

SERVING THE 1962 ROMAN MISSAL

LOW MASS

CHILD FIELD GUIDE

First Acolyte and Second Acolyte

Hear the cue. Say the response. Make the movement.

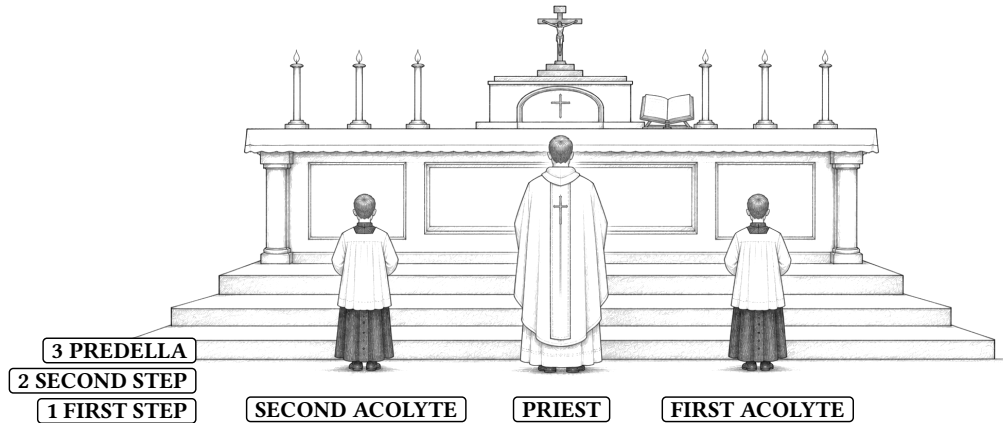
A black-and-white training aid for two young servers.

ARRIVE AND KNEEL

FIRST + SECOND ACOLYTE

First stays on the priest's right. Second stays on his left. The priest needs the centre.

MODEL ALTAR: 1 FIRST STEP · 2 SECOND STEP · 3 PREDELLA



1

WHO BOTH

DO: Go single file directly from the sacristy to the foot.

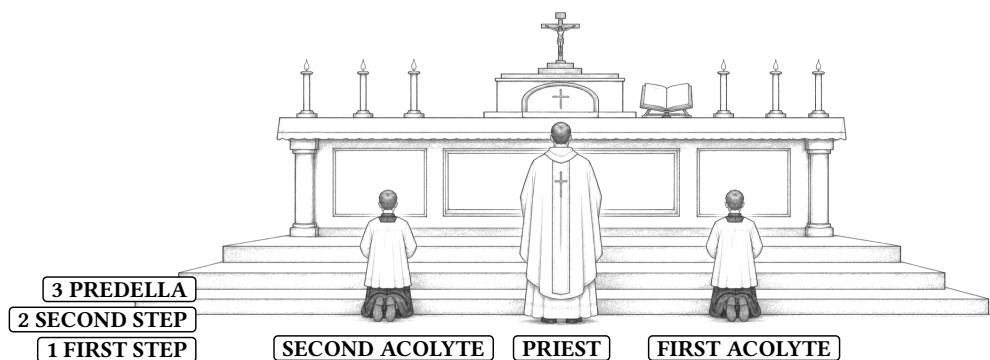
HOW / FINISH: First leads and Second follows. At the foot, form side by side: First is picture-right and Second is picture-left. Leave room for the priest.

2

WHO BOTH

DO: Make the taught reverence.

HOW / FINISH: Remain standing while the priest places the chalice, opens the Missal, and returns to the foot.



When the priest begins the prayers, lower together onto **both knees on the sanctuary floor.**

BEGIN THE PRAYERS

FIRST + SECOND ACOLYTE

Both acolytes are kneeling on the sanctuary floor at the foot. Read across each numbered row.

MASS OF THE SEASON, PASSION SUNDAY THROUGH HOLY THURSDAY

Say 01, omit 02–05 and the repeated 01, and continue at 06. Otherwise continue with Psalm 42 below.

℣ · PRIEST'S CUE

℣ · BOTH ANSWER

01

℣ · PRIEST

℣. *Introibo ad altare Dei.*

℣ · BOTH

℣. Ad Deum qui laetificat iuventutem meam.

SAY IT

ahd DEH-oom kwee leh-TEE-fee-kaht
yoo-vehn-TOO-tehm MEH-ahm

02

℣ · PRIEST

℣. *Iudica me, Deus, et discerne causam meam de gente non sancta: ab homine iniquo, et doloso erue me.*

℣ · BOTH

℣. Quia tu es, Deus, fortitudo mea: quare me repulisti, et quare tristis incedo, dum affligit me inimicus?

SAY IT

KWEE-ah too ehs, DEH-oos, for-tee-TOO-doh
MEH-ah: KWAH-reh meh reh-poo-LEE-stee, eht
KWAH-reh TREES-tees een-CHEH-doh, doom
ahf-FLEE-jeet meh ee-nee-MEE-koos?

03

℣ · PRIEST

℣. *Emitte lucem tuam, et veritatem tuam: ipsa me deduxerunt, et adduxerunt in montem sanctum tuum, et in tabernacula tua.*

℣ · BOTH

℣. Et introibo ad altare Dei: ad Deum qui laetificat iuventutem meam.

SAY IT

eht een-troh-EE-boh ahd ahl-TAH-reh DEH-ee: ahd
DEH-oom kwee leh-TEE-fee-kaht
yoo-vehn-TOO-tehm MEH-ahm

Reading key: capital letters in the sound line mark the stressed syllable. Say every syllable; the sound line and meaning are practice helps, never words added at Mass.

FINISH PSALM 42

FIRST + SECOND ACOLYTE

The priest speaks one complete verse. Both answer with the next complete verse.

