

# Study Packet for St. Peter's Acolyte

## Level Three: Blue Ribbon

**Motto: . . . I have come among you as one who serves.**

Luke 22:27



### **Requirements for Level Three: Blue Ribbon**

(May serve as either torch, banner, first or second crucifer)

1. Achieved green ribbon.
2. Faithful in attendance.
3. Participates in worship.
4. List parts of church.
5. Match additional selected terms.
6. Demonstrate order of assisting the priest at the setting of the holy table.
7. Draw and label the Epistle credence table.

### **Packet includes:**

- Study list of selected terms
- Labeled floorplan of church
- Labeled drawing of Epistle credence table
- Instructions for assisting at the Holy Table

**St. Peter's Anglican Church  
Acolyte Study List  
for BLUE Ribbon**

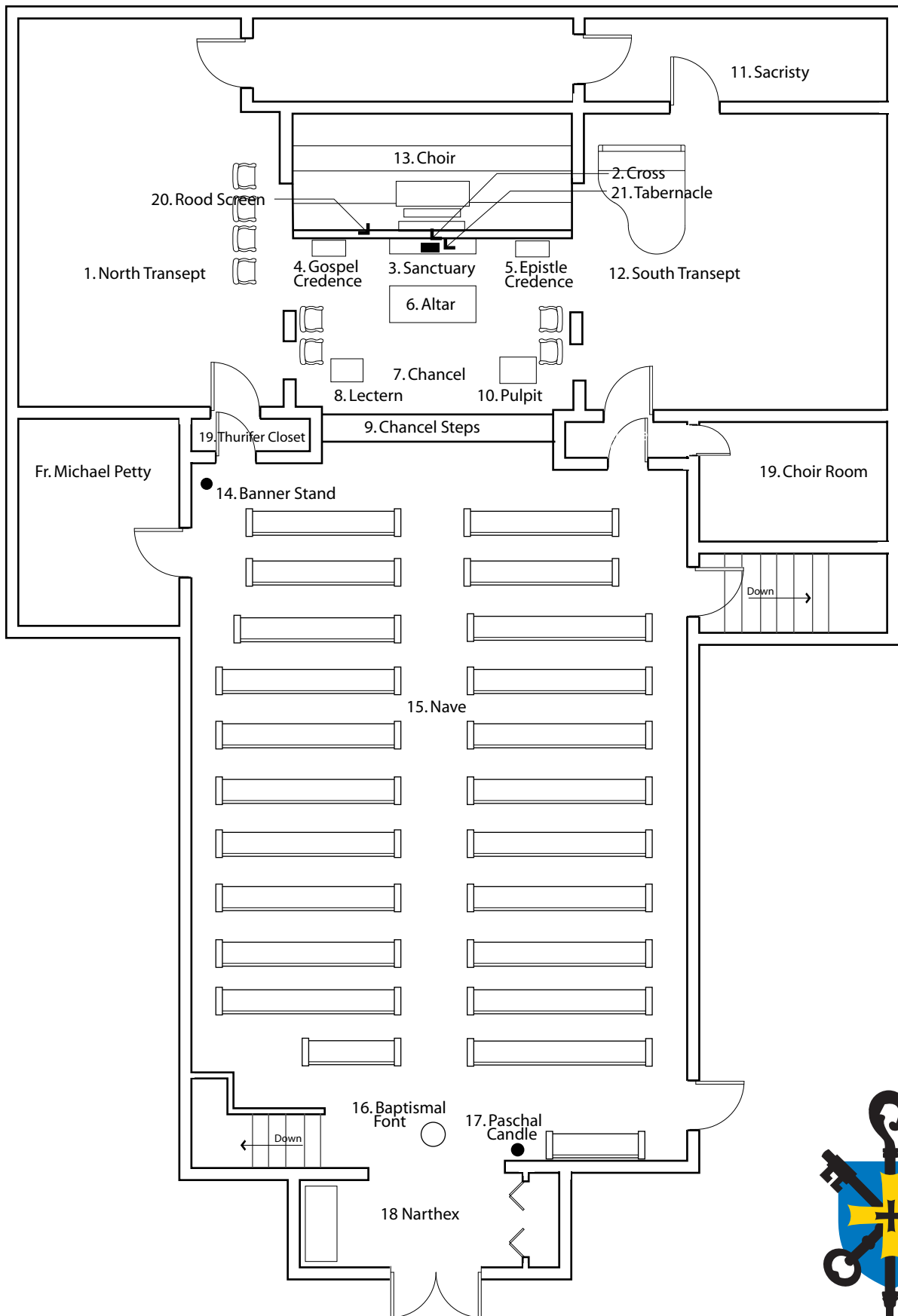
Aspergillum	Brush, branch, metal rod, or other instrument used to sprinkle holy water as a reminder of baptism.
Aumbry	A locked box in which reserved (blessed) bread and wine are kept. Also called the tabernacle.
Baptismal Shell	A silver scallop shell used to pour water over the head at baptism.
Bread Box	A box, usually of silver, which is used to hold the altar bread (wafers) at the Eucharist.
Burse	A case of two squares of stiff material, hinged or bound together at one end, which contains five purificators for use at the celebration of the Eucharist. The burse is covered in the liturgical color of the day, and placed on top of the veiled chalice on the altar.
Celebrant	The priest who presides at the Eucharist and consecrates the bread and wine.
Chalice	The cup for the wine that is consecrated and administered at the Eucharist. The chalice normally has a footed base. Chalices are typically made of silver, or other precious or semi-precious metals, and may be decorated by jewels or engraved designs.
Ciborium	A chalice-like cup with a lid which is used to hold bread to be consecrated at the Eucharist. At St. Peter's a ciborium is used for the bread at the oblations of bread and wine.
Credence, Epistle	A table on the epistle side (right of the altar as one faces it) where is placed the cruets of water and wine, bread box, lavabo bowl and lavabo towel for the Eucharist.
Credence, Gospel	A table on the gospel side (left of the altar as one faces it) on which is placed extra chalices, paten(s) and purificators for the Eucharist. After the Eucharist, any used vessels or blessed elements (bread and wine) are placed on this table.

