GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH
NEW LENOX, IL

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Discovery Service

We gather at the back of the church and grab instruments so we can march in together. If you would not like to march, take a seat in a pew and stand when the singing starts.

Entrance Hymn *We sing and come together* *Siyahamba*

We are marching in the light of Christ. We are marching in the light of Christ.
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We are marching. We are marching. We are marching in the light of Christ.

Opening Acclamation *The priest welcomes us*

Priest In the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
People **Amen.**

Teaching Moment *We learn something new*

We all sit down. The priest teaches us about something that happens during our service.

Hymn of Praise *We stand and remind ourselves how awesome God is* *The Doxology (H480 v.3)*

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow
Praise Him all creatures here below
Praise Him above, you heavenly host
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen!

The Collect of the Day *We get ready to hear the Gospel*

Priest The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Priest Let us pray.

The priest says a special prayer of the day called a collect. It gives us a clue to what the Gospel story will be about. At the end of the prayer, we all say **Amen.**

Alleluia We sing to celebrate that we are about to read the Gospel

The Gospel *We read a story about Jesus*

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to _____.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

The priest will read a story from the Bible about Jesus. Listen closely and be ready to ask any questions you have about the story.

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon *We learn more about the story*

Everyone sits down, either in their pews or on the floor in the front of the church. The priest will explain the story we just heard and ask some questions about it. Anyone can speak up or ask questions during this time, just be sure to raise your hand first!

Prayers of the People *We pray for everyone near and far*

We all stand and pray together. Each of the 6 prayers is handed to a different person. They will come to the front pew to read. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

The Peace We all say hello to each other

Priest The peace of Christ be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

Everyone is invited to shake hands, high five, hug or flash a peace sign with each other to show that everyone who gathers in the church is one community of friends.

Announcements We learn what's happening in our church

Then we sit down and listen to announcements about things that are happening at the church and in our community.

The Offertory We offer our gifts to God *This Little Light of Mine*

An usher will come around with a basket to collect money donated to the church and prayer cards that people have filled out. A few people will go to the back of the church and help bring the bread, juice, and collection basket to the altar while the priest sets the table. While all of this happens, we sing.

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine,
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!

The Holy Communion

Everyone stands and gathers around the altar at the front of the church. You can also stay in your pew if you would prefer.

The Great Thanksgiving We give thanks before we eat

Priest	The Lord be with you.
People	**And also with you.**
Priest	Lift up your hearts.
People	**We lift them to the Lord.**
Priest	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People	**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

The priest gives thanks for everything God has made. Then we are all invited to say the words to a song that everyone in singing in heaven.

Sanctus We sing a song about God with all of the angels and saints in heaven (S130)

Priest

And so we join our voices with those angel voices, who even now are singing with the saints—

Priest and People

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might
heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

The priest tells the story of why we share this meal each Sunday.

And together we all say: **Amen!**

The Lord's Prayer We pray the prayer Jesus taught his followers

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

Priest and People

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 Breaking of the Bread The priest breaks the bread to remind us Jesus loved us and died for us

Priest These are the gifts of God.
People **And we are the people of God.**

Everyone is invited to come forward to share Communion. The priest will offer you a piece of bread and say “The Body of Christ, the Bread of Heaven.” You say back “Amen.” Then another person will offer you a cup of juice and say “The Blood of Christ, the Cup of Salvation.” You say “Amen.”

If you don’t want to take the bread and wine, cross your arms over your chest and the priest will bless you to remind you that God is with you. Then you can return to your pew and sit until everyone else has received the bread and juice.

Post-Communion Prayer We thank God and ask for God to be with us when we leave the church

Everyone stands to pray together.

Priest: Let us pray.

Priest and People:

Thank you God for giving us Jesus and thank you Jesus for being our food. When we leave this church, help us to be kind, help us to do the right thing, and help us to show your love to everyone we meet. Amen.

The Blessing The priest reminds us one more time that God is with us

Closing Hymn We sing as we get ready to leave *Go Now in Peace*

Go now in peace. Go now in peace.
May the love of God surround you
Everywhere, everywhere
You may go.

The Dismissal We are sent out into the world

Priest Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Welcome to Grace!

Welcome to our Discovery Service at Grace Episcopal Church! Children are always welcome at our services, but the second Sunday of each month we offer this special service to help teach our youngest parishioners about the Bible, Jesus, and what we do here on Sundays. We encourage people of every age to participate by joining in our prayers, singing along, and asking questions.

We hope you will come back and join us for our other Sunday services. We have a quiet, sensory friendly service at 8:00am and our larger service with music at 10:30am. Following that service, you are welcome to join us at coffee hour for snacks and conversation. During the school year, we also always have Sunday School at 9:30am, where we read stories, play games, make crafts, and learn about our faith together. Looking forward to seeing you there!

The Eucharistic Prayer we use at this service is adapted from the Little Chapel Eucharistic Prayer Copyright E. J. García 2024.