IF PSALM 42 IS OMITTED

Do not use 02–05 or the repeated 01. Continue directly at 06.

V · PRIEST'S CUE

R · BOTH ANSWER

04

V · PRIEST

*V. Confitebor tibi in cithara, Deus, Deus meus:
quare tristis es, anima mea, et quare conturbas
me?*

R · BOTH

**R. Spera in Deo, quoniam adhuc confitebor
illi: salutare vultus mei, et Deus meus.**

SAY IT

SPEH-rah een DEH-oh, KWOH-nee-ahm AHD-ook
kohn-fee-TEH-bor EEL-lee: sah-loo-TAH-reh
VOOL-toos MEH-ee, eht DEH-oos MEH-oos

05

V · PRIEST

V. Gloria Patri, et Filio, et Spiritui Sancto.

R · BOTH

**R. Sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et
semper: et in saecula saeculorum. Amen.**

SAY IT

SEE-koot EH-raht een preen-CHEE-pee-oh, eht noonk,
eht SEHM-pehr: eht een SEH-koo-lah
seh-koo-LOH-room. AH-mehn

01

V · PRIEST

AGAIN

V. Introibo ad altare Dei.

R · BOTH

**R. Ad Deum qui laetificat iuventutem
meam.**

06

V · PRIEST

V. Adiutorium nostrum in nomine Domini.

R · BOTH

R. Qui fecit caelum et terram.

SAY IT

kwee FEH-cheet CHEH-loom eht TEHR-rahm

ANSWER THE PRIEST'S CONFITEOR

FIRST + SECOND ACOLYTE

Listen through the priest's complete Confiteor. His final sentence is the cue.

V · PRIEST'S CUE

R · BOTH ANSWER

07

V · PRIEST

*V. Ideo precor beatam Mariam semper
Virginem, beatum Michaellem Archangelum,
beatum Ioannem Baptistam, sanctos Apostolos
Petrum et Paulum, omnes Sanctos, et vos,
fratres, orare pro me ad Dominum Deum
nostrum.*

R · BOTH

**R. Misereatur tui omnipotens Deus, et,
dimissis peccatis tuis, perducatur te ad vitam
aeternam.**

SAY IT

mee-seh-reh-AH-toor TOO-ee ohm-NEE-poh-tehns
DEH-oos, eht, dee-MEES-sees pehk-KAH-tees
TOO-ees, pehr-DOO-kaht teh ahd VEE-tahm
eh-TEHR-nahm

1

WHO BOTH

DO: Turn and bow toward the priest.

HOW / FINISH: Say the whole response together. The priest answers *Amen*. Remain bowed and begin your Confiteor on the next page.

FOOT/ALTAR

YOUR CONFITEOR · PART 1

Both remain bowed. Learn one sense-sized part at a time, then join all three parts without stopping.

PART 1

I CONFESS

PRAYER BEAT

Confiteor Deo omnipotenti, beatæ Mariæ semper Virgini, beato Michaeli Archangelo, beato Ioanni Baptistæ, sanctis Apostolis Petro et Paulo, omnibus Sanctis, et tibi, pater:

SAY IT

kohn-FEE-teh-or DEH-oh ohm-nee-poh-TEHN-tee, beh-AH-teh mah-REE-eh SEHM-pehr VEER-jee-nee, beh-AH-toh
mee-kah-EH-lee ahr-KAHN-jeh-loh, beh-AH-toh yoh-AHN-nee bahp-TEES-teh, SAHNK-tees ah-POHS-toh-lees
PEH-troh eht POW-loh, OHM-nee-boos SAHNK-tees, eht TEE-bee, PAH-tehr

1

WHO BOTH

DO: Keep the prayer moving.

HOW / FINISH: At the colon after *pater*, continue directly to Part 2.

YOUR CONFITEOR · PART 2

FIRST + SECOND ACOLYTE

Part 2 begins with the reason for the confession and starts the petition for prayer.

PART 2 BECAUSE I SINNED

PRAYER BEAT

quia peccavi nimis cogitatione, verbo et opere: mea culpa, mea culpa, mea maxima culpa. Ideo precor beatam Mariam semper Virginem,

SAY IT

KWEE-ah pehk-KAH-vee NEE-mees koh-jee-tah-tsee-OH-neh, VEHR-boh eht OH-peh-reh: MEH-ah KOOL-pah, MEH-ah KOOL-pah, MEH-ah MAHK-see-mah KOOL-pah. EE-deh-oh PREH-kor beh-AH-tahm mah-REE-ahm SEHM-pehr VEER-jee-nehm

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| 2 | <p>WHO BOTH</p> <p>DO: Strike three times.</p> <p>HOW / FINISH: Strike once at each <i>mea culpa</i>. Keep the other hand over the breast.</p> |
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FOOT/ALTAR

YOUR CONFITEOR · PART 3

Part 3 completes the petition. This is the end of the one full Confiteor begun on page 9.

PART 3 PLEASE PRAY FOR ME

PRAYER BEAT

beatum Michaellem Archangelum, beatum Ioannem Baptistam, sanctos Apostolos Petrum et Paulum, omnes Sanctos, et te, pater, orare pro me ad Dominum Deum nostrum.

SAY IT

beh-AH-toom mee-kah-EH-lehm ahr-KAHN-jeh-loom, beh-AH-toom yoh-AHN-nehm bahp-TEES-tahm, SAHNK-tohs ah-POHS-toh-lohs PEH-troom eht POW-loom, OHM-nehs SAHNK-tohs, eht teh, PAH-tehr, oh-RAH-reh proh meh ahd DOH-mee-noom DEH-oom NOHS-troom

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| 3 | <p>WHO BOTH</p> <p>DO: Finish together.</p> <p>HOW / FINISH: Stay bowed after <i>Dominum Deum nostrum</i>. Listen for the priest's next prayer.</p> |
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RECEIVE THE ABSOLUTION PRAYERS

FIRST + SECOND ACOLYTE

The priest says two prayers. Both answer *Amen* after each.

