

*Father will invite you to come forward for the readings. Go to the Altar, bow and then go to the lectern. Do reading.*

## A reading from the book of Sirach 3:1-8

Children, listen to me, your father;

act accordingly, that you may be safe.

For the Lord sets a father in honor over his children

and confirms a mother's authority over her sons.

Those who honor their father atone for sins;

they store up riches who respect their mother.

Those who honor their father will have joy in their own children,

and when they pray they are heard.

Those who respect their father will live a long life;

those who obey the Lord honor their mother.

Those who fear the Lord honor their father,

and serve their parents as masters.

In word and deed honor your father,

that all blessings may come to you.<sup>a</sup>

## The Word of the Lord

*When finished go to bottom of step, turn and face the Altar, bow and go back to your seat.*