

Mass Diagrams



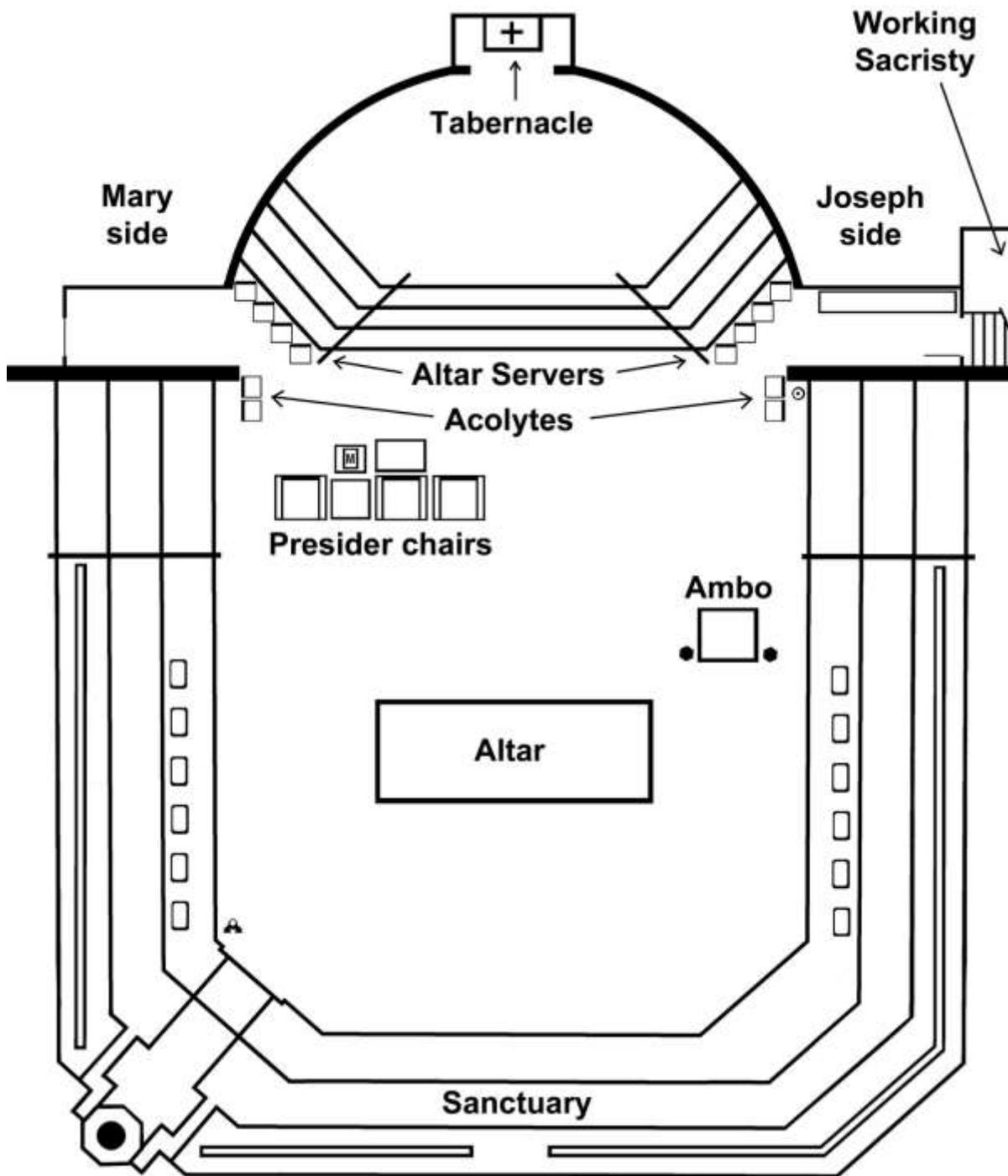
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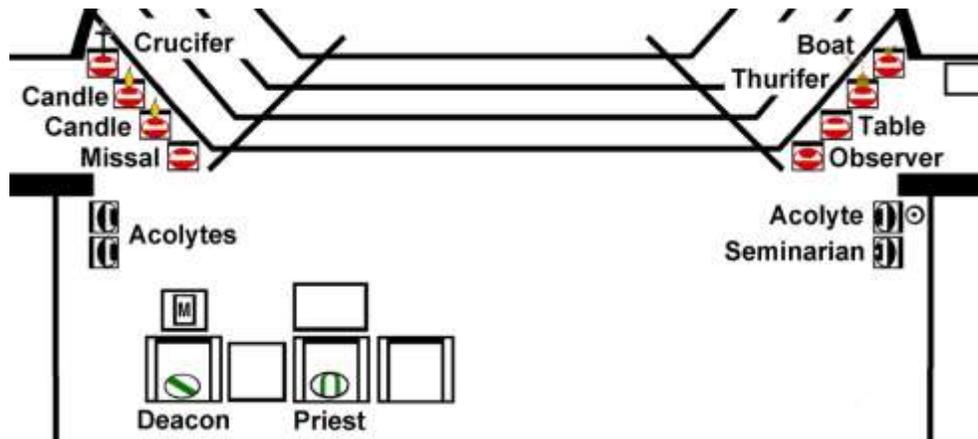
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LEGEND

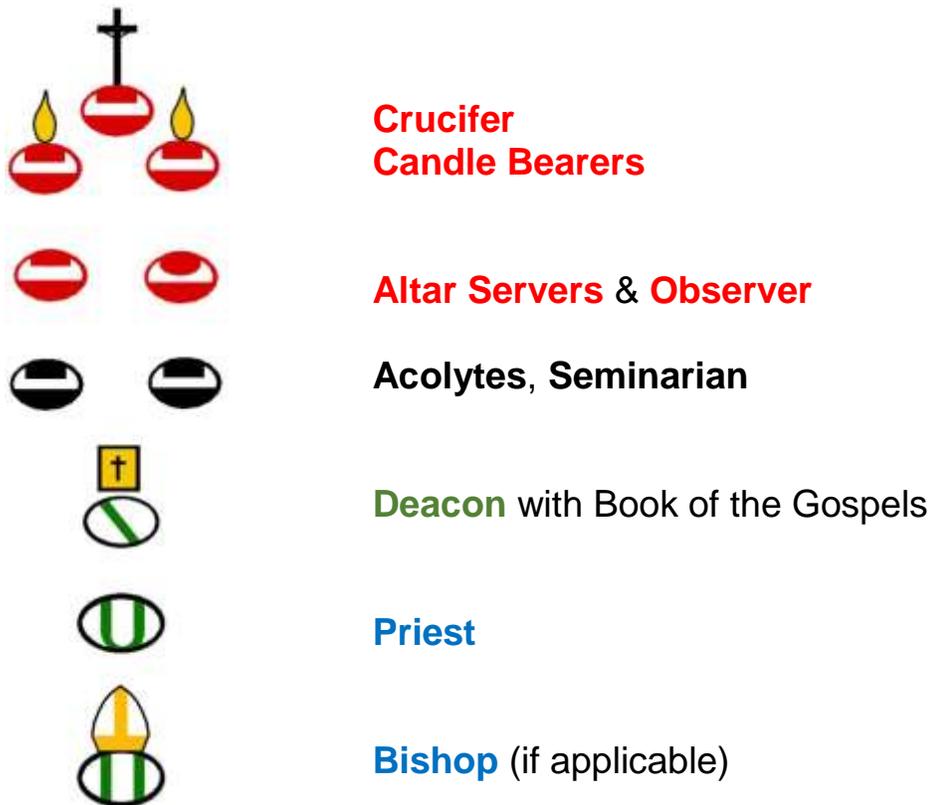


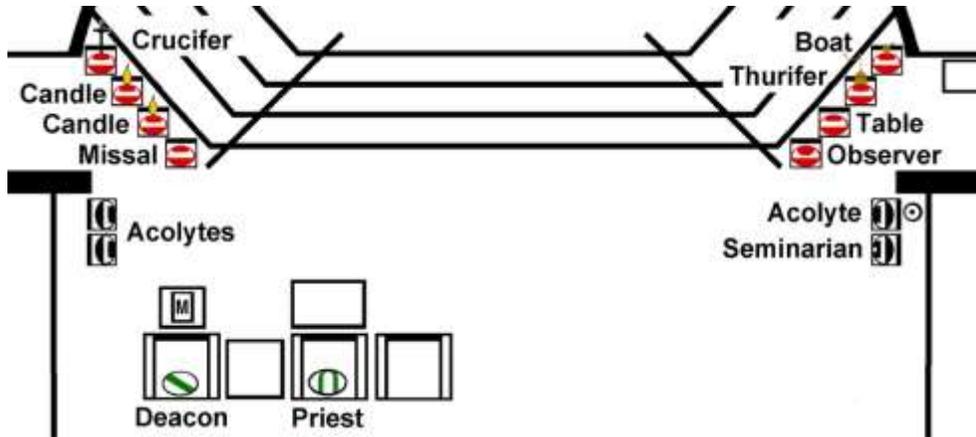
The area inside the altar rail constitutes the **Sanctuary**.