V · PRIEST'S CUE

R · BOTH ANSWER

08

V · PRIEST

*V. Misereatur vestri omnipotens Deus, et,
dimissis peccatis vestris, perducatur vos ad vitam
aeternam.*

R · BOTH

R. Amen.

SAY IT

AH-mehn

08

AGAIN

V · PRIEST

*V. Indulgentiam, absolutionem et remissionem
peccatorum nostrorum tribuat nobis omnipotens
et misericors Dominus.*

R · BOTH

R. Amen.**09**

V · PRIEST

V. Deus, tu conversus vivificabis nos.

R · BOTH

R. Et plebs tua laetabitur in te.

SAY IT

eht plehbs TOO-ah leh-TAH-bee-toor een teh

FOOT/ALTAR

FINISH AT THE FOOT

Stay together through the three short answers and the greeting.

V · PRIEST'S CUE

R · BOTH ANSWER

10

V · PRIEST

V. Ostende nobis, Domine, misericordiam tuam.

R · BOTH

R. Et salutare tuum da nobis.

SAY IT

eht sah-loo-TAH-reh TOO-oom dah NOH-bees

11

V · PRIEST

V. Domine, exaudi orationem meam.

R · BOTH

R. Et clamor meus ad te veniat.

SAY IT

eht KLAH-mor MEH-oos ahd teh VEH-nee-aht

12

V · PRIEST

V. Dominus vobiscum.

R · BOTH

R. Et cum spiritu tuo.

SAY IT

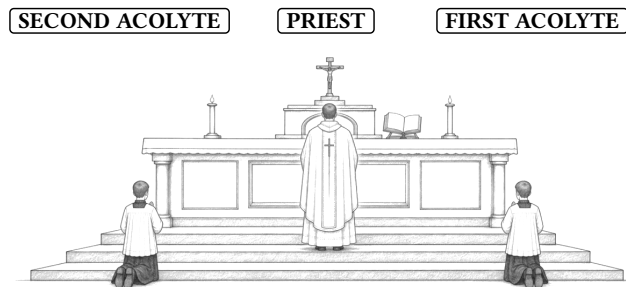
eht koom SPEE-ree-too TOO-oh

MOVE TO THE NORMAL PLACES

FIRST + SECOND ACOLYTE

Stand, turn inward, and go to the two outside normal places. Kneel together on the first step.

MODEL ALTAR: 1 FIRST STEP · 2 SECOND STEP · 3 PREDELLA



Normal places: Second at the Gospel side, picture-left; First at the Epistle side, picture-right. Both are **kneeling on the first step.**

1

WHO BOTH

DO: Stay at the normal places.

HOW / FINISH: Remain kneeling for the Introit, Kyrie, Gloria when appointed, Collect, and Epistle.
No server response is added during the Introit or Gloria.

READINGS

SAY THE NINE KYRIES

The priest and both acolytes alternate. Do not turn the two *Christe* server places into priest cues.

GROUP 1 · KYRIE

Priest: *Kyrie, eleison.* **Both: Kyrie, eleison.** Priest: *Kyrie, eleison.*

GROUP 2 · CHRISTE

Both: Christe, eleison. Priest: *Christe, eleison.* **Both: Christe, eleison.**

GROUP 3 · KYRIE

Priest: *Kyrie, eleison.* **Both: Kyrie, eleison.** Priest: *Kyrie, eleison.*

SAY IT

KEE-ree-eh, eh-LEH-ee-sohn. KREES-teh, eh-LEH-ee-sohn.

MEANING

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.

COLLECT AND EPISTLE

FIRST + SECOND ACOLYTE

Remain kneeling. The first two responses are repeats. Card 15 uses one complete Epistle ending for practice.

V · PRIEST'S CUE

R · BOTH ANSWER

12 *V* · PRIEST

AGAIN *V. Dominus vobiscum.*

R · BOTH

R. Et cum spiritu tuo.

08 *V* · PRIEST

AGAIN *V. Per omnia saecula saeculorum.*

R · BOTH

R. Amen.

15

V · PRIEST

*V. Dominum autem Christum sanctificate in
cordibus vestris.*

R · BOTH

R. Deo gratias.

SAY IT

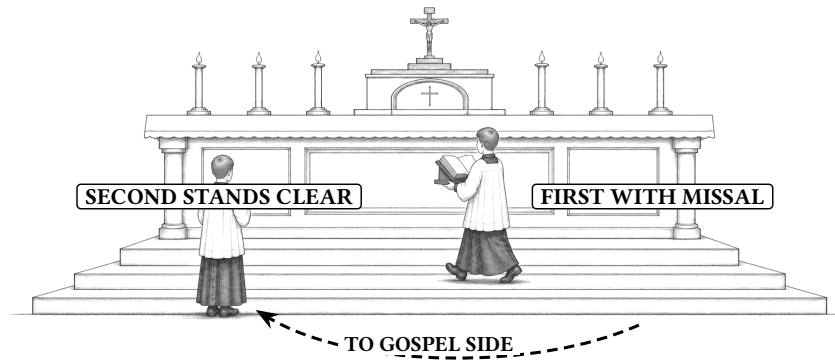
DEH-oh GRAH-tsee-ahs

MOVE THE MISSAL

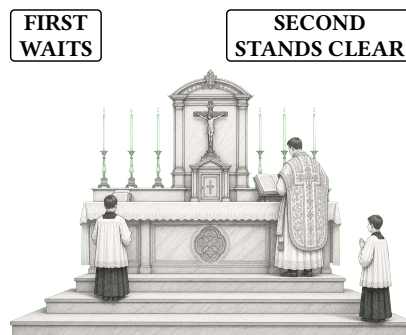
FIRST + SECOND ACOLYTE

After the final *Deo gratias*, both stand. Second stays at the Gospel normal place and clears the lane. First moves the Missal.

