



Discovery Sunday

The Holy Eucharist
The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 14, 2025, 10:15 a.m.

Welcome!

Discovery Sundays are days when our 10:15 service is designed for people of all ages to worship together in an accessible way.

Everything you'll need is in this booklet.

This is an all-ages liturgy, with young people and adults sharing leadership roles.

Some of our prayers and scriptures are simpler than usual, and we'll sing some music often used in our Children's Chapel, as well as some Spanish-language music chosen in honor of Hispanic Heritage Month (September 15 – October 15).

Welcome to Incarnation.

The Church of the Incarnation is an inclusive community of faith following Jesus Christ as a parish of the Episcopal Church. We are a downtown urban church, committed to carrying out Christ's charge to love one another through service, worship and prayer.

The Episcopal Church is part of the global Anglican Communion. Our tradition brings together the gifts of the Catholic and Protestant ways of being Christian. Our worship is grounded in ancient liturgical practices, and we emphasize the priesthood of all believers and the inclusive message of God's Good News to all. If you'd like to learn more about Incarnation or the Episcopal Church, please don't hesitate to be in touch.

You are welcome here, whoever you are, and wherever you are on your spiritual journey.

- The 10:15 service is **livestreamed** on Zoom, Facebook, and YouTube. Please be aware that our worship includes those worshipping from elsewhere and you may be seen or heard by those online.
- **Children** of all ages are always welcome in "big church." Many of our families with children like to sit up front to have the best view of everything that's going on. Kids' activity bags are available from the ushers. There is no Children's Chapel today for Discovery Sunday. For young children, professionally staffed childcare is available in our nursery, located off the central quad.
- **Restrooms** are available in Farlander Hall (outside the left side chapel exit; ask an usher for help finding the way).
- Earpieces for **hearing assistance** are available from the ushers. You may also turn on the T-coil on your own hearing aid.
- An **outdoor seating area** with a livestream of the service is available in the central courtyard (or in Farlander Hall in case of wet weather). Communion will be brought to those outside.
- Please join us for **refreshments** after the service in Farlander Hall.

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Our Discovery Sunday services are times when our 10:15 service is designed for people of all ages to worship together in an accessible way. Our team (Melissa Moholt-Siebert, Robin O'Brien, Rebecca Kendall, and Stephen Shaver) is learning as we go, so please share your experience of today's liturgy with us.

Our service today was designed according to the *Order for Eucharist* on p. 400 of the Prayer Book, with permission from Bishop Megan Traquair. While the texts of the prayers come from various sources, the shape of our worship is familiar: we gather; we hear God's word in scripture; we pray for ourselves, others, and the world; we share the holy meal of Communion; and we are sent forth to love and serve.

THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude: *Schafe können sicher weiden "Sheep may safely graze"* Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

Entrance Hymn: *Christ for the world we sing*

Hymnal, 537

1 Christ for the world we sing! The world to
2 Christ for the world we sing! The world to
3 Christ for the world we sing! The world to
4 Christ for the world we sing! The world to

Christ we bring with lov - ing zeal; the poor, and
Christ we bring with fer - vent prayer; the way - ward
Christ we bring with one ac - cord; with us the
Christ we bring with joy - ful song; the new - born

them that mourn, the faint and o - ver - borne,
and the lost, by rest - less pas - sions tossed,
work to share, with us re - proach to dare,
souls, whose days, re - claimed from er - ror's ways,

sin - sick and sor - row - worn, whom Christ doth heal.
re - deemed at count - less cost from dark de - spair.
with us the cross to bear, for Christ our Lord.
in - spired with hope and praise, to Christ be - long.

Presider Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.
People **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

The Collect of the Day

Book of Common Prayer, pp. 211-246

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

A Collect (pronounced CALL-lect) is a kind of prayer that “collects up” the prayers of the whole community.

The Book of Common Prayer appoints a special Collect for every Sunday and feast day in the church year.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The People sit.

First Reading: 1 Timothy 1:12-17

Contemporary English Version

A reading from the First Letter of Paul to Timothy.

I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me the strength for my work because he knew he could trust me. I used to say terrible and insulting things about him, and I was cruel. But Christ had mercy on me because I didn't know what I was doing, and I had not yet put my faith in him. Christ Jesus our Lord treated me with undeserved grace and has greatly blessed my life with faith and love just like his own.

This reading is called an Epistle. The epistles were written to different groups of Christians in the early church to tell them how to live as faithful members of the church. This one we believe was written by the apostle Paul to Timothy, a young leader in the church.

“Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.” This saying is true, and it can be trusted. I was the worst sinner of all! But since I was worse than anyone else, God had mercy on me and let me be an example of the endless patience of Christ Jesus. He did this so that others would put their faith in Christ and have eternal life. I pray that honor and glory will always be given to the only God, who lives forever and is the invisible and eternal King! Amen.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Song: *Alabaré*

Text and tune: Manuel José Alonso, José Pagán

Led by Robin O'Brien

All sing the chorus: **Alabaré, alabaré, alabaré a mi Señor!**

[I will praise, I will praise, I will praise my Lord!]

A cantor sings the verses:

1. John had a vision of those redeemed by Jesus, and all were praising God with one accord; thousands were praying, thousands were singing, but all were joined in praises to the Lord.
2. One in our praising, with joyful hearts and voices, we glorify the Lord who reigns above: Praise to the Father, praise to Christ Jesus, and praise to God the Spirit, bond of love.
3. We are your children, O God, eternal Father. You guide us and protect us all our days. With all creation, in jubilation, we honor you with songs of endless praise.

The Gospel: Luke 15:1-10

Contemporary English Version

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Luke.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Tax collectors and sinners were all crowding around to listen to Jesus. So the Pharisees and the teachers of the Law of Moses started grumbling, "This man is friendly with sinners. He even eats with them." Then Jesus told them this story: "If any of you has one hundred sheep, and one of them gets lost, what will you do? Won't you leave the ninety-nine in the field and go look for the lost sheep until you find it? And when you find it, you will be so glad that you will put it on your shoulder and carry it home. Then you will call in your friends and neighbors and say, 'Let's celebrate! I've found my lost sheep.'" Jesus said, "In the same way there is more happiness in heaven because of one sinner who turns to God than over ninety-nine good people who don't need to."

The Gospels are the stories of Jesus' life. After he was raised from the dead, his friends wrote down their memories of all the things he had said and done while he was with them here.

Jesus told the people another story: "What will a woman do if she has ten silver coins and loses one of them? Won't she light a lamp, sweep the floor, and look carefully until she finds it? Then she will call in her friends and neighbors and say, 'Let's celebrate! I've found the coin I lost.'" Jesus said, "In the same way God's angels are happy when even one person turns to him."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

After the Gospel, repeat the chorus: **Alabaré, alabaré, alabaré a mi Señor!**

[I will praise, I will praise, I will praise my Lord!]

The Sermon

The Prayers of the People

Deacon/Priest In awe of creation, and with hope, we offer our prayers, responding, “Hear our prayer.”

After each petition, the People respond: **Hear our prayer.**

The presiding priest adds a concluding collect. The people respond: **Amen.**

The Peace

Presider The peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Welcome, Announcements, and Thanksgivings

Hymn after the Thanksgivings: *How great thou art*

Lift Every Voice and Sing II, 60 (v. 1)

O Lord my God, when I in awe - some won - der Con - sid - er

all the worlds thy hands have made, I see the stars, I hear the roll - ing

thun - der, Thy pow'r through - out the u - ni - verse dis - played._____

Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior, God, to Thee:_____ How great Thou

art,_____ how great Thou art!_____ Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior, God, to

Thee:_____ How great Thou art,_____ how great Thou art!_____

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

The Presider begins the Offertory with a sentence from scripture.

During the Offertory, the ushers take a collection. Then the bread and wine for Holy Communion are brought forward, together with the people's offerings of money for the church's work.

Children, and any others who wish, are invited to come forward to gather around the altar table.

Offertory Song: *O burning mountain* Composed and led by Robin O'Brien;

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words by Mechthild of Magdeburg (13th cent.)

Refrain: **O Burning Mountain, O, chosen Sun, O, perfect Moon, O fathomless Well.**
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Cantor: O unattainable Height, O Clearness beyond measure,
O Wisdom without end, O Mercy without limit ... (*All repeat the Refrain*)

Cantor: O Strength beyond resistance, O Crown beyond all majesty,
The humblest thing you created sings, sings, sings your praise! *(All repeat the Refrain)*

The Great Thanksgiving *Eucharistic Prayer 5, Anglican Church of Canada, adapted*

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Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