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Cruet	A small vessel of glass (usually with a stopper) in which the wine or water for the Eucharist is brought to the altar.
Deacon	The priest who reads the Gospel and sets the table.
Elements	The bread and wine which are consecrated at the Eucharist.
Ewer	A large pitcher holding water to be poured into the font.
Flagon	A large vessel with handle and spout, a hinged lid and shaped like a pitcher. It is used as a container for wine or water at the Eucharist. It may be made of glass or silver.
Host	The wafer shaped bread to be consecrated at the Eucharist. Typically, the priest host is larger so the people may see it when the priest breaks it at the fraction.
Lavabo Bowl	A small bowl used by the celebrant at the lavabo, the ceremonial cleansing of the celebrant's hands after the altar is prepared and before the Great Thanksgiving.
Missal	An altar book that provides all the textual materials needed for celebration of the Holy Eucharist. It includes liturgical texts and directions, readings, additional prayers, hymns, and musical notations. This single volume is used by the celebrant who presides at the Eucharist.
Missal Stand	The stand used on the altar to hold the missal.
Oblations	Prayer of self-offering. Oblation is "an offering of ourselves, our lives and labors, in union with Christ, for the purposes of God". Christian oblation is based in Christ's one offering of himself for our salvation. In this setting, oblations refers to the people's offerings of bread and wine that are presented to the deacon or celebrant and placed on the altar for consecration. The elements of bread and wine, consecrated at the Eucharist, are identified with Christ's self-oblation.
Pall	A square, stiffened white linen cloth that is used to cover the chalice at the Eucharist. There may be a design on the side of the pall that does not touch the chalice.
Pall, Funeral	A cloth used to cover the coffin at the Burial of the Dead.