OUR REHEARSED MODEL: This guide assigns the Epistle-to-Gospel book move to First. Other sound manuals assign it differently; do not mix the two plans.



STOP AT THE CENTRE. Make the exact reverence rehearsed for this altar while keeping a secure two-handed hold. Then continue.



At the Gospel title, both acolytes are on the **second-step level**: First waits by the book and Second stands laterally clear, not beside the priest. After the title response and three small crosses, First waits until the priest begins the Gospel text—normally through *In illo tempore* and the immediate reverence—then returns by the rehearsed route.

ANSWER AT THE GOSPEL

FIRST + SECOND ACOLYTE

Both are standing. First has moved the Missal to the Gospel side.

V · PRIEST'S CUE

R · BOTH ANSWER

12 V · PRIEST

AGAIN

V. *Dominus vobiscum.*

R · BOTH

R. **Et cum spiritu tuo.**

16

V · PRIEST

V. *Sequentia sancti Evangelii secundum Matthaeum.*

R · BOTH

R. **Gloria tibi, Domine.**

SAY IT

GLOH-ree-ah TEE-bee, DOH-mee-neh

17

V · PRIEST

V. *Relinque ibi munus tuum ante altare, et vade prius reconciliari fratri tuo: et tunc veniens offeres munus tuum.*

R · BOTH

R. **Laus tibi, Christe.**

SAY IT

lows TEE-bee, KREES-teh

READINGS

AFTER THE GOSPEL

After *Laus tibi, Christe*, follow the branch for this Mass. Then prepare for the Offertory.

1

WHO BOTH

DO: If there is a sermon: follow the trained route.**HOW / FINISH:** Go together to the place fixed by the trainer and sit. At the signal, return together and kneel at the normal places.

2

WHO BOTH

DO: If the Creed is appointed: kneel.**HOW / FINISH:** Keep hands joined, follow the priest's bows, and make the locally taught reverence at *Et incarnatus est*. Add no response.

AFTER EITHER BRANCH

Whether or not there was a sermon, and whether or not the Creed is appointed, return to the normal places, kneel together, and watch for the priest to begin the Offertory.

ANSWER AND SERVE THE CRUETS

FIRST + SECOND ACOLYTE

Answer the greeting and bow the head at *Oremus*. Remain kneeling until the priest removes the chalice veil. Then rise, meet at the centre, make the taught reverence, and go together to the credence.

V · PRIEST'S CUE

R · BOTH ANSWER

12 V · PRIEST

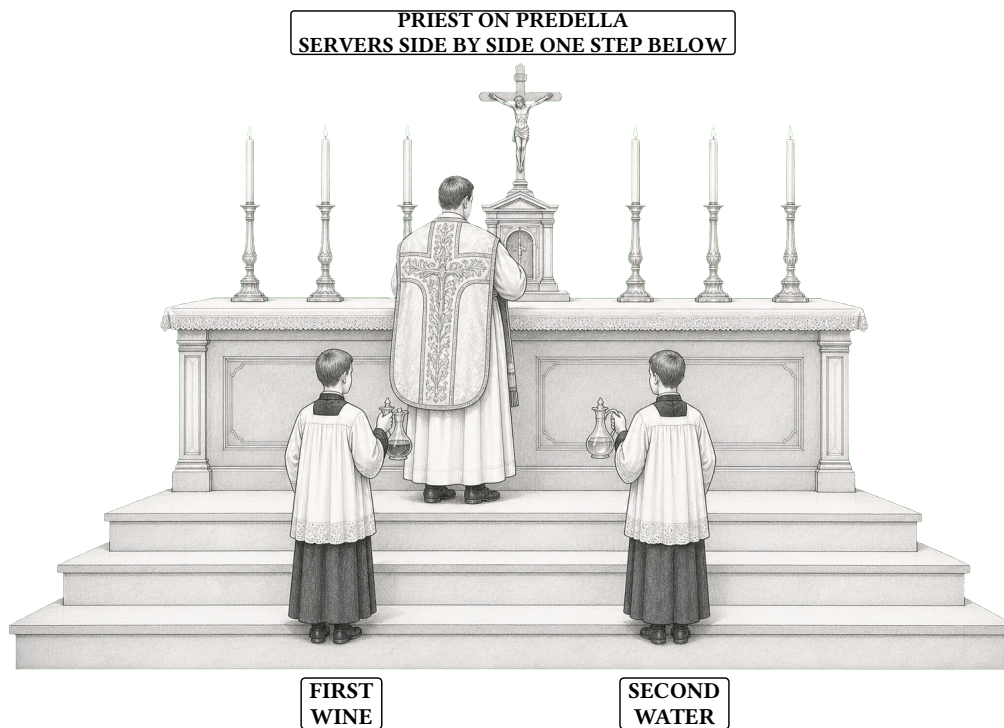
AGAIN

V. *Dominus vobiscum.*

R · BOTH

R. *Et cum spiritu tuo.*

MODEL ALTAR: 1 FIRST STEP · 2 SECOND STEP · 3 PREDELLA



Side by side on the second step: The priest is on the predella at the altar. First carries wine and Second carries water; both face him with a clear shoulder-width lane. Kiss only the base of each handle, never the spout or the priest's hand. Bow together before and after.