PROCESSIONAL

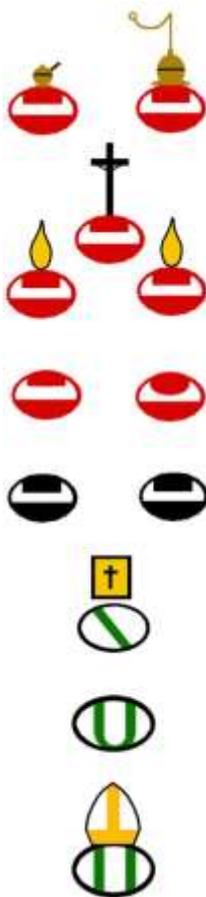


STANDARD PROCESSION





PROCESSION (WITH INCENSE)



Thurifer
Boat Bearer (to his left of Thurifer)

Crucifer
Candle Bearers

Altar Servers & Observer

Acolytes, Seminarian

Deacon with Book of the Gospels

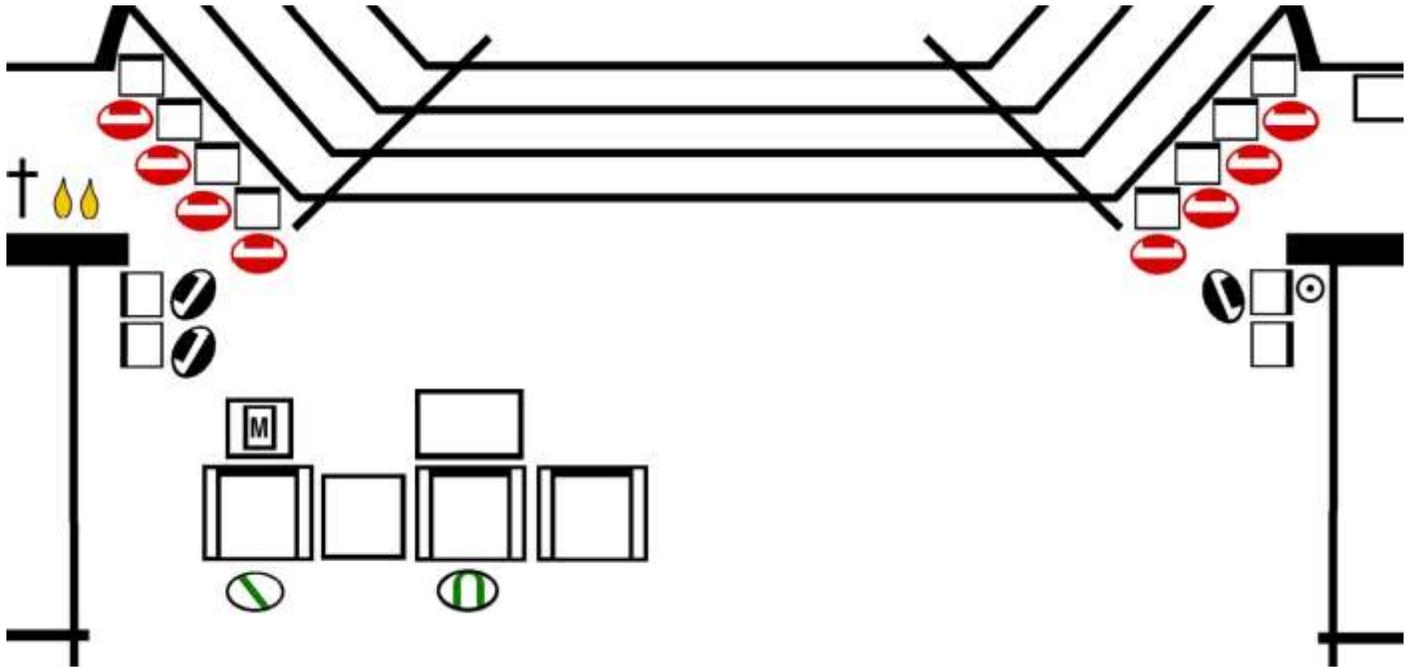
Priest

Bishop (if applicable)

- In the Processional, maintain an interval of at least two pews 'distance (approximately 6 feet) between you and the server(s) in front of you.
- This interval allows enough space between servers reverencing the tabernacle prior to entering the Sanctuary, and avoids "bunching up."
- **Thurifer, Boat Bearer, Crucifer, & Candle Bearers** execute a **head bow** to the tabernacle at the foot of the Sanctuary steps, then proceed to your seat in the sanctuary.
- **Acolytes and all other Altar Servers** genuflect to the tabernacle at the foot of the Sanctuary steps, then proceed to your seat in the sanctuary.

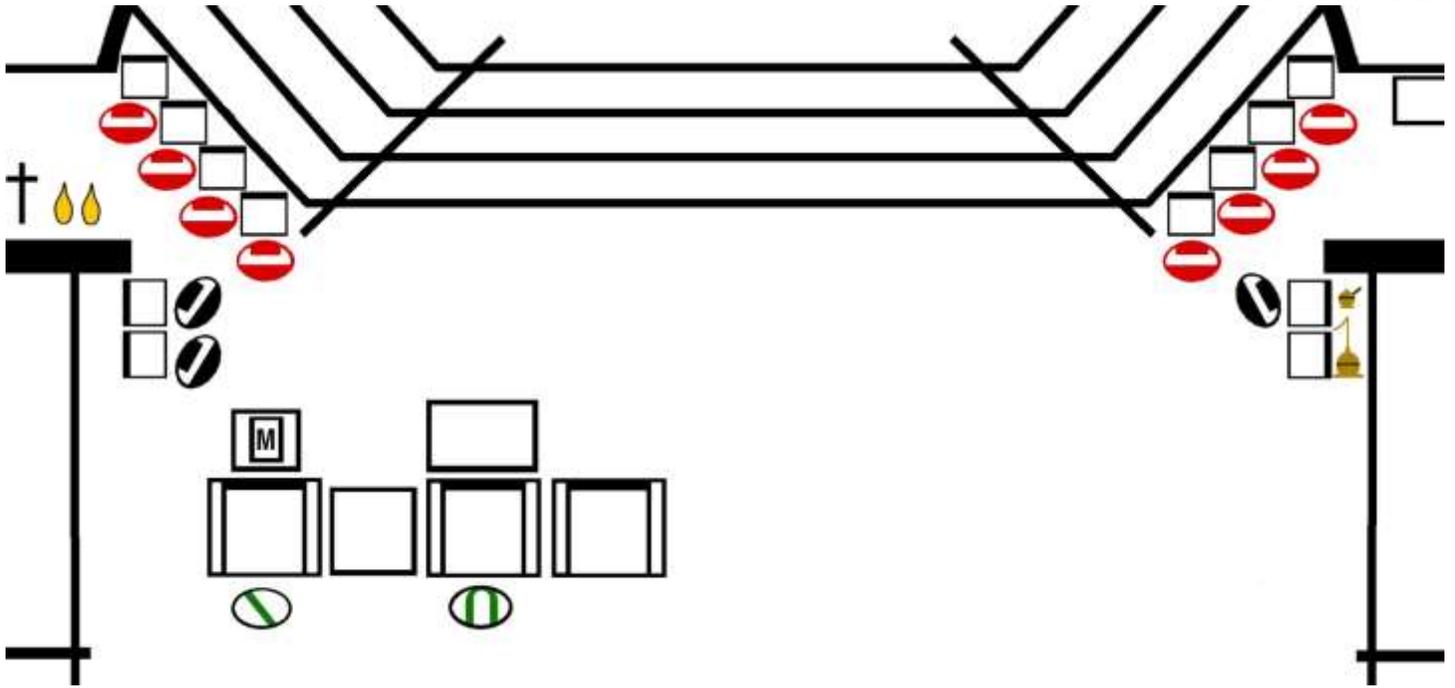
INTRODUCTORY RITE (standard)

- Once you have entered the Sanctuary take your place, standing in front of your assigned seat. Processional cross and candles are placed on their stands in the alcove on the Mary side.