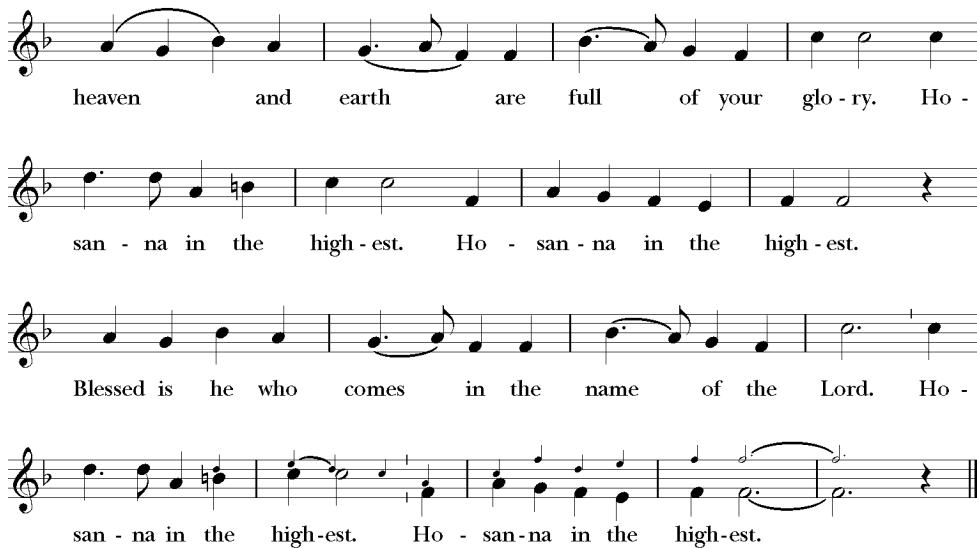
People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

We give you thanks and praise, almighty God, for the gift of a world full of wonder, and for our life which comes from you. By your power you sustain the universe. And so we shout with joy:

Glory to you for ever and ever.

You created us to love you with all our heart, and to love each other as ourselves, but we rebel against you by the evil that we do. In Jesus, your beloved Child, you bring healing to our world and gather us into one great family. Therefore, with all who serve you on earth and in heaven, we praise your wonderful name, as we sing,





We give you thanks and praise, loving God, because in sending Jesus to us you showed us how much you love us. He cares for the poor and the hungry. He suffers with the sick and the rejected. Betrayed and forsaken, he did not strike back but overcame hatred with love. On the cross he defeated the power of sin and death. By raising him from the dead you show us the power of your love to bring new life to all your people. And so we shout with joy:

Glory to you for ever and ever.

On the night before he died for us, our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." We do this now in remembrance of Jesus, and so we shout with joy:

Glory to you for ever and ever.

Remembering now the suffering and death and proclaiming the resurrection and ascension of Jesus our Redeemer, we bring you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of Christ. Send your Holy Spirit also on us, that we may know the presence of Jesus in the breaking of bread, and share in the life of the family of your children.

God, you call us to be not only your servants but also your friends; fill us with the courage and love of Jesus, that all the world may gather in joy at the table of your kingdom. We sing your praise, all-holy God, through Jesus our Savior, in the power of the Holy Spirit. And so we shout with joy:

Glory to you for ever and ever.

AMEN.

The Lord's Prayer

Presider And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

**Our Father,
who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.**

**And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

The presider breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Then the following is sung as the Bread and Wine are prepared for distribution

The musical score is written for a two-part setting, likely for a choir or solo voices. It consists of three systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are in English and are printed below the notes. The first system covers the first line of the prayer, the second system covers the second line, and the third system covers the third line. The music is simple and hymn-like, with a focus on the lyrics.

Fa - ther, we thank thee who hast plant - ed thy ho - ly Name with -

in our hearts. Know - ledge and faith and life im - mor - tal Je - sus thy

Son to us im - parts. Thou, Lord, didst make all for thy plea - sure,

didst give us food for all our days, giv - ing in Christ the

Bread e - ter - nal; thine is the power, be thine the praise.

Please join us at the altar rail for Holy Communion or for a blessing.

If you are not able to come forward, please let an usher know and the Communion ministers will come to you.

To receive Communion, hold out your hands to receive the Bread.

Gluten-free wafers are available on request (just say "Gluten-free").

To receive a blessing instead of Communion, you may cross your arms over your chest as the minister comes to you.

*You may receive the Wine from the common cup or may choose not to receive it
(again, simply cross your arms over your chest as the minister comes to you).*

*In the interest of public health, we do not practice intinction, that is, the dipping of the Bread into the Wine.
The Church's faith is that Christ's Body and Blood are truly received in only one of the elements or in both.*

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. **Amen.**

The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. **Amen.**

Communion Song: *La Luz*

Composed by Jean Farmer; led by Robin O'Brien

Robin introduces the song, and all join in as it becomes familiar:

Veo la Luz de Christo en ti y en mí.