1

WHO FIRST

DO: Kiss and present the wine.**HOW / FINISH:** Kiss the base of the handle, then turn the handle toward the priest. Receive the cruet back without kissing it and hold it safely.

2

WHO SECOND

DO: Wait for the blessing; then kiss and present the water.**HOW / FINISH:** After the priest blesses the water, kiss the base of its handle and turn the handle toward him. Receive the cruet back without kissing it.

3

WHO BOTH

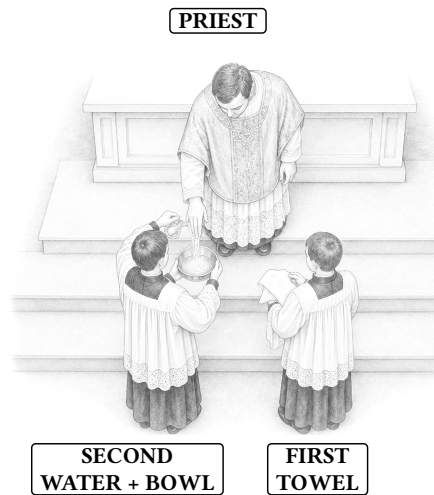
DO: Return together.**HOW / FINISH:** Bow, turn inward, descend, and reset at the credence for the Lavabo.

SERVE THE LAVABO

FIRST + SECOND ACOLYTE

First takes the towel. Second keeps the water and takes the bowl.

MODEL ALTAR: 1 FIRST STEP · 2 SECOND STEP · 3 PREDELLA



Second step, outside the altar edge: Second pours over the priest's fingers; First presents the open towel.

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| 1 | <p>WHO BOTH</p> <p>DO: Bow before and after.</p> <p>HOW / FINISH: Return the items to the credence. Replace the cruet stoppers loosely for the later ablutions.</p> |
| 2 | <p>WHO FIRST</p> <p>DO: Take the bell.</p> <p>HOW / FINISH: Both return to the foot, make the taught reverence, go to the normal places, and kneel. First sets the bell silently on the second step in front of him.</p> |

ANSWER ORATE, FRATRES

FIRST + SECOND ACOLYTE

After the Lavabo, both are kneeling at the normal places. Listen through the priest's complete invitation before answering.

V · PRIEST'S CUE

R · BOTH ANSWER

18

V · PRIEST

*V. Orate, fratres: ut meum ac vestrum
sacrificium acceptabile fiat apud Deum Patrem
omnipotentem.*

R · BOTH

**R. Suscipiat Dominus sacrificium de
manibus tuis ad laudem et gloriam
nominis sui, ad utilitatem quoque nostram,
totiusque Ecclesiae suae sanctae.**

SAY IT

soo-SHEE-pee-aht DOH-mee-noos
sah-kree-FEE-chee-oom deh MAH-nee-boos TOO-ees
ahd LOW-dehm eht GLOH-ree-ahm NOH-mee-nees
SOO-ee, ahd oo-tee-lee-TAH-tehm KWOH-kweh
NOHS-trahm, TOH-tsee-oos-kweh ehk-KLEH-see-eh
SOO-eh SAHNK-teh

CANON

ANSWER THE PREFACE DIALOGUE

Both kneel at the normal places. First has placed the bell safely on the second step in front of him.

V · PRIEST'S CUE

R · BOTH ANSWER

08

V · PRIEST

AGAIN

V. Per omnia saecula saeculorum.

R · BOTH

R. Amen.

12

V · PRIEST

AGAIN

V. Dominus vobiscum.

R · BOTH

R. Et cum spiritu tuo.

19

V · PRIEST

V. Sursum corda.

R · BOTH

R. Habemus ad Dominum.

SAY IT

ah-BEH-moos ahd DOH-mee-noom

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V · PRIEST

V. Gratias agamus Domino Deo nostro.

R · BOTH

R. Dignum et iustum est.

SAY IT

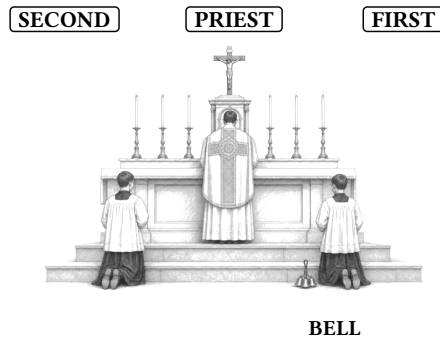
DEE-nyoom eht YOOS-toom ehst

FOLLOW THE BELL PLAN

FIRST + SECOND ACOLYTE

First handles the bell. Second watches First's movement cue. Both remain kneeling until the warning ring is complete.

OUR REHEARSED MODEL: Use only the priest's selected bell pattern. This guide uses three Sanctus rings, one warning, and three distinct rings at each elevation.



The bell rests on the **second step** in front of First. Second never reaches across First for it.

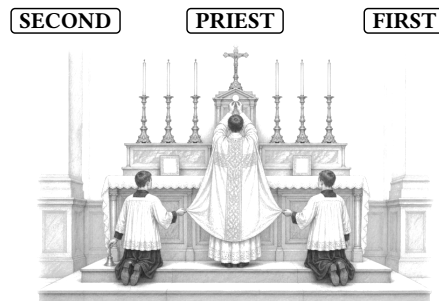
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| 1 | <p>WHO FIRST</p> <p>DO: At <i>Sanctus</i>: three clear rings.</p> <p>HOW / FINISH: Set the bell down quietly. Both remain kneeling at the normal places.</p> |
| 2 | <p>WHO FIRST</p> <p>DO: Shortly before the Consecration: one warning ring.</p> <p>HOW / FINISH: Use the priest's hands extended over the offerings as the rehearsed visual cue.</p> |
| 3 | <p>WHO BOTH</p> <p>DO: Rise and ascend the short way.</p> <p>HOW / FINISH: Kneel on the predella, one on each side and slightly behind the priest. First carries the bell.</p> |

ASSIST AT THE ELEVATIONS

FIRST + SECOND ACOLYTE

Both kneel on the predella. The diagram shows where to remain, not every movement made by the priest.

