

HOW-TO's for the Prayers of the People

Please go to Cindy's office and join the rest of the lectors and altar party about 10 minutes before the service, so she can see that everyone is in place. She will tell you if there are any last-minute changes to the prayers.

If you are not seated in the transept during the service, move to that area during the creed so that you can move directly to the lectern when the creed is over. Remember to adjust the lectern mike: usually about six inches away from you is about right.

Remember to speak distinctly and more slowly than you would in normal conversation—don't rush. When there is a space in the prayer for the congregation to add their own prayers, stop speaking and listen for their voices to quiet down before moving on to the next part of the prayer.

If you need to add anything to your spoken prayers that is not printed in the service leaflet (such as the name of someone who has died), insert it into the middle of the appropriate bidding. Leave the words at the beginning and end of each prayer as they are printed, so that the members of the congregation do not lose their place.

When you are finished with the prayers, stay in place at the lectern through the celebrant's concluding collect and then move to the side altar rail (or your seat if it's real close) for the confession.

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