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The ministry of lectors... Item Preview. remove-circle. The Lector -- What's in a Name? -- God's Word Spoken to Us -- The Word of the Lord -- The Word of God and the Bible -- The Word of God and the Liturgy -- The Word of God and the Lectionary -- The Word of God and the Lector -- God's Word Spoken Through Us -- Spiritual Preparation -- Speaking Preparation -- The Requirements of the Text -- The Requirements of the Listeners -- The Requirements of the Setting -- From Skill to Art: Three Suggestions -- A Final Word. Notes. The papers of this book made it reflective when scanned. Access-restricted-item. true. During times of persecution, lectors, or readers whose ministry was to prepare and proclaim the word at worship were among those local church leaders who were particular targets. The proclamation of Scripture was perceived by the persecuting authorities for what it was: a powerful and galvanizing force for Christian presence and action in the world. A renewed understanding of the importance and power of this liturgical ministry led to its restoration in our time. This is symbolized by the bound Lectionary itself. Over the centuries it had become part of the book of Mass prayers used by the priest-celebrant. This development coincided with the gradual absorption of various roles in the liturgy by the ordained. Emphasizing both spiritual and practical preparation, this book will help both experienced and beginning lectors develop their understanding of the ministry of proclaiming the word of God as well as the skills needed to do it well. Wallace offers insight to various aspects of the lector’s work (job, ministry, vocation), and reflects on the mystery of God who speaks to and through us in the Word. It includes an accessible explanation of important concepts related to the Lectionary and the liturgy, ideas for spiritual preparation before serving as lector, concrete guidance for ongoing skill development.

All liturgical ministers, especially lectors, must be properly trained for their ministry. This ministry of the Word requires skill in public reading, knowledge of the principles of liturgy, and an understanding of the scriptures. Only properly trained and commissioned lectors should be scheduled for liturgy. (GIRM 101, LM Intro 14). For pastoral reasons family members or friends may be allowed to read during funeral or wedding liturgies even though they are not formally trained and commissioned as lectors. Lectors begin to read by saying, “A reading from the Book of Exodus as written in the Lectionary. It is inappropriate to add words such as: ‘The first reading...’ If the Responsorial Psalm is recited, lectors should begin the recitation with the antiphon.