



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, August 20, 2026, 11:00 a.m.



Bernard of Clairvaux: Monastic and Theologian, 1153

Opening Hymn: #660 O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee (*Hymnal* 1982, blue book)

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

The Collect of the Day

O God, by whose grace your servant Bernard of Clairvaux, kindled with the flame of your love, became a burning and a shining light in your church: Grant that we also may be aflame with the spirit of love and discipline and walk before you as children of light; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The First Lesson: Song of Songs 1:1-8

Psalm 139:1-9 (*BCP*, p. 794)

The Gospel: Mark 10:23-31

Homily: Karen Pound

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

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

The Peace

Offertory Hymn: #699 Jesus, Lover of My Soul (*Hymnal* 1982, blue book)

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

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

Closing Hymn: #376 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee (*Hymnal* 1982, blue book)

The First Lesson: Song of Songs 1:1-8

A Reading from the Song of Songs

Let him kiss me with the kisses of his mouth!

For your love is better than wine,

your anointing oils are fragrant,

your name is perfume poured out;

therefore the maidens love you.

Draw me after you, let us make haste.

The king has brought me into his chambers.

We will exult and rejoice in you;

we will extol your love more than wine;

rightly do they love you.

(over)

I am black and beautiful,
O daughters of Jerusalem,
like the tents of Kedar,
like the curtains of Solomon.
Do not gaze at me because I am dark,
because the sun has gazed on me.
My mother's sons were angry with me;
they made me keeper of the vineyards,
but my own vineyard I have not kept!
Tell me, you whom my soul loves,
where you pