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Written by Stephen Cottrell, Steven Croft, Paula Gooder, Robert Atwell, and Sharon Ely Pearson.
Leader guide foreword by Michael B. Curry, Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church.

Pilgrim is a teaching and discipleship resource for the Episcopal Church that helps inquirers and new Christians explore what it means to travel through life with Christ. Pilgrim offers an approach of participation, not persuasion. The courses follow the practice of the ancient disciplines of biblical reflection and prayer, with quotes from the Christian tradition throughout the ages.

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written by Leslie Choplín, Jenny Beaumont, and Abbi Long
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—The Most Reverend Michael Bruce Curry, 27th Presiding Bishop and Primate, The Episcopal Church

*The Pilgrim program is an exciting and highly accessible set of educational resources for Episcopali ans and other Christians, wherever they are in their spiritual journey. Church leaders, take note, these helpful courses are well worth using in your congregations.*

—The Rev. Canon C. K. Robertson, Ph.D.
Canon to the Presiding Bishop for Ministry Beyond The Episcopal Church

Pilgrim is a 21st century resource for those who are considering becoming Episcopali ans or for Episcopali ans deepening their commitment to God and to The Episcopal Church and is an exceptional comprehensive study. The Pilgrim series Leader’s Guide is clear in explaining the how-to’s as well as the nuances of leading a group. I highly recommend the Pilgrim Series for adult confirmation/journey classes, or for anyone seeking to better understand what we, as Episcopalians, believe.

—Deborah Bell Rodahaffer, Past President of FORMA, member of the Commission on Ministry in the Episcopal Diocese of Kentucky, and retired Director of Christian Formation, St. Matthew’s Episcopal Church, Louisville, KY.

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Also see My Faith, My Life, featured on page 13.

FOR COMMUNION
This Bread and This Cup
Episcopal Communion Instruction for Children
By MARY LEE WILE
This resource brings greater understanding and meaning to Holy Communion. The program includes solid information, current theological perspectives and practices, and a brief history of children at the Eucharist. Sessions are flexible and user-friendly.

FOR BAPTISM
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*Eboo Patel on Coming Together to Change the World*

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