MODEL ALTAR: 1 FIRST STEP · 2 SECOND STEP · 3 PREDELLA



Second kneels picture-left; First kneels picture-right with the bell. Both are on the **predella**.

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| 1 | <p>WHO BOTH</p> <p>DO: At the Host elevation.</p> <p>HOW / FINISH: Lift the lower chasuble edges. First rings three distinct times. Release the chasuble as the Host is lowered.</p> |
| 2 | <p>WHO BOTH</p> <p>DO: Repeat at the Chalice elevation.</p> <p>HOW / FINISH: Lift, ring three, release, and remain still until the priest's final reverence is complete.</p> |
| 3 | <p>WHO BOTH</p> <p>DO: Return to the normal places.</p> <p>HOW / FINISH: Rise, face inward, descend the short way, make the taught reverence at the foot, and kneel on the first step. First carries the bell without ringing it.</p> |

ANSWER AFTER THE CANON

FIRST + SECOND ACOLYTE

Both are kneeling at the normal places. The familiar Amen and greeting responses return.

℣ · PRIEST'S CUE

℣ · BOTH ANSWER

08 ℣ · PRIEST

AGAIN

℣. *Per omnia saecula saeculorum.*

℣ · BOTH

℣. **Amen.**

21

℣ · PRIEST

℣. *Et ne nos inducas in tentationem.*

℣ · BOTH

℣. **Sed libera nos a malo.**

SAY IT

seh-d LEE-beh-rah nohs ah MAH-loh

08 ℣ · PRIEST

AGAIN

℣. *Per omnia saecula saeculorum.*

℣ · BOTH

℣. **Amen.**

12 ℣ · PRIEST

AGAIN

℣. *Pax Domini sit semper vobiscum.*

℣ · BOTH

℣. **Et cum spiritu tuo.**

FOLLOW THE COMMUNION BRANCH

FIRST + SECOND ACOLYTE

There are no server words at the priest's *Domine non sum dignus*, at *Ecce Agnus Dei*, or at the formula used to give Communion.

OUR REHEARSED MODEL: If Communion is given, this guide assigns First the plate and three warning rings. The priest or trainer must mark the side and lane.

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WHO BOTH

DO: At the Agnus Dei: remain kneeling.

HOW / FINISH: Make the taught bow and the three breast strikes at the three petitions. Add no response.
- 2

WHO FIRST

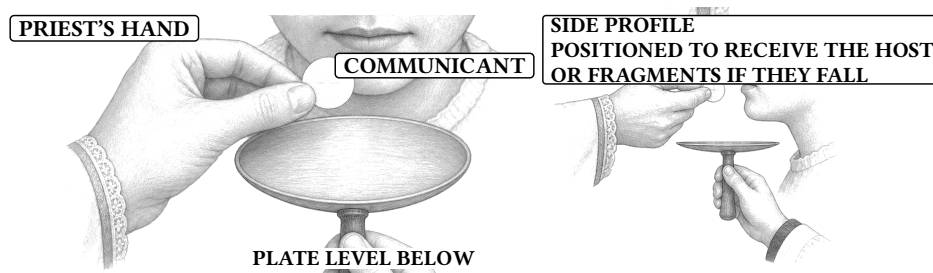
DO: If the faithful will receive: ring three times.

HOW / FINISH: Ring once after each of the priest's three *Domine non sum dignus*. If nobody will receive, omit this Communion warning. Set the bell down silently.
- 3

WHO FIRST

DO: If the faithful will receive: rise and take the Communion plate.

HOW / FINISH: Take it from the credence. Join the priest on the side marked by the trainer. Keep the plate level and under each communicant's chin. If nobody will receive, leave the plate at the credence and remain in place.



MODEL SHOWN: priest's right, picture-left. Use the side and lane marked at the actual church. First follows with the plate; Second remains clear. After the last communicant, First gives the plate to the priest. The priest clears it at the altar; First retrieves it after the final wine and water.

IF NOBODY RECEIVES

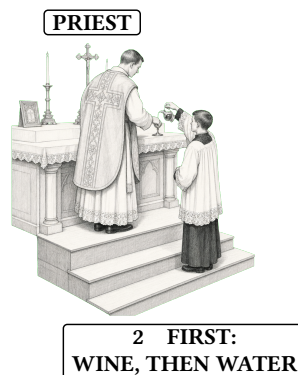
Leave the plate at the credence. When the priest offers the chalice for purification, continue directly to the ablutions.

FIRST SERVES THE ABLUTIONS

FIRST + SECOND ACOLYTE

First takes both cruets and serves both ablutions. Second remains clear at the Gospel-side foot. The priest or trainer fixes the exact standing point and pouring signals.

MODEL ALTAR: 1 FIRST STEP · 2 SECOND STEP · 3 PREDELLA



TWO MOMENTS, FIRST ONLY: First gives wine into the chalice, then pours wine followed by water over the priest's joined thumb and forefinger. The priest remains on the predella; First remains one step below.

