

## Christ Church Customary for Worship Leaders

### **Morning Prayer:**

#### *before the service:*

10 minutes before service: enter through sacristy door; turn on lights and unlock front doors; vest in white alb with ceinture [clergy also wear stole]

If Sunday, use readings in MP bulletin; mid-week use “green book” (kept under candle stand)

Candles on reredos are lit [but not the altar candles]; may also use small candle on candle stand

place offertory plate and morning prayer bulletins on small table at entry (Sunday only)

greet congregation as they enter

***ask for readers from the congregation***

no processional cross, no music

#### *during the service:*

Worship Leader walks up the aisle, greets the congregation, and highlights any important announcements; stand in center of space in front of the altar

WL moves towards left side (presider chair side) announce service begins on BCP 79

sentence of scripture/confession [*no confession during Eastertide*]

WL reads Lessons & Canticles (if no readers) from Presider chair side ; congregation remains seated during readings and canticles NB *WL always reads the Gospel*

WL crosses to lectern to provide (short) homily

WL returns to left side, is seated briefly, then rises to begin Creed – announce BCP page

prayers/collects and closing versicles are led from the left side of the altar

after final versicle, WL comes into the congregation and greets the people

be prepared to spend a few pastoral moments with those leaving – you may take your cue from prayers they choose to offer at the time for intercessions

#### *after the service:*

WL locks the front doors, turns lights down; takes offering and places in white envelope in sacristy (left drawer) with date/MP/WL name and returns it to drawer

WL fills out service book

WL extinguishes the candles, exits and locks sacristy door

## **Chandler Morning Prayer (9:30)**

### *before the service*

pick up bulletins with readings (same as 8 am MP service) - bring about 20

**(worship blue folders are at Chandler's)**

10 minutes before starting time, be in place in the Fireside Room (second floor, Chandler Square) resident, "Doc" often arrives ahead and sets up the room

*No need to wear alb – priests should wear their stole*

arrange chairs in large Circle, with gap sufficient to access circle in wheelchair, and room for at least one wheelchair in the circle

cabinet under bookcases has blue large print folders with pages numbered to correspond to prayer book, candle and other items in small kit (battery candles, a small cross, a basket – use as you wish.) Place MP bulletin and one blue folder on each seat. Basket for offertory is placed on small table by the entry door. Cross and candle(s) on table in center of circle

### *during the service*

greet congregation, speak LOUDLY. Several have limited vision, they will let you know.

There are a few who like to read – ask if anyone wants to read the first or second lessons  
[you read the gospel]

encourage a round of introductions, they forget each other's names

take a few moments to 'check in' -- ask if there are any at Chandler for whom special prayers should be said – then remember to do so at the appropriate time!

lead from a seated position in the Circle. You may stand if you are more comfortable; the congregation does not stand. Be prepared for spontaneous interruptions.

If you would like to lead them in singing a verse of a well known hymn, they usually respond joyfully – this can be before while you are waiting for others, or during the service.

this congregation expects to use the traditional Lord's Prayer

### *after the service*

restore room to configuration you found on entering, and return folders, etc. to wardrobe cabinet;  
bring bulletins back to CC for disposal & the offering to sacristy

some residents might need help getting back to their rooms

inquire about any who are missing

in the sacristy, place offering in white envelope with date, service, your name and leave in drawer [left-most drawer]

fill out service book

let the priests know (via email is fine) of any illnesses or new infirmities that might require a pastoral visit; write down the names of any newcomers & send to priests

## **Evening Prayer**

### *before the service*

10 minutes before service: enter through sacristy door; turn on lights and unlock front doors [do not vest]

place small candle stand with large candle in front of the altar or on the congregation level in front of the stairs and light candle

turn at least 6 chairs to face across the aisle, be sure each has a prayer book

use green lesson book or bring a Bible with scriptures marked for the daily lection

check *Holy Men and Holy Women*, if there is a feast day, the readings are optional but you should always begin the service with a brief summary of the feast day, and include the feast day collect in the prayers

### *during the service*

there is no bulletin for this service, be sure to announce pages at each new liturgical component

lead this service from your seat in the congregation, standing as appropriate per rubrics

invite those present to take turns reading the Scripture; psalm may be read by individual verses around the room, or by sides of the aisle if desired

be sure to include those on the CC prayer list in the intercessory prayers

### *after the service*

lock the front doors, extinguish the candle, return table and chairs to 'sunday' position and turn out lights

fill out service book, being sure to place in correct column if a weekday service

exit sacristy, locking the door

## **Centering Prayer**

15 minutes before the service: enter through sacristy door; turn on lights and unlock front doors [do not vest]

select and mark a reading for Lectio Divina

select an opening verse or sentence to begin Centering Prayer

arrange the first two rows of chairs so they are facing each other, you may need to ungang the chairs on the ends

place small candle stand with large candle in front of the altar or on the congregation level in front of the stairs, light candle

when everyone is settled, read verse or opening sentence, follow by ringing the singing bowl

after 20 minutes, quietly ring the singing bowl again

allow two minutes of silence

read the selected lectio divina scripture

allow two minutes of silence

re-read, or ask another person to re-read the scripture

allow two minutes of silence

invite responses

when people begin to leave, rearrange chairs, extinguish candles, fill in service book, leave in silence