INTRODUCTORY RITE (with Incense)

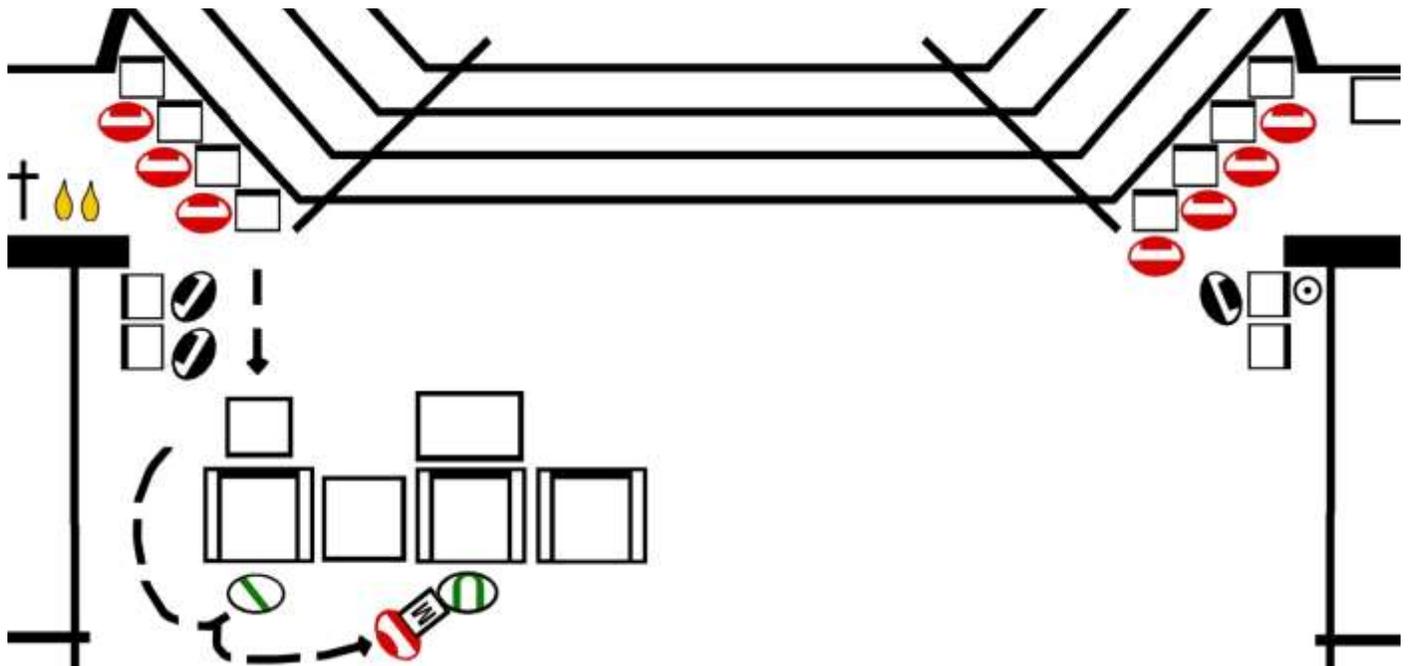
- Thurible** and **boat** are placed on the stand behind the **Acolytes' chairs** on the Joseph side. **Thurifer** and **Boat Bearer** take their places in front of chairs on the Joseph side; **thurible and boat** are placed on the stand behind the **Acolytes' chairs**.



COLLECT

Book Bearer takes Missal from its stand and carries it to the **Deacon**, who opens the Missal to the appropriate page.

Book Bearer then carries the book to the **Priest** for the Collect. Once the opening prayer is finished, return the Missal to its stand.

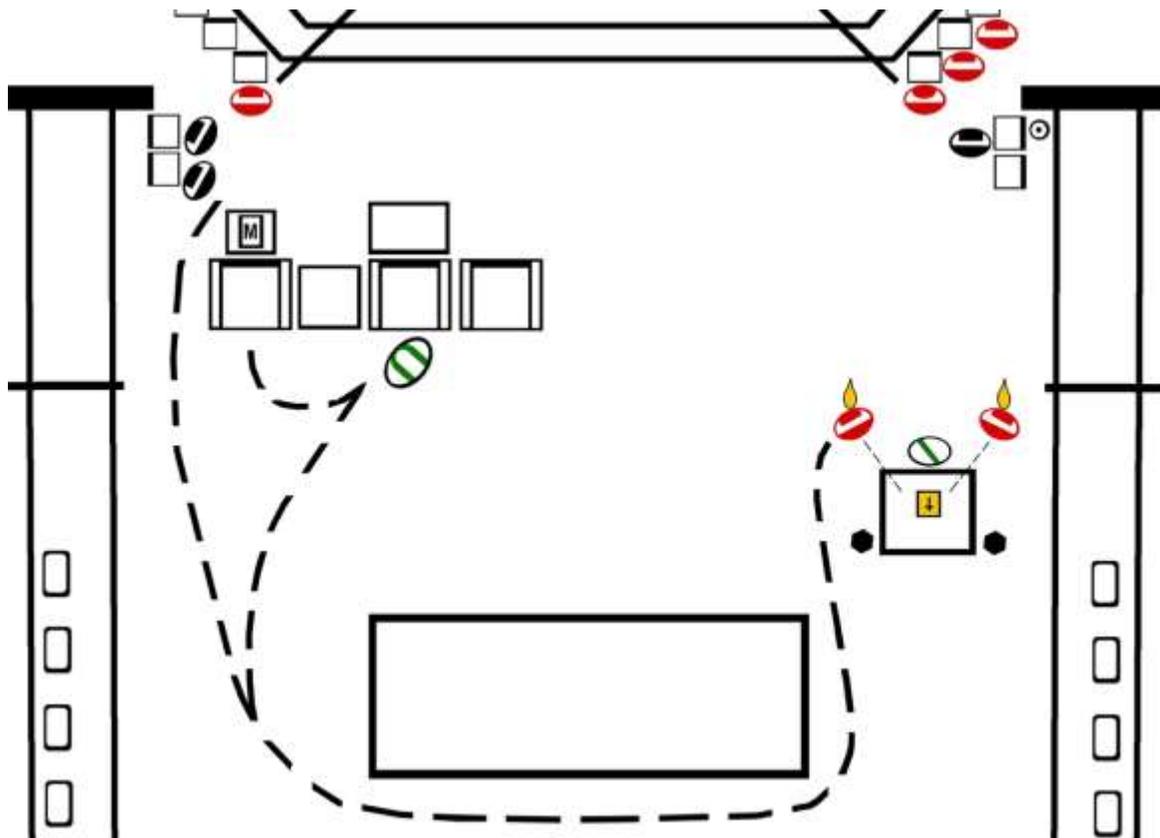


LITURGY OF THE WORD

- During the Readings and Responsorial Psalm, sit attentively with hands folded in your lap, focused on listening to the Word of God.

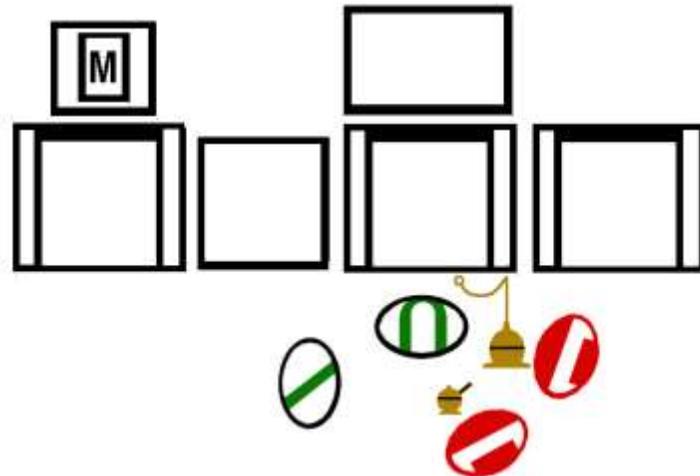
GOSPEL PROCESSIONAL (standard)

- The **Deacon** presents himself to the **Priest** for his blessing.
- **Candle Bearers** follow the **Deacon**, side by side, to the Ambo.
Stand slightly behind the Deacon, and focus your gaze on the Book of the Gospels.
- When the Gospel proclamation is complete, return the Processional Candles to their stands.

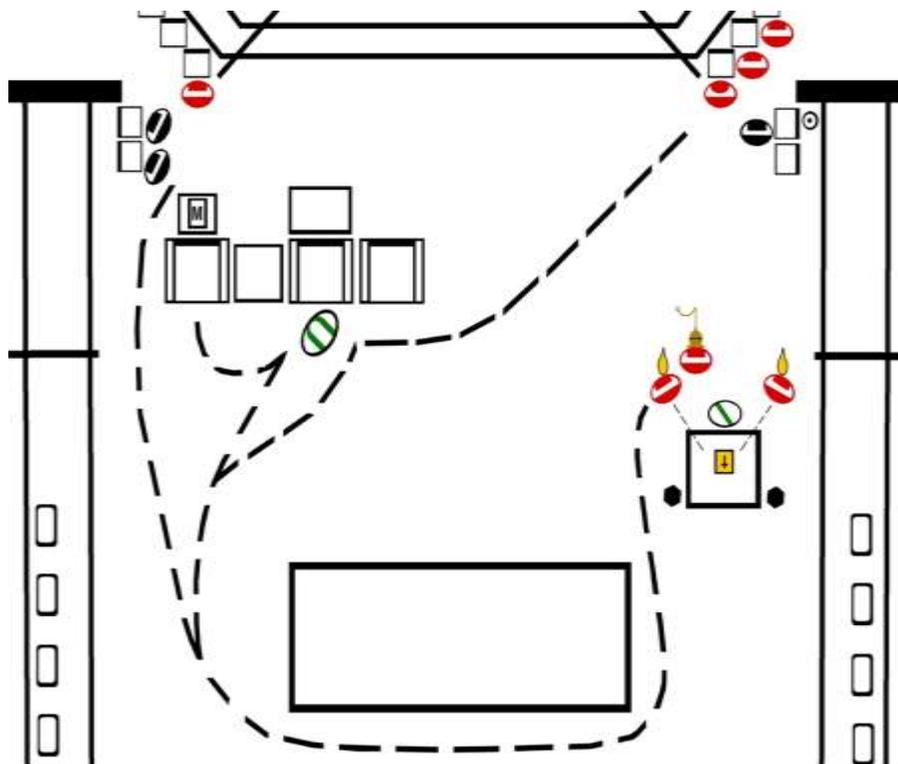


GOSPEL PROCESSIONAL (with Incense)

- **Thurifer** and **Boat Bearer** proceed to the **Priest** (He will charge the Thurible).