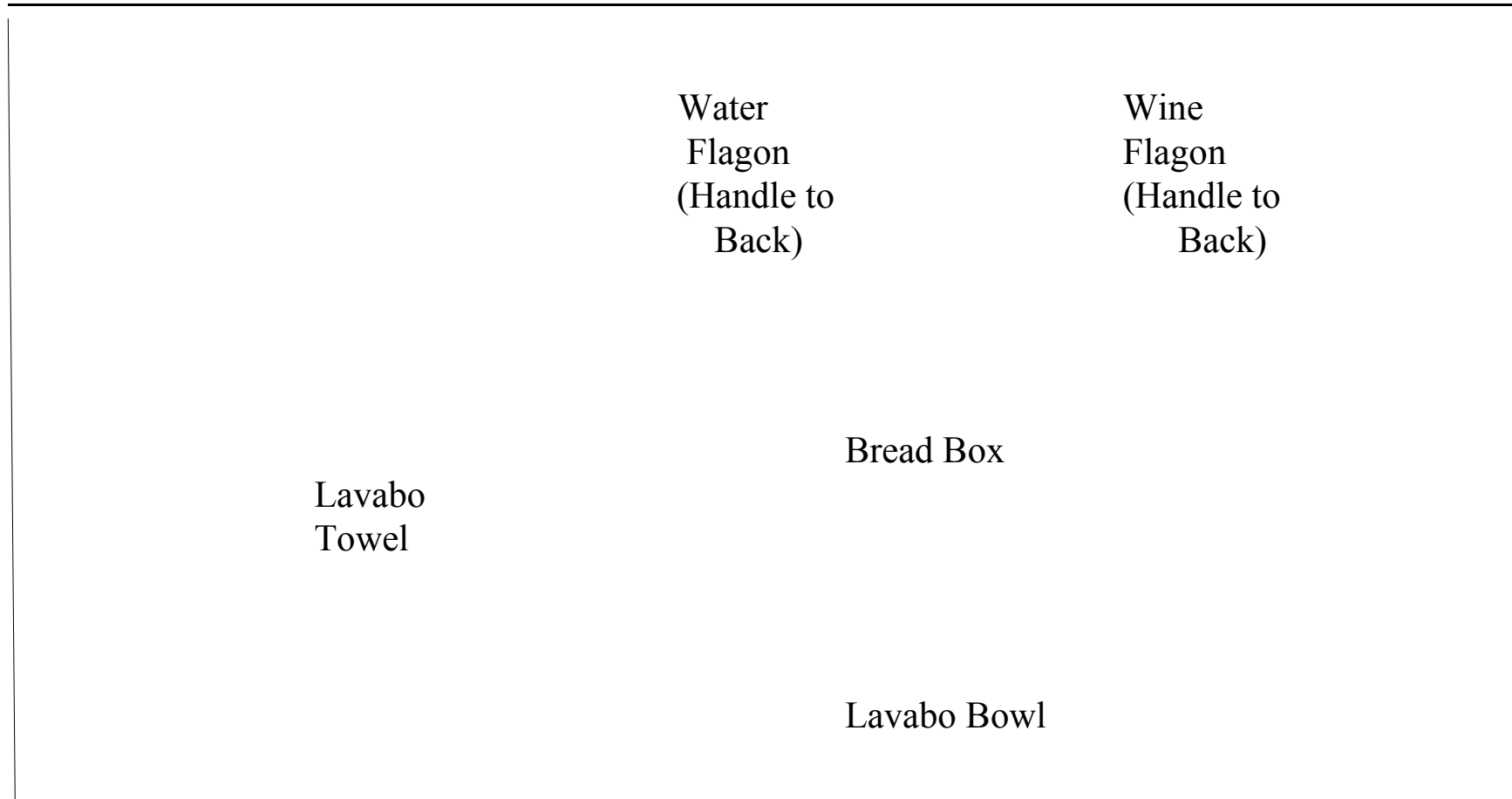
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Pascina	A basin or sink with a drain directly to the ground so that remnants of blessed elements are washed onto the blessed ground of the church.
Paten	A shallow dish or small plate for the bread at the Eucharist. The bread is placed on the paten for consecration and distribution. It typically matches the chalice.
Purificator	A small handkerchief size square of white linen, usually with an embroidered cross in the center and folded in thirds, used to wipe the chalice rim during the Eucharist.
Sanctuary Light	A lamp with a candle which burns to announce the presence of the reserved sacrament in the aumbry or tabernacle. This light is known as a sanctuary lamp if the reservation is near the altar.
Spoon	A small silver spoon used to retrieve from the chalice small bits of wafer which may have broken off into the wine during intinction.
Tabernacle	A locked box in which reserved (blessed) bread and wine are kept. Also called an Aumbry.
Thurible	A small metal pot on chains in which incense is burned during the Eucharist and other liturgies. The thurible is also known as a censer. Incense is symbolic of prayer and praises rising to God.
Thurifer	The individual who carries and swings the thurible in procession.
Veil, Chalice	A square cloth that covers the pall, paten and chalice until preparation of the altar for communion. The veil usually matches the vestments in the liturgical color of the season. The burse, containing purificators, is placed on top of the veil.
Veil, Post-Communion	A fine large square linen cloth with a cross embroidered in the center, used to place over any blessed, unconsumed elements of the Eucharist after communion.
Wafer	The small disks of unleavened bread given to the people at the Eucharist. They are much smaller than the priest host.



