

Readers Customary Christ Church Anacortes

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Advance preparation:

Readings are available from Marcy at the beginning of the week. Bulletins are finalized and printed on Friday; copies may be obtained from the Parish Hall or the Sacristy. Check the pronunciation of names, and practice reading. What does this Scripture say to you?

Resources: J. Ted Blakely's *A Lector's Guide and Commentary* (3 vols. organized by lectionary year): an excellent source for pronunciations, guide on how to read each week's reading, and a commentary on the readings.

A small book on Pronouncing Biblical Names is in the sacristy.

[Http://betterdaysarecoming.com/bible/pronunciation.html](http://betterdaysarecoming.com/bible/pronunciation.html)

<http://biblespeak.org/capernaum-pronunciation> Site includes spoken pronunciations

<http://netministries.org/resources/resource-pronunciation-guide>

On Sunday:

Arrive at least **10** minutes before the service time; check the lesson book on the lectern and locate the lesson you will read. There will also be a service bulletin on the lectern. Be sure the green light is on, indicating that the microphone is active. **(The main microphone switch is inside the sacristy, on the wall to right of the south door.)**

Try to sit in one of the front three rows, and preferably at the aisle for ease of movement.

Reading the scripture:

When it is your turn to read, rise and go to the lectern, pausing slightly at the bottom of the steps as you approach the altar. You may bow if you wish. Please do not take your bulletin to the lectern. **(If you have your own pages for reading, place these in the Lesson Book before the service.)**

If you are the second reader, wait until the first reader is back to their seating row before you move forward. Do stand, however, so others know the second reader is present.

Stand directly behind the lectern. If necessary, adjust the microphone **(it's directional)** up or down to meet your **level of your mouth (as you look down at the Lesson Book)**.

Announce the lesson simply: e.g., *A reading from Genesis; a reading from the letter of Paul to the Ephesians*. [Do **not** announce the chapter or verse numbers]

Speak slowly and distinctly, observing punctuation and inflections that convey meaning.

Conclude the reading with a short pause, then "Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people."

The first reader remains at the lectern to lead the psalm. The second reader waits for the people's response before leaving the lectern.

Leading the psalm:

The first reader remains at the lectern to lead the psalm.

Announce the psalm (The Psalm appointed for today is psalm 91, found on page 3 of your service bulletin) and instruct the congregation on how the psalm will be read.

- The psalm may be read in unison or antiphonally (alternating verses). Leader's choice.
- If you divide the verses left/right side of the church, be sure YOU are in the group that goes first!
- **Do not divide the verses by men & women (a gender identity issue).**

Return to your seat after the psalm is completed.