- **Thurifer** leads the Gospel Procession
- **Boat Bearer** returns to his seat, taking his place behind the Deacon
- **Deacon** takes the thurible & incenses the Book of the Gospels, then returns thurible to the Thurifer.
- After the Gospel proclamation is complete, **Thurifer** and Candle Bearers return their instruments to their places and be seated.



HOMILY

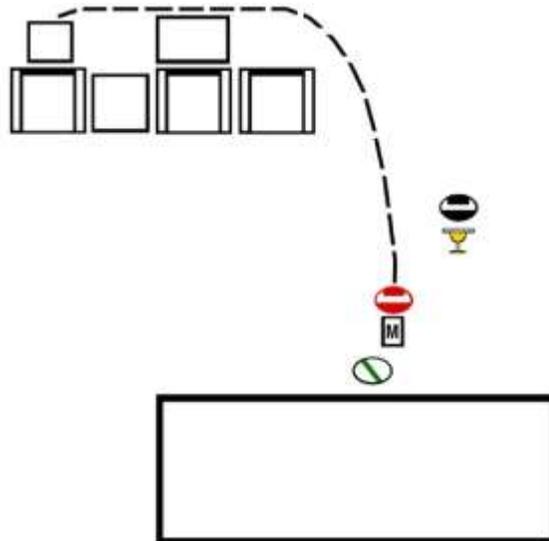
- Once the **Deacon** has proclaimed the Gospel, he returns to his seat.
- Once **Deacon** is seated, the **Acolytes** and **Altar Servers** make take their seats.
- If the **Deacon** is preaching the Homily in place of the Priest, the **servers** may be seated once the **Priest** takes his seat.
- If it is a Mass with incense, the **Thurifer** is to add an additional charcoal briquette to the Thurible at this time. Simply place the new briquette on top of the coals and it will light by itself. No need to light the new briquette yourself.

PROFESSION OF FAITH & PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

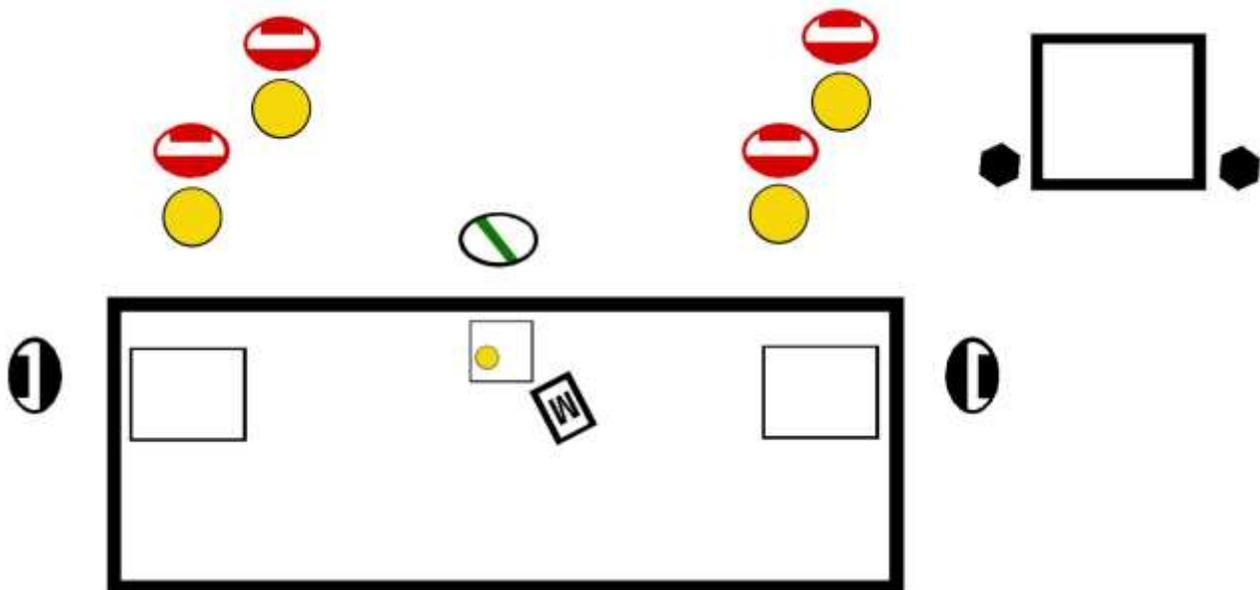
- At the Profession of Faith, the **Book Bearer** will stand in front of the Priest to hold the notebook containing the Creed and Prayers of Intercession.
- Once the prayers are complete, the **Priest** will take the notebook from the **Book Bearer**
- **Book Bearer** will then take the Missal and its stand to the **Deacon** at the altar.

OFFERTORY RITE

- **Book Bearer** takes the Missal and its stand to the **Deacon**
- **Acolyte Captain** brings the chalice to the altar.
- Remaining **Acolyte(s)** approach the corners of the altar to assist in the Preparation of the Gifts.
- **Acolyte Captain** will hand a large corporal to each Acolyte.



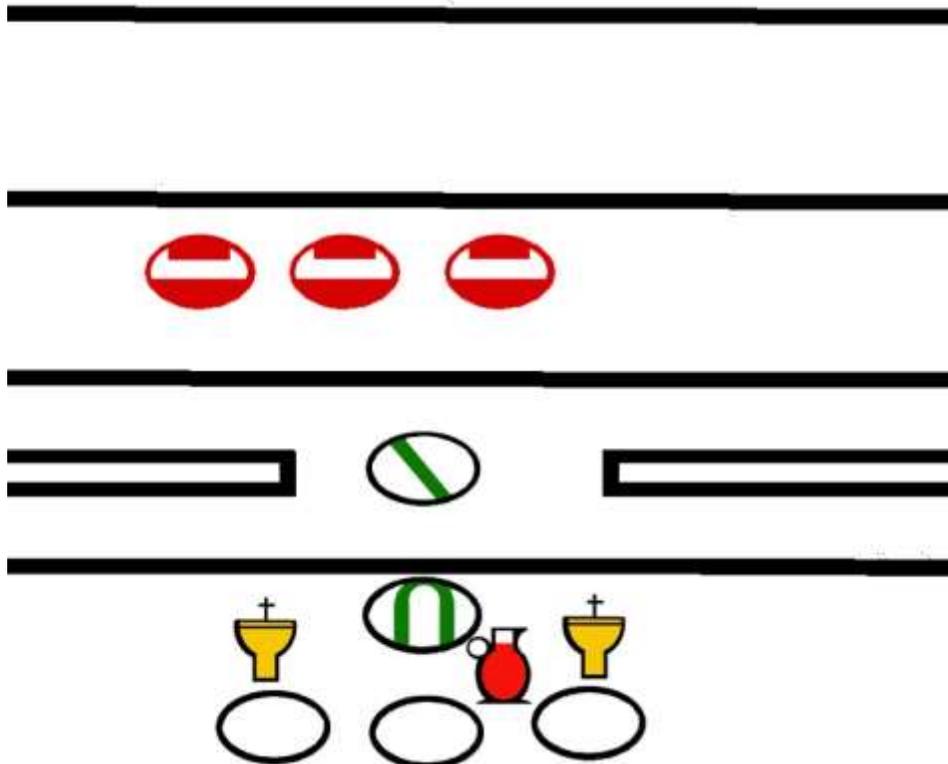
- **Acolytes** spread the large corporals on each end of the altar.
- **Altar Servers** bring the trays of hosts and chalices to each side, holding them for Acolytes
- **Acolytes** receive the host bowls & chalices and arrange them on the corporals.
- **Altar Servers** exchange a head bow with the Acolyte and return the tray to the credence table in the alcove on the Joseph side.



OFFERTORY RITE (Receiving the Gifts)

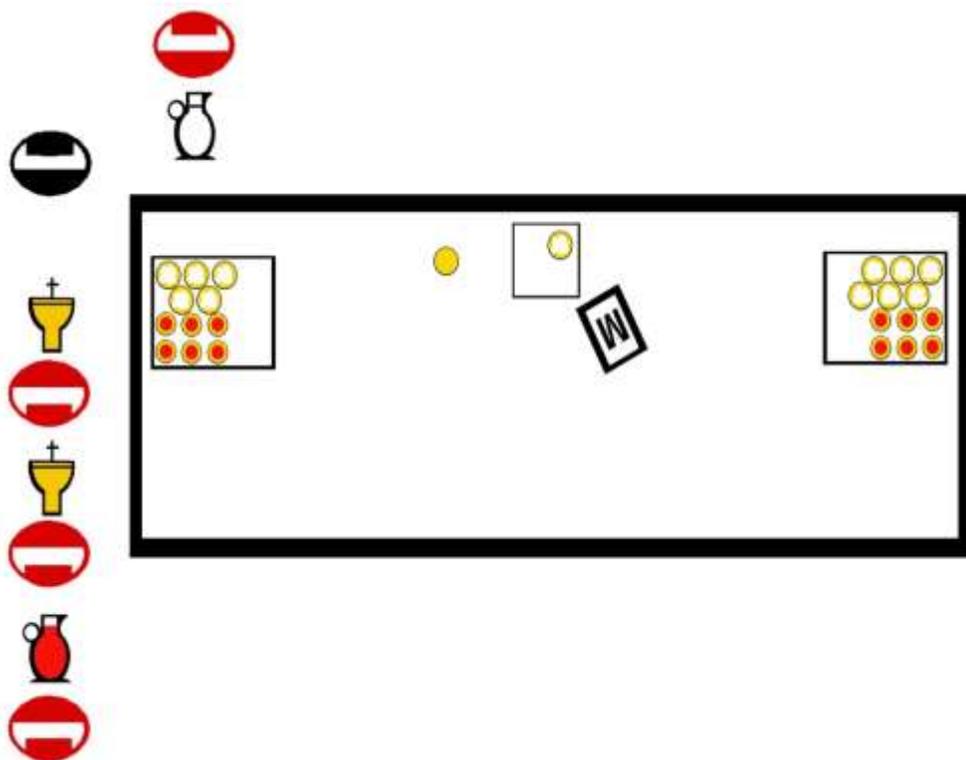
After the altar has been prepared,

- Three (3) **Altar Servers** will accompany the **Priest** and the **Deacon** to the foot of the Sanctuary steps, to receive the gifts from the faithful.



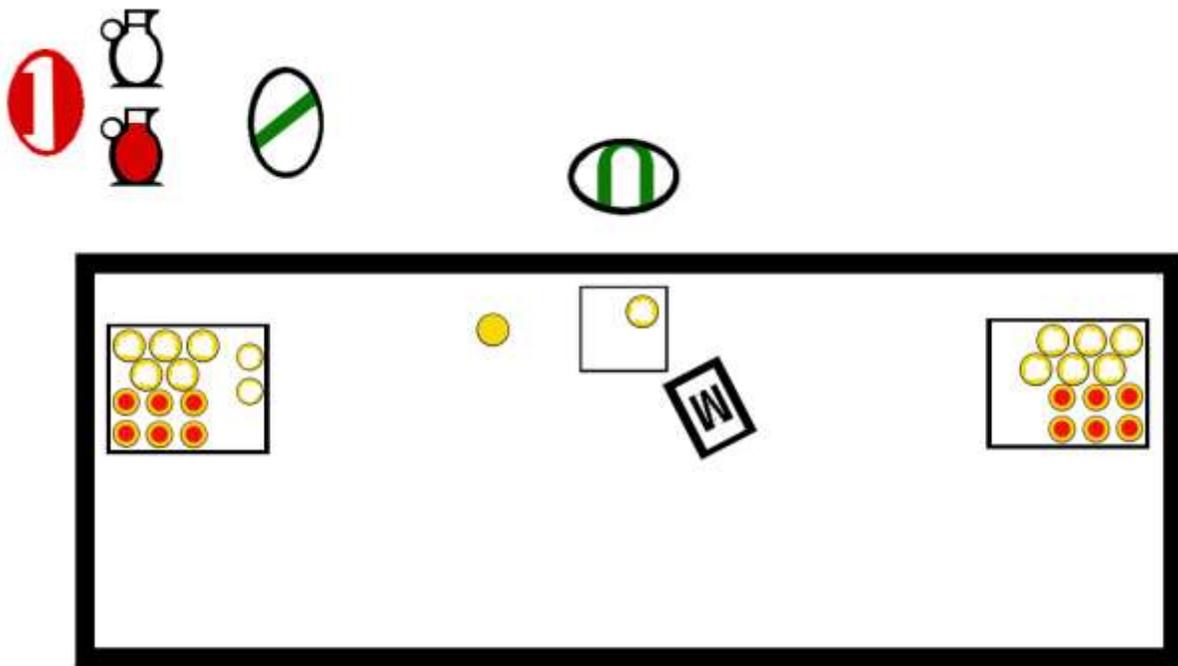
OFFERTORY RITE (Receiving the Gifts - continued)

- **Altar Servers** bring the gifts to the altar, presenting the **two ciboria** to the **Acolyte**, who will receive them and place them on the altar.
- **Altar Servers** return the **lids from the ciboria** to the credence table in the alcove.
- **Altar Server** will bring the **water cruet** from the credence table to the altar
- **Altar Server** will also receive the **wine cruet** from the **Altar Server** who assisted with reception of the gifts.



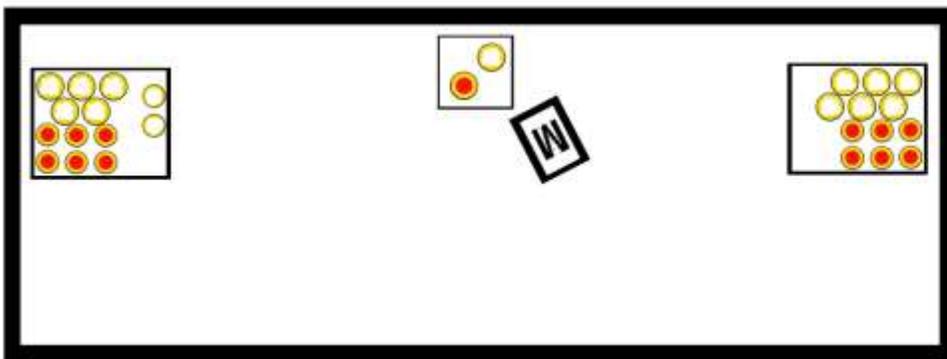
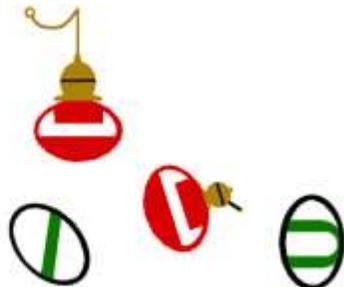
OFFERTORY RITE (continued)

- **Altar Server** will present the **wine & water cruets** to the **Deacon**
- **Deacon** will distribute the wine & water to the Priest's chalice. As he takes each cruet from your hand, place the empty hand on your chest.
- **Deacon** will return the **wine & water cruets** to **Altar Server**
- **Altar Server** exchanges a head bow with the **Deacon** and return the **cruets** to the credence table.



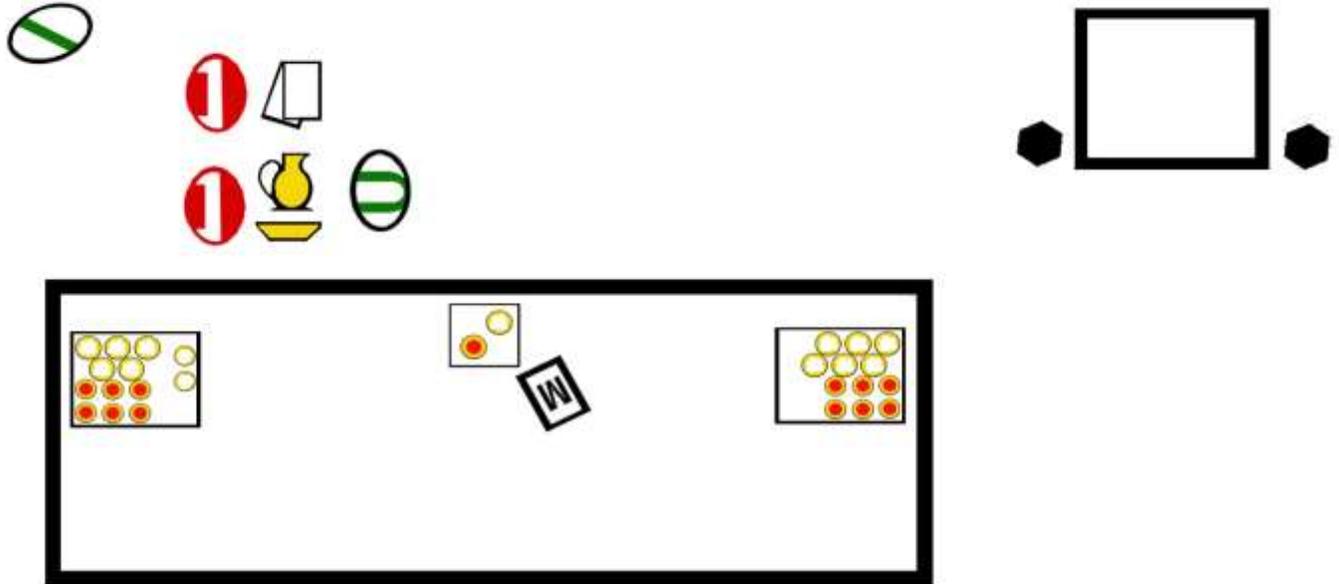
OFFERTORY RITE (with Incense)

- **Thurifer** and **Boat Bearer** present the thurible and boat to the **Deacon**, (who charges the thurible)
- **Priest** takes the thurible and incenses the gifts and altar
- **Priest** then turns and incenses the **Deacon**
- **Deacon** accepts the thurible from the **Priest** and incenses the faithful.
- **Deacon** then returns the thurible to the **Thurifer**.



