***ACOLYTE 2***

Sung Mass

**Preparation:**

- Line-up in sacristy for procession (AC1 on the right, AC2 on the left, and Crucifer at the center,

  facing the Celebrant.  (If there is no crucifer: line-up with the candles at a point closest to the

  sacristy crucifix)

**General Guidelines:**

- AC1 and AC2 shall assist the Celebrant with the Chasuble when he sits

- ACs (and Crucifer) shall have hands folded over breast when standing, and the palms of the

 hands resting flatly on thighs when sitting

- Both of the ACs shall follow the MC as when to kneel, and follow Celebrant as when to sit, otherwise, remain standing

- ACs shall help the Celebrant to sit at the sedilia by placing his chasuble through the sedilia so that the Celebrant does not sit on his chasuble

- When standing at their seats, ACs shall bow towards the tabernacle for anything which the Celebrant sings, otherwise straight ahead for anything which the Celebrant reads

**Procession and Ceremony:**

- Bow to the crucifix on the signal from the MC

 - Enter in following behind the thurifer

 - The candles of the ACs shall be nearest the outside shoulder when walking as a team.

   (i.e. the AC on the right carries his candle nearest his right shoulder)

 - If crucifer is used, go to the position in the sanctuary where the thurifer genuflected (AC1 at right, AC2 at left, Crucifer in the center).  Stop, do a “low head bow”, then place candles on credence, crucifix in stand, and go to seats

 - If there is no crucifer, go to the foot of the altar where the thurifer made his genuflection (AC1 on the right, AC2 on the left) and make a genuflection, then go to your seats

 - Kneel for the prayers at the foot

2) Gospel

A.  ACs shall go to gospel position in front of altar when the Celebrant imposes incense in the thurible

 - AC2 leads AC1 to their positions and when they get there AC1 shall be to the right, AC2 to the left (make sure you both leave room for the thurifer to line up in between you)

 - The thurifer shall be between both ACs (MC is in front of the thurifer)

MC

AC2 - Th - AC1

 - Genuflect, with the MC

 - AC2 leads procession to gospel side as indicated below

 - The thurifer remains between the ACs

AC2

TH

AC1

3) Offertory

A. (If no Creed) After the gospel, the ACs shall go to the original gospel position shown above

 - Wait for the MC, then genuflect with the MC at his signal, and return the candles

 - AC1 and AC2 go to credence table

 - AC1 gets the wine cruet, AC2 gets the water cruet

 - Wait *in plano* while MC is folding the chalice veil

- After the MC descends from the altar, ACs approach the altar step and wait

 B. (If there is a Creed)

- Genuflect immediately at the thurifer’s signal, return the candles, then return to seats

- The ACs shall go to the credence table when the MC is folding the chalice veil

- AC1 gets the wine cruet, AC2 gets the water cruet

 - Approach the altar step and wait in plano

C. When the Celebrant approaches, ACs bow, then ascend and kiss the cruets

- AC1 presents the wine cruet, then AC2 presents the water cruet so the Celebrant can bless the water

- Once the water cruet is returned to AC2, bow, and return the cruets to the credence table remembering to kiss the cruets

- ACs shall wait by the credence table

 - After the thurifer has returned the boat to the credence table, from imposing incense, AC1 should be prepared to lead the thurifer to the center, genuflect, and then go to the gospel side by going around the lowest step

D.  When the Celebrant finishes incensing the gospel side, AC2 picks up the dish, water cruet, and finger towel and waits for AC1 to return from moving the missal

 - AC1 returns and takes the finger towel from AC2 and stands to his right

 - Both ACs wait in plano until the Celebrant has been incensed

- Once the MC and thurifer have departed, both ACs approach the altar step, bow, then ascend for the lavabo

 - Once the lavabo has been completed, bow, return to seats.

 E.  ACs are incensed by the thurifer

 - Both ACs kneel whenever the MC kneels.

5) Receiving Communion:

 A.  When the Celebrant consumes the Precious Blood, all rise with the MC

 - Thurifer shall get the communion paten.

 - AC1 and AC2 then lead Thurifer to meet MC in the center.

 - MC, AC1, AC2 and Thurifer genuflect in plano, then kneel on the footpace

- Once all servers receive communion, rise, descend, and genuflect together, then return to seats

6) After the distribution of communion, all servers shall rise when Celebrant locks the tabernacle door

A.  The ACs shall take the water & wine cruets to the altar for the ablutions (just as at Low Mass)

 - AC1 shall approach the Celebrant when he tips the chalice towards the ACs.

- AC1 pours in wine until directed to stop, then returns to epistle side of altar to the top step making sure to move the paten closer to the edge of the altar if necessary

- AC2 waits in plano and meets AC1 on the top step after AC1 returns from pouring wine

 - The Celebrant then approaches the ACs, and both shall bow

- AC1 shall pour wine over the fingers of the Celebrant and into the chalice, until directed to stop (or until the wine cruet is empty)

- AC2 shall pour water over the fingers of the Celebrant and into the chalice, until directed to stop (or until the water cruet is empty)

- Once the ablutions are completed, the ACs shall bow, AC1 shall grab the paten, and both ACs shall return the cruets to the credence table

B.  ACs shall proceed to the center (in planoand in front of altar). (AC1 shall be on the right, with AC2 on the left)

- Both ACs shall genuflect, then proceed to the altar (AC1 to gospel side, AC2 to epistle side), by going around the altar steps, remaining in plano (AC2 goes behind AC1 when they cross)

 - AC1 obtains the Missal while AC2 obtains the chalice veil

- Both shall proceed to the center (in plano) by crossing directly across the footpace, and directly down the stairs (without going around the steps)

- After making a genuflection, AC1 (w/ Missal) proceeds first directly to the epistle side, and places the Missal on the altar

-  AC2 shall proceed behind AC1 directly to the gospel side and places the chalice veil on the altar.  Both remain on either side of the Celebrant while he “builds” the chalice

- AC2 assists the Celebrant to “build” the chalice (by holding the burse, while he places the corporal inside, then handing him the chalice veil, and finally handing him the burse)

- Once the Celebrant takes the burse from AC2, then both ACs proceed down the adjacent steps, around the bottom step to the center (in plano), genuflect, then return to their seats

7) During the Last Gospel:

 - ACs shall retrieve their candles

- They shall then line up in front of the thurifer

 - They shall line-up as indicated below

 - Both shall genuflect with the Celebrant (during Last Gospel)

 - Then genuflect again upon the signal from the MC

 - The recession shall be in the same order as the entrance procession

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MC

AC2 CR AC1

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8) Upon arrival in sacristy, the ACs shall hold the candles towards the crucifix, then bow to the crucifix upon the signal from the MC.  Finally, all servers shall then kneel for a blessing from the Celebrant