



Service of Holy Eucharist
St. Mark's Episcopal Church
*Worshipping at First Church of Christ, Scientist, 500 Richmond Pl NE,
during St. Mark's building renovation project.*

Thursday, September 17, 2026, 11:00 a.m.



Hildegard of Bingen: Mystic and Scholar, 1179

Opening Hymn (*Please see separate lyrics sheet*): O Holy Spirit, Root of Light,
set to the tune of "Puer Nobis"

The Holy Eucharist: Rite II (*Book of Common Prayer*, red book, p. 355)

The Collect of the Day

God of all times and seasons: Give us grace that we, after the example of your servant Hildegard, may both know and make known the joy and jubilation of being part of your creation, and show forth your glory in the world; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The First Lesson: Ecclesiasticus 43:1-12

Psalm 8 (*BCP*, p. 592)

The Gospel: John 3:16-21

Homily: Tamara Coombs

Prayers of the People (*BCP*, page to be announced)

Confession of Sin (*BCP*, p. 360)

The Peace

Offertory Hymn: #7 Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies (*Hymnal* 1982, blue book)

The Holy Communion: Eucharistic Prayer B (*BCP*, p. 367)

Post Communion Prayer (*BCP*, p. 365)

Closing Hymn: #390 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty (*Hymnal* 1982, blue book)

The First Lesson: Ecclesiasticus 43:1-12

A Reading from the Book of Ecclesiasticus.

The pride of the higher realms is the clear vault of the sky,
as glorious to behold as the sight of the heavens.

The sun, when it appears, proclaims as it rises
what a marvelous instrument it is, the work of the Most High.

(over)

At noon it parches the land,
and who can withstand its burning heat?
A man tending a furnace works in burning heat,
but three times as hot is the sun scorching the mountains;

it breathes out fiery vapours,
and its bright rays blind the eyes.
Great is the Lord who made it;
at his orders it hurries on its course.

It is the moon that marks the changing seasons,
governing the times, their everlasting sign.
From the moon comes the sign for festal days,
a light that wanes when it completes its course.
The new moon, as its name suggests, renews itself;
how marvellous it is in this change,
a beacon to the hosts on high,
shining in the vault of the heavens!

The glory of the stars is the beauty of heaven,
a glittering array in the heights of the Lord.
On the orders of the Holy One they stand in their appointed places;
they never relax in their watches.
Look at the rainbow, and praise him who made it;
it is exceedingly beautiful in its brightness.
It encircles the sky with its glorious arc;
the hands of the Most High have stretched it out.

Reader: Here ends the reading.

The Gospel: John 3:16-21

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

***People:* Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. "Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God."

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord.

***People:* Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Opening Hymn

Lyrics to O Holy Spirit Root of Life

As sung to the tune Puer Nobis

O Holy Spirit, root of life,
Creator, cleanser of all things,

anoint our wounds, awaken us
with lustrous movement of your wings.

Eternal vigor, Saving One,
You free us by your living Word,
becoming flesh to wear our pain,
and all creation is restored.

O Holy Wisdom, soaring pow'r,
encompass us with wings unfurled,
and carry us, encircling all,
above, below, and through the world.