

Terms for Acolytes

Alb: a white robe worn by ministers of all types; sometimes fastened at the waist with a cincture, or rope belt.

Candelabra: a candle holder that has several candles.

Chalice: the cup from which the wine of communion is drunk, intincted or poured.

Credence: a table or shelf upon which items for worship are placed when not in use.

Crucifer: the person who carries the processional cross.

Flagon: a ceremonial pitcher for communion wine.

Intinction: the communion method in which the bread is dipped into the wine.

Lectionary: the book of Bible readings for worship.

Paschal candle: the large, decorated candle first lighted at the Easter Vigil.

Paten: a plate upon which the communion bread may be placed.

Reverence: in church ceremony, to bow from the waist.

Sacristy: the place where ministers prepare for worship.

Taper: a long waxed wick that fits into the candlelighter.

Torchbearer: a person who carries a processional candle in procession.

Vestment: a special item of clothing worn by lay or ordained ministers when leading worship.