. Additionally, they must be trained by the Acolyte Worship Service Team Leader and follow the procedures outlined in the Acolyte Training Manual.

### Responsibilities:

- Show up early to service to get dressed in a cassock and surplice.
- Light the candles after the Sacristans are done setting the Table and before the service.
- Retrieve the cross from the chancel (stage) and take it to the back of the sanctuary for the Processional.
- Perform the duties of the Acolyte as instructed during training and with the information outlined in the Acolyte Handbook.
- If serving at the **FIRST** service, once the service has ended take the cross immediately to the chancel, retrieve the candle lighter/extinguisher and extinguish **only the two candles on the Table**.
- If serving at the **SECOND** service, take the cross back to the chancel, retrieve the candle lighter/extinguisher and extinguish **all six candles on the chancel** (not including the eternal flame).
- Head back to the sacristy to take off the cassock and surplus.