

QUIZ! Which Liturgical Ministry best suits you?

Worship is the cornerstone of our life together as the people of St. Michael's Episcopal Church. Our worship is our liturgy, or work of the people, and in and through our liturgy, we are fed and renewed to continue serving the world in Jesus's name.

We make worship happen with and for each other. Take this quiz to find out which liturgical ministry might suit your skills, interests, and gifts.

At someone else's party, where are you most likely to be / what you are most likely to be doing?

- A. Grabbing dirty dishes and returning them to the kitchen
- B. Guessing how many people are at the party
- C. Troubleshooting the host's speaker system
- D. Helping set out the appetizers
- E. Entertaining the people around you with a good story
- F. Near the door, helping people put their purses and coats down
- G. Manning the playlist or getting karaoke started
- H. Admiring the floral arrangements or host's garden
- I. Staying busy, moving from one place to another
- J. Catching up with old friends and making sure you know what's going on in each other's lives

What does your ideal / typical Saturday include?

- A. Tidying the house to get ready for the week ahead
- B. Paying bills and balancing your budget
- C. Helping a friend or family member hook up a new TV set
- D. Baking something or putting together a dish to bring to a potluck
- E. Listening to a great podcast
- F. Striking up a conversation with a stranger as you run errands
- G. Enjoying or making live music
- H. Choosing fresh flowers from the farmer's market or your garden
- I. I get bored easily, so anything that's active is great
- J. Checking on a friend who had a hard week

If you worked at a community theater, what would be your preferred role?

- A. Keeping the costumes and props organized
- B. Counting the ticket money
- C. Running the lights or sound board
- D. Helping with the concession stand
- E. Making the announcements before the show starts
- F. Helping people find their seats
- G. Down in the orchestra pit

- H. Painting the sets or watering the plants in the lobby
- I. Backstage producer/crew: making sure people hit their cues and everything is working smoothly
- J. Listening empathetically and patiently to the people who didn't like the show

How do you best learn or deepen your experience of a new topic, trend, or idea?

- A. I like a chance to try it out by myself with no one watching.
- B. I like to pay close attention to the details.
- C. I like to read and research about it.
- D. I like to talk about it with people who are important to me, preferably over a relaxed meal.
- E. I like to teach someone else about it.
- F. I like to talk about it or verbally process it with a lot of different people.
- G. I like to turn it into something creative: art, music, singing, poetry.
- H. I like to find the beauty in it.
- I. I like to experiment with it and actually do it.
- J. I like to quietly and calmly reflect on it.

SCORING: Which Liturgical Ministry best suits you? If you answered...

Mostly As: You might consider Altar Guild.

Mostly Bs: You might consider being a counter / helping with the offering plate.

Mostly Cs: You might consider the Tech Team.

Mostly Ds: You might consider joining a Brunch Team, Soup Ministry, or becoming a communion Bread Maker.

Mostly Es: You might consider being a Lector or Reader.

Mostly Fs: You might consider becoming an Usher or Greeter.

Mostly Gs: You might consider participating in our Music Ministry.

Mostly Hs: You might consider the Flower Guild.

Mostly Is: You might consider becoming an Acolyte.

Mostly Js: You might consider becoming part of the Pastoral Care Team or the Mutual Support Team.

Some of the Liturgical Ministries at St. Michael's

Almost all ministries are open to people of any age. We make worship happen with and for each other by offering our gifts in some of the following ways:

Altar Guild

The Altar Guild helps prepare for Eucharist by getting all the "stuff" ready: bread, wine, dishes, table linens, and cleaning up afterwards. You also get to learn some Latin.

Counter

We need to count two things each Sunday: people and money. Per our cash handling procedures, the offering plate must be counted by two unrelated people and secured in the safe before you leave.

Tech Team

The Tech Team facilitates our hybrid Zoom worship experience. If you can turn on a computer and iPad, connect to a Zoom meeting, and follow written instructions, you have the skills needed for this role.

Brunch Team

A highlight of our common life is our Sunday morning brunch. Each week, a different Brunch Team provides a meal that can be as simple or elaborate as you'd like.

Communion Bread Baker

Bakers usually make several loaves of communion bread at a time and store them in the church house freezer.

Lector and Intercessor

If you have a strong, expressive speaking voice, you can use it to read our scripture lessons aloud or lead the community in prayer. No one cares if you mispronounce something.

Usher/Greeter

Help people feel welcomed and oriented to worship, paying particular attention to visitors or newcomers.

Music Ministry

Anyone who plays an instrument or sings - no matter how proficiently - is welcome to support our liturgy through music.

Acolyte

The acolytes assist with worship duties like: candles, processions, and helping set the table. You also get to learn some Latin.

Pastoral Care Ministry (grown-ups only)

The Pastoral Care Ministers take Communion to those who can't attend worship because they are in the hospital or can't physically come to worship.

Mutual Support Team

The mutual support team is available when someone needs meals, rides, or other support during a difficult time.