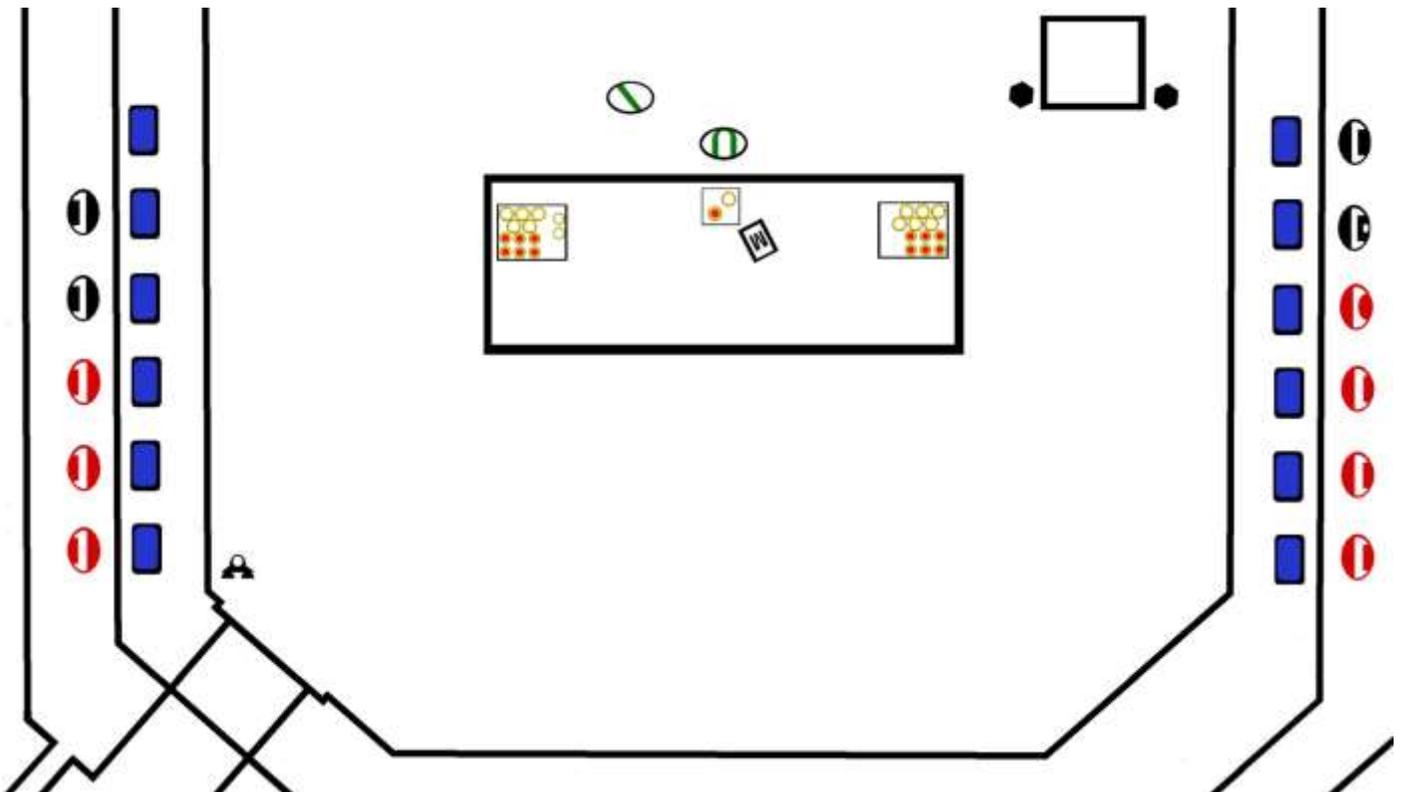
OFFERTORY RITE (Hand Washing)

- **Altar Servers** for the *Lavabo* (washing) - bring the **pitcher, bowl & finger towel** to the **Priest**
- **Deacon** steps aside
- **Altar Servers** **Take your place directly beside the altar**, pouring water over the Priest's hands until he indicates to stop. Once he has dried his hands, exchange a head bow with the Priest and return the items to the credence table in the alcove.



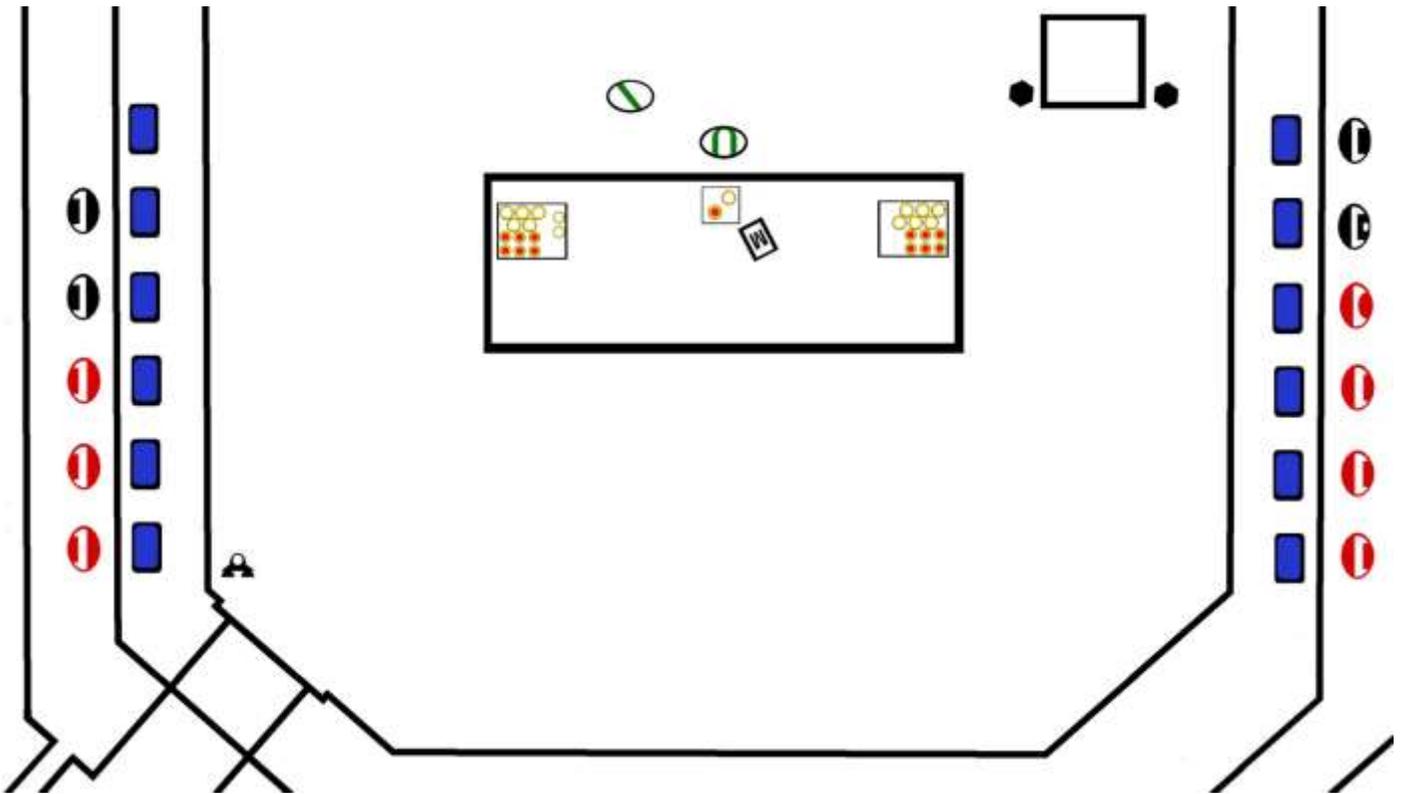
SANCTUS & CONSECRATION

- At the start of the **Sanctus** (“Holy, Holy, Holy...”), the **Altar Servers** and **Acolytes** proceed to their respective sides of the Sanctuary and stand in front of the cushions.
- At the conclusion of the **Sanctus**, kneel down for the Consecration.



SANCTUS & CONSECRATION (With Incense)

- At the start of the **Sanctus** (“Holy, Holy, Holy...”), the **Altar Servers** and **Acolytes** proceed to their respective sides of the Sanctuary and stand in front of the cushions.
- The **Thurifer** takes his place in front of the altar.
- At the conclusion of the **Sanctus**, kneel down for the Consecration.