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# Epistle Credence Table



(If the deacon or celebrant hands you the folded veil and burse, place them on the credence table.)

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Assisting at the Holy Table

Preparation of Altar:

- At the Offertory sentence, stand at the Epistle credence table. While deacon begins to prepare the Table, take the lavabo towel and place it on your left wrist. Then take the lavabo bowl and place it in your left palm (cupping your hand slightly). When directed by deacon, pour a little water over his or her fingertips from the water cruet. Replace towel, bowl, and cruet on credence table.
- Open bread box and present it to the deacon. If the box is returned to you, replace on credence table.
- Offer the wine and water thusly:
  1. If the cruets or flagons have removable stoppers, remove the stoppers and place them on the table.
  2. Holding the wine flagon in your right hand and the water cruet in your left hand, offer the deacon the wine flagon with the handle facing away from you so the deacon can take the flagon by the handle. (Hold the flagon and cruet around the skinnier neck than around the broader bottom -- it's easier to hold that way.)
  3. As soon as the deacon takes the wine, switch the water cruet from your left hand to your right hand.
  4. **If** the wine flagon is returned, receive it in your left hand. Otherwise, offer the deacon the water cruet with the handle facing away from you. Receive it back from the deacon and replace it on the credence table.
  5. Stand in place until the deacon finishes preparing the table. When finished, wash the hands of the celebrant as you did for the deacon. (The celebrant always wears a chasuble. On occasion, the celebrant prepares the table as well as celebrates.) Then resume your seat until the Presentation.
  6. **If** the deacon or celebrant hands you the folded veil and burse, place them on the credence table. If they are not handed to you, retrieve them yourself from the altar and place as directed above.

At the Presentation:

- At the Presentation you will see oblationers (with additional bread and wine) and ushers (with food basket and alms basins) coming toward the altar. Join the deacon and 2<sup>nd</sup> crucifer in front of the altar, standing on the Epistle side. Receive the food basket from an usher. (The deacon will receive the bread and wine and the second crucifer will receive the alms basins.) Turn with the deacon and return to the altar and raise the food basket. After the celebrant has blessed the bread and wine, the food basket, and alms basins, place the basket beneath the piano in the Epistle transept.

During Communion:

You will receive standing with the sanctuary party. After everyone has received and the priests and LEM's move into place, the assisting vergers or acolyte master will hand you a cruet of wine and a purificator:

- The 1<sup>st</sup> crucifer stands on the Epistle side behind the pulpit. The 2<sup>nd</sup> crucifer stands on the Gospel side behind the angel lectern.
- Be alert!
- As a LEM needs to refill the chalice, pour more wine into the chalice, using your purificator to catch any drips from the spout of the cruet.
- Be ready to assist a LEM in obtaining a clean purificator.
- Be attentive to instructions from the celebrant or from a vergers. You may need to obtain more bread or wine from the sacristy.

**The BLUE test will include:**

- Matching selected terms in the format of the green test.
- Using the same floorplan of the church and the same terms, rather than match as in the green test, you will have to recall the name of the location from memory.
- Given a list of items and an outline of the Epistle credence table, you will indicate on the drawing where each item is located.
- Be prepared to demonstrate assisting the priest at the Holy Table.