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| 1 | <p>WHO FIRST</p> <p>DO: Pour wine into the chalice.</p> <p>HOW / FINISH: Stop when the priest raises the chalice. Return to the second step.</p> |
| 2 | <p>WHO FIRST</p> <p>DO: Wash the priest's fingers.</p> <p>HOW / FINISH: Pour wine first and then water over the priest's joined thumb and forefinger. Stop at his signal.</p> |
| 3 | <p>WHO FIRST</p> <p>DO: Reset the cruets and any used plate.</p> <p>HOW / FINISH: Return both cruets to the credence. If Communion was given, wait for the priest's signal and return the cleared plate level to the credence. Second remains clear and ready for the coordinated Missal move.</p> |

EXCHANGE THE VEIL AND MISSAL

FIRST + SECOND ACOLYTE

First and Second change sides with separate objects: First carries the folded chalice veil from Epistle to Gospel while Second carries the Missal and stand from Gospel to Epistle. After both objects are placed, they make the rehearsed centre reverence and switch back to their normal positions. Fix the exact lanes at the actual altar.



Second takes the Missal and stand to the Epistle side. At the same time First takes the folded chalice veil to the Gospel side. Neither acolyte carries the chalice. Use separate lanes and do not cross behind the priest.

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| 1 | <p>WHO BOTH</p> <p>DO: Take the assigned objects.</p> <p>HOW / FINISH: First takes the folded chalice veil at the Epistle side. Second takes the Missal and stand at the Gospel side with a secure two-handed grip.</p> |
| 2 | <p>WHO BOTH</p> <p>DO: Change sides and place the objects.</p> <p>HOW / FINISH: First places the veil at its rehearsed Gospel-side point. Second places the Missal and stand straight on the Epistle side. Keep separate lanes and leave the chalice to the priest.</p> |
| 3 | <p>WHO BOTH</p> <p>DO: Switch back to the normal places.</p> <p>HOW / FINISH: After both placements, make the taught centre reverence, pass by the rehearsed lanes, and kneel: First Epistle side, Second Gospel side.</p> |

POSTCOMMUNION AND DISMISSAL

FIRST + SECOND ACOLYTE

Both kneel at the normal places. Use the familiar responses unless the Easter-octave dismissal changes the words.

LENTEN PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE, WHEN APPOINTED

Bow the head at *Humiliate capita vestra Deo*; answer Amen at the prayer's audible ending, then continue to the dismissal.

V · PRIEST'S CUE

R · BOTH ANSWER

12 V · PRIEST

R · BOTH

AGAIN

V. *Dominus vobiscum.*

R. **Et cum spiritu tuo.**

08 V · PRIEST

R · BOTH

AGAIN

V. *Per omnia saecula saeculorum.*

R. **Amen.**

12 V · PRIEST

R · BOTH

AGAIN

V. *Dominus vobiscum.*

R. **Et cum spiritu tuo.**

OUTSIDE THE EASTER OCTAVE

Use the ordinary dismissal below.

15 V · PRIEST

R · BOTH

AGAIN

V. *Ite, missa est.*

R. **Deo gratias.**

MASS OF THE SEASON WITHIN THE EASTER OCTAVE

Use response 22 below instead of the ordinary dismissal.

22

V · PRIEST

R · BOTH

V. *Ite, missa est, alleluia, alleluia.*

R. **Deo gratias, alleluia, alleluia.**

SAY IT

DEH-oh GRAH-tsee-ahs, ahl-leh-LOO-yah,
ahl-leh-LOO-yah

IF THE DISMISSAL IS *BENEDICAMUS DOMINO*

Give its appointed response. If it announces a following liturgical procession, do not continue to the blessing or Last Gospel here; follow the separate procession route.

BLESSING AND LAST GOSPEL

FIRST + SECOND ACOLYTE

Both remain kneeling for the blessing. Stand immediately after its Amen for the Last Gospel.

IF THE LAST GOSPEL IS OMITTED

After the blessing, omit all three Last-Gospel responses and follow the trained exit route.

℣ · PRIEST'S CUE

℣ · BOTH ANSWER

08 ℣ · PRIEST

AGAIN

℣. *Benedicat vos omnipotens Deus: Pater, et Filius, et Spiritus Sanctus.*

℣ · BOTH

℣. Amen.

12 ℣ · PRIEST

AGAIN

℣. *Dominus vobiscum.*

℣ · BOTH

℣. Et cum spiritu tuo.

16 ℣ · PRIEST

AGAIN

℣. *Initium sancti Evangelii secundum Ioannem.*

℣ · BOTH

℣. Gloria tibi, Domine.

15 ℣ · PRIEST

AGAIN

℣. *Et Verbum caro factum est, et habitavit in nobis: et vidimus gloriam eius, gloriam quasi Unigeniti a Patre, plenum gratiae et veritatis.*