SANCTUS BELLS - DURING CONSECRATION

Altar Server (operating the Bells)

- **RING #1** - When the **Priest** extends his hands, palms down, over the gifts to call down the blessing of the Holy Spirit, **ring the bells gently, once.**



- **RING #2** - At the words of Consecration (“This is my body...”) when the **Priest** elevates the host - **ring the bells gently, three times.**
- **RING #3** - At the words of Consecration (“This is the chalice of my blood...”) when the **Priest** elevates the chalice - **ring the bells gently, three times.**
- **Thurifer** - If incense is being used, the **Thurifer** will reverence with incense at each elevation.

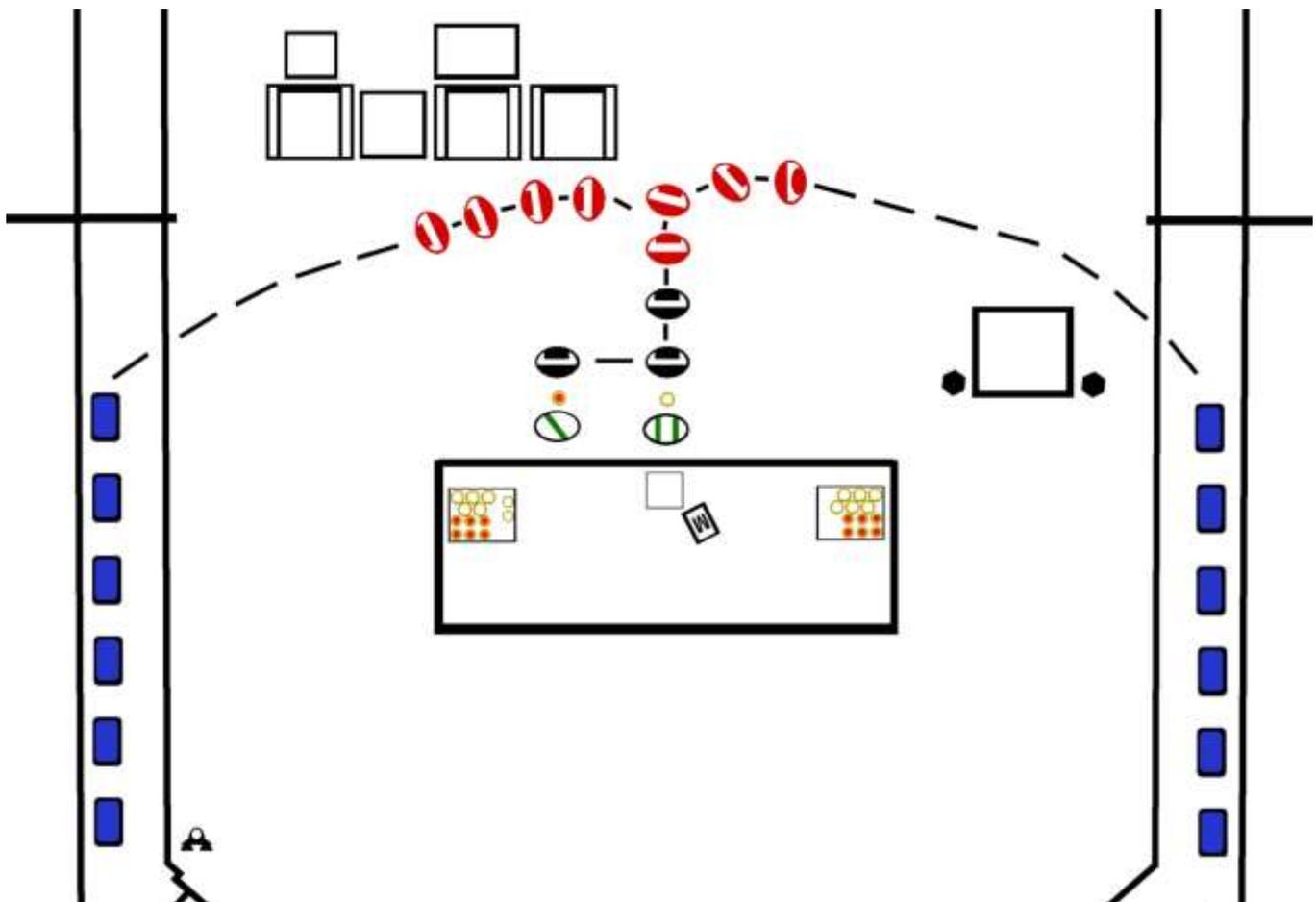


DOXOLOGY / THE LORD'S PRAYER / RITE OF PEACE

- With the words of the concluding Doxology (“**Through him, with him, in him, O God, almighty father...**”), we acknowledge with the acclamation, “**AMEN.**” Stand at your respective place beside the altar.
- If it is a Mass with incense, the **Thurifer** returns the thurible to its stand on the Joseph side of the altar.
- Remain standing beside the altar during the recitation of The Lord’s Prayer; **do not hold hands.**
- At the **Rite of Peace**, exchange a sign of peace with a handshake to the Servers immediately next to you. (please avoid creating a distraction by shaking hands with every Server on your side of the altar).
- At the conclusion of the **Agnus Dei** (“Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world...”), resume your kneeling position at your cushion beside the altar.

COMMUNION RITE

- The **Priest** will partake of the Eucharist, then distribute Holy Communion to the **Deacon**
- As the **Deacon** receives the chalice, the **Acolytes** will begin the Communion procession with the Altar Servers following.
- The first **Acolyte** (P1), following the reception of Communion, will distribute the **Body of Christ** to the Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMHCs).
- The second **Acolyte** (P6) will receive the chalice from the **Deacon** and, in turn, distribute the **Precious Blood** to the remaining **Acolytes** and **Altar Servers**.
- **Altar Servers**, once you have received Communion, return to your cushion beside the altar.
- **Altar Servers**, unless otherwise instructed, **remain kneeling until the distribution of Holy Communion is completed.**



COMMUNION RITE (continued)

During Holy Communion,

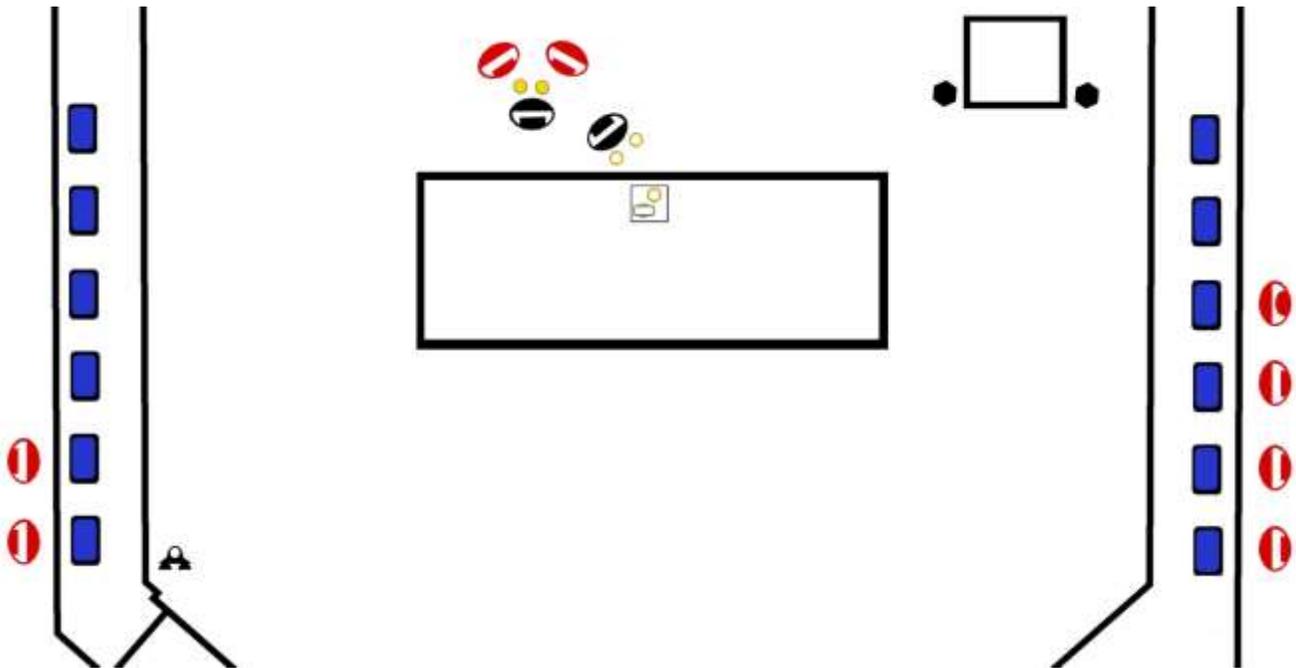
Acolyte Captain

- return the **Missal and stand** to its table behind the Presiders chairs
- remove the **large corporals** at both ends of the altar
- place the **tabernacle ciborium** on the Priest's small corporal

- **Acolytes** - receive remaining Blessed Sacrament from the EMHCs & consolidate into the ciborium at the altar.