[I see the Light of Christ in you and in me.]

Communion Hymn: *Let us break bread together on our knees*

Hymnal, 325



1 Let us break bread to - geth-er on our knees; _____
2 Let us drink wine to - geth-er on our knees; _____



let us break bread to - geth-er on our knees; _____
let us drink wine to - geth-er on our knees; _____



Refrain

when I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing sun,



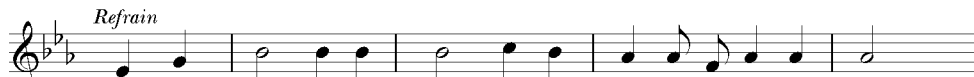
O Lord, have mer-cy on me. _____



3 Let us praise God to - geth-er on our knees; _____



let us praise God to - geth-er on our knees; _____



Refrain

when I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing sun,



O Lord, have mer-cy on me. _____

Prayer after Communion

Presider Let us pray, saying, “We thank you, God.”

For this gift of Holy Communion: **We thank you, God.**

For your love which surrounds us wherever we go: **We thank you, God.**

For your invitation to be your helpers and friends: **We thank you, God.**

For the people around us whom you give us to love and serve: **We thank you, God.**

For the plants, the animals, and the whole world you have made: **We thank you, God.**

As you send us out from this place in peace: **We thank you, God.**

SENDING GOD’S PEOPLE OUT IN MINISTRY

If Eucharistic Visitors are to be sent to those unable to attend the Sunday Eucharist, the Deacon or Priest says to them

*[N. and N.]*, in the name of Christ and of this congregation, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that _*[N. and N.]*_, to whom you go, may share with us in the communion of Christ’s Body and Blood.

People **We who are many are one Body, because we all share one Bread, one Cup.**

Blessing

*The priest gives a blessing. The people respond: **Amen.***

Closing Hymn: *Savior, like a shepherd lead us*

Hymnal, 708

1 Sa - vior, like a shep - herd lead us; much we need thy
2 Ear - ly let us seek thy fa - vor, ear - ly let us

ten - der care; in thy plea - sant pas - tures feed us;
learn thy will; do thou, Lord, our on - ly Sa - vior,

for our use thy folds pre - pare. Bless - ed Je - sus!
with thy love our bos - oms fill. Bless - ed Je - sus!

Bless - ed Je - sus! Thou hast bought us, thine we are.
Bless - ed Je - sus! Thou hast loved us: love us still.

Dismissal

The People respond: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude: *Clair de Lune*

Claude Debussy (1862-1918)

NEWS IN BRIEF ...

A few highlights from this week's *News & Notes*, our weekly email newsletter:

- Tomorrow, September 15, is the **Feast of the Holy Cross**. We'll celebrate a simple Holy Eucharist at 12:00 p.m. in the Church. All are welcome.
- This Tuesday, September 16, join Incarnation's Becoming Beloved Community team for a special catered **dinner and panel conversation for Hispanic Heritage Month** featuring leaders from the Roseland Library and Latino Service Providers. RSVP at tinyurl.com/incsrHHM2025.
- On Saturday, September 20, all those serving or interested in serving as acolytes, readers, or Eucharistic Ministers are asked to attend our annual **Liturgical Ministers' Gathering**. 8:30-11:00 a.m. in the Church.
- Please mark your calendars for a **parish lunch and Town Hall** Sunday, September 28, 12:00-1:30 p.m., in Farlander Hall, as we kick off our fall pledge campaign. We'll eat together, celebrate our parish's life, learn about how our finances work, reflect together about how money fits into our spiritual lives, and have some fun along the way.

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Guitarist/Songleader Robin O'Brien
Director of Music Jun Kim
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Today's Altar Guild

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Fraction Anthem ("Father, we thank thee who hast planted"): Hymnal 1982, 302. Words: Greek, ca. 110; tr. F. Bland Tucker (1895-1984), rev. Music: *Rendez à Dieu*, melody and harm. att. Louis Bourgeois (1510?-1561?). Copyright: Words: © The Church Pension Fund.

Communion Hymn: Hymnal 1982, 325. Words: African-American spiritual. Music: *Let Us Break Bread*, Afro-American spiritual; arr. and harm. David Hurd (b. 1950).

Closing Hymn: Hymnal 1982, 708. Words: Hymns for the Young, ca. 1830, alt. Music: Sicilian Mariners, Sicilian melody, from *The European Magazine and London Review*, 1792.