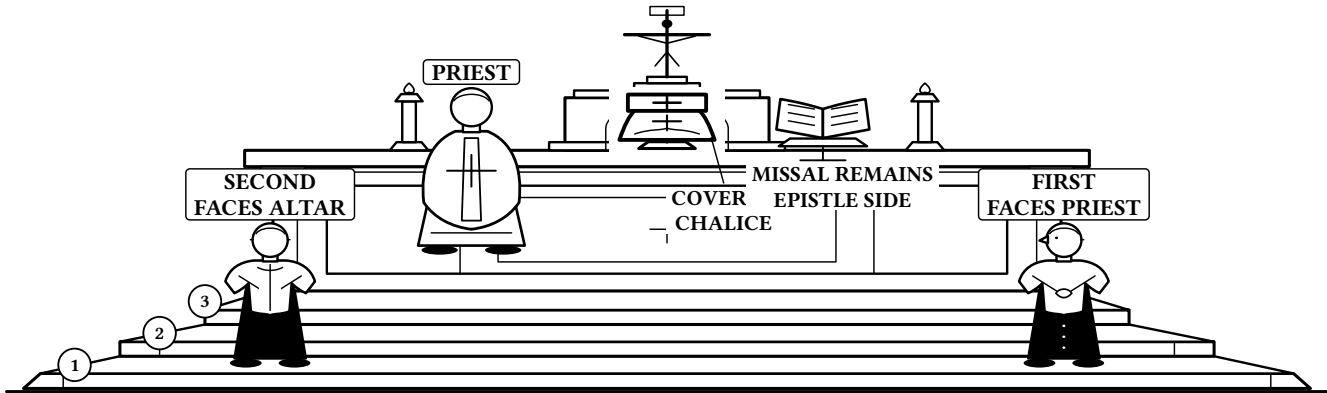
℣ · BOTH

℣. Deo gratias.

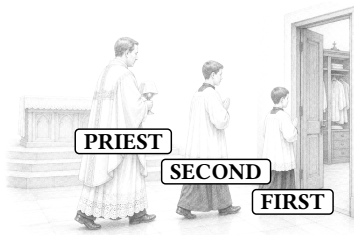
FACE THE GOSPEL, THEN RECESS

FIRST + SECOND ACOLYTE

During the Last Gospel, First stays picture-right on the Epistle side and turns toward the priest. Second stays picture-left on the Gospel side and faces the altar. The covered chalice remains at the centre, and the ordinary route does not move the Missal from the Epistle side.



At the final *Deo gratias*, both meet at the foot and leave the centre clear. The priest takes his covered chalice.



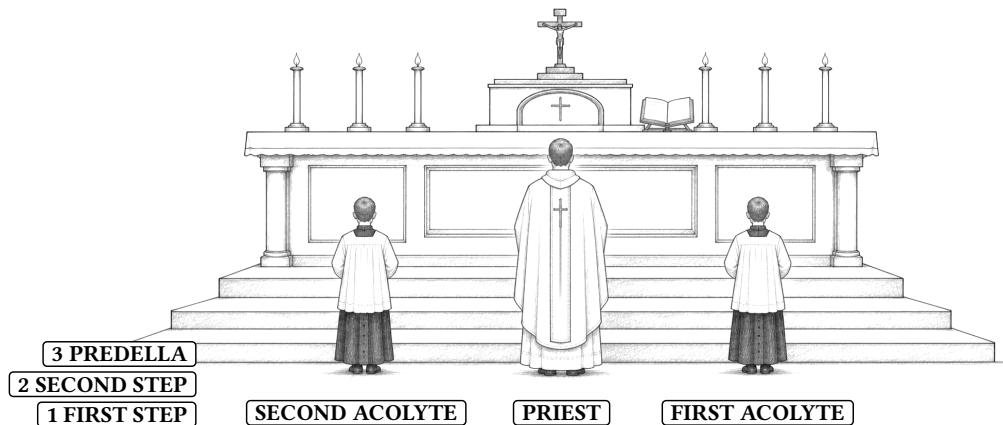
Make the final reverence taught for this altar. Turn inward, leave the foot one behind another, and go directly to the sacristy before the priest, who carries the chalice. First leads and Second follows; the picture-right/picture-left places describe only the stationary formation.

PREPARE AND MAP YOUR CHURCH

FIRST + SECOND ACOLYTE

Complete this page with the priest or trainer before practising with objects. Every picture is a front view from the nave; the real steps, distances, and Communion lane may differ.

MODEL ALTAR: 1 FIRST STEP · 2 SECOND STEP · 3 PREDELLA



Opening position: First stands on the priest's right (picture-right); Second stands on his left (picture-left). Leave the centre open.

1 WHO BOTH
DO: Point to every working place.
HOW / FINISH: Doorway; foot; normal places; credence; both Missal corners; Communion lane. Ask before touching anything unfamiliar.

2 WHO TRAINER
DO: Record the local choices.
HOW / FINISH: Centre reverence: _____ Communion side: _____ bell pattern: _____.

ROLE SUMMARY

First begins on the Epistle side and handles the bell, wine, both post-Communion cruets, towel, Communion plate, Epistle-to-Gospel Missal move, and post-ablution folded chalice veil. Second begins on the Gospel side and handles the Offertory water, Lavabo water and bowl, and Gospel-to-Epistle Missal move.

REHEARSAL CHECKLIST

FIRST + SECOND ACOLYTE

These checks gather the practice tests outside the sacristy-to-sacristy route.

1	WHO BOTH DO: Entrance and opening. HOW / FINISH: Walk entrance, stop, reverence, wait, kneel, and answer from <i>Introibo</i> through the move to the normal places. Both finish together and leave the centre open.
2	WHO BOTH DO: Readings and Offertory. HOW / FINISH: Run the Missal move, Gospel stations, cruets, Lavabo, bell pickup, and <i>Orate, fratres</i> response. Every object finishes at its named place.
3	WHO BOTH DO: Canon. HOW / FINISH: With an empty bell, run warning, ascent, both elevations, and return. No one crosses behind the priest or rings while walking.
4	WHO BOTH DO: Communion. HOW / FINISH: Run both branches. First alone serves the wine, then wine-and-water ablutions and finishes any used plate. Then rehearse First's veil route and Second's book route together, followed by the switch back to normal places.
5	WHO BOTH DO: Ending. HOW / FINISH: Run dismissal, blessing, Last Gospel, final reverence, and recession. Repeat the no-Last-Gospel branch separately.

SCOPE, QUALIFICATIONS, AND SOURCES

FIRST + SECOND ACOLYTE

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