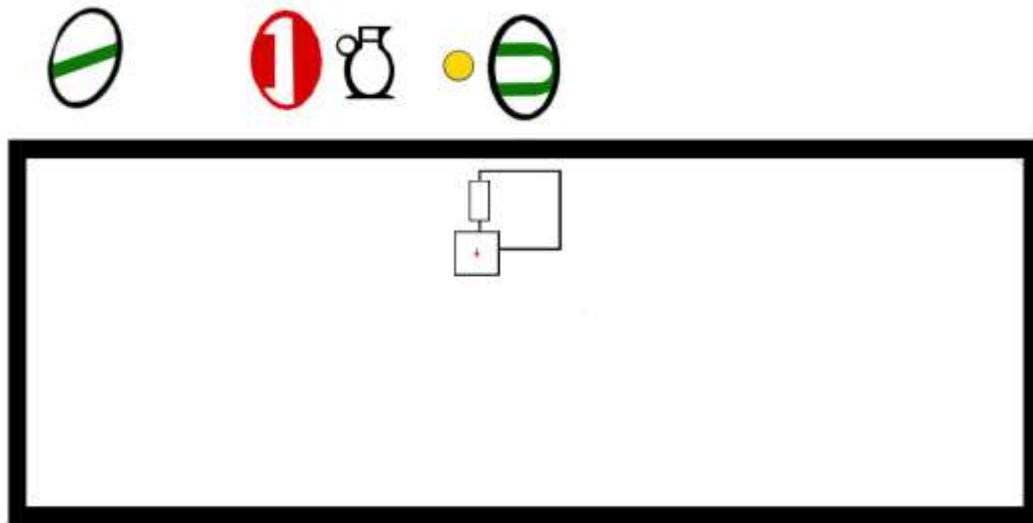
- **Candle Bearers** – take the empty, unpurified vessels from the Acolytes and return them to the Credence Table. (Please - Do not stack unpurified vessels. Cover them with corporals and/or purificators).

- All other **Altar Servers** remain kneeling beside the altar.



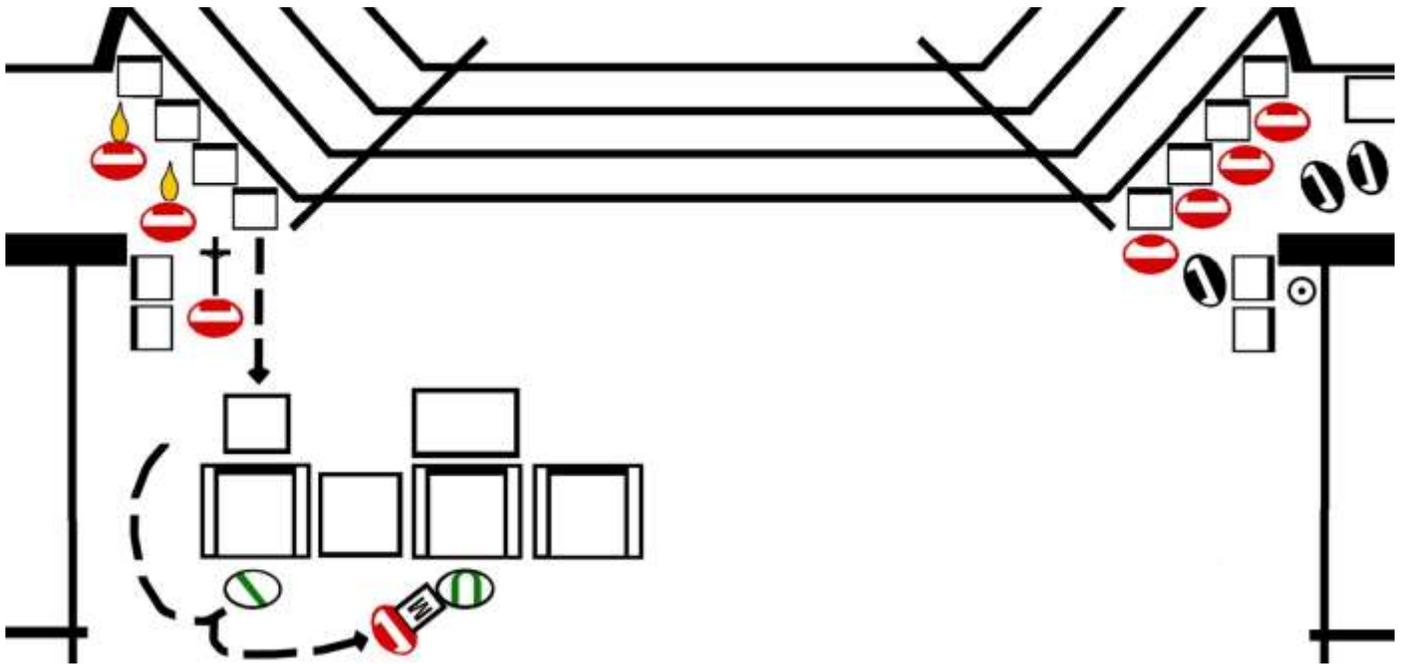
COMMUNION RITE (continued)

- When the **Priest** & **Deacon** return to the altar, they will consolidate the remaining Blessed Sacrament into the ciborium at the altar.
- The **Deacon** will then repose the Blessed Sacrament in the tabernacle. (As he genuflects before closing the tabernacle door, all standing in the Sanctuary will make a **profound bow (from the waist)**).
- **Candle Bearer 1** - brings the water cruet to the altar for the **Priest** to purify his chalice.
- **Candle Bearer 2** - accepts the **Priest's** chalice when purification is complete, and returns it to the Credence Table.



- **Altar Servers** may return to their seats when the Priest and Deacon return to their seats

CONCLUDING RITES

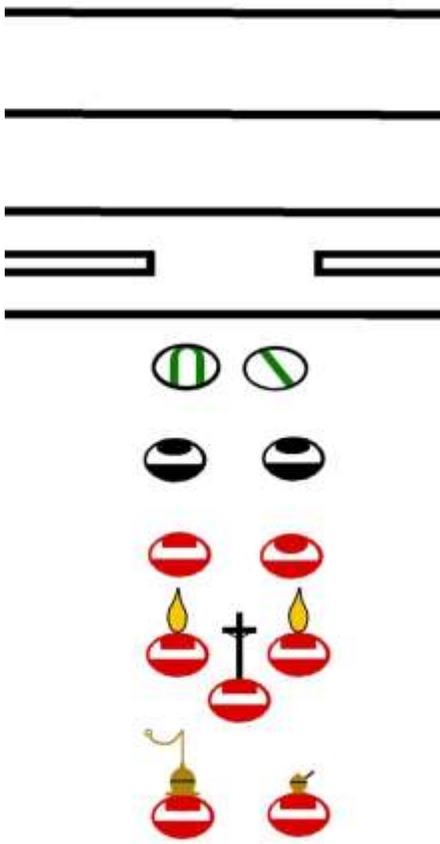


- **Book Bearer** takes Missal from its stand and carries it to the **Deacon**, who opens the Missal to the appropriate page.
- **Book Bearer** then carries the book to the Priest for the Prayer After Communion. Once the opening prayer is finished, return the Missal to its stand.

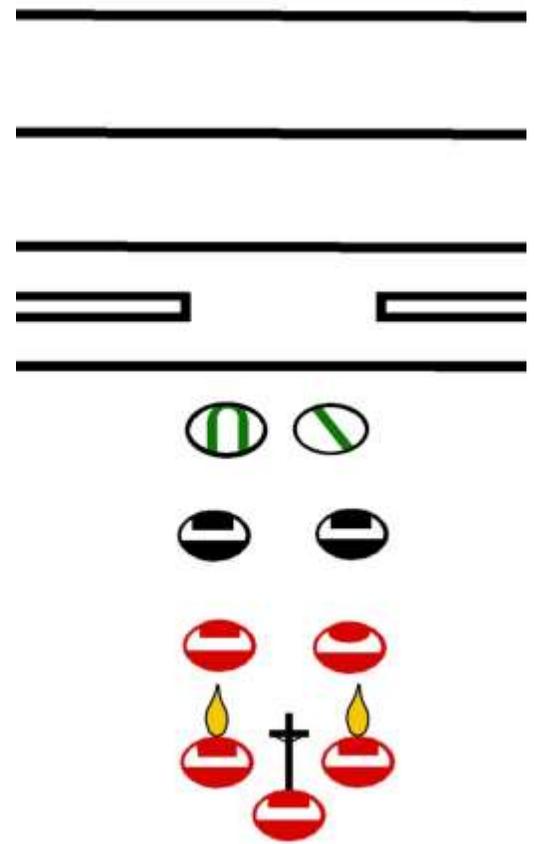
DISMISSAL & RECESSIONAL

- Following the Final Blessing by the Priest, and the Dismissal by the Deacon, proceed to the foot of the Sanctuary steps in the same order you entered the Sanctuary.
- Face the Sanctuary, waiting for the Priest and Deacon to join you.
- When they genuflect, reverence the tabernacle as appropriate for your position; then, turn and recess to the Narthex.
- Gather in the Narthex for prayer

Standard Recessional



Recessional (with incense)



- Hang your vestments in the Vesting Sacristy

Thank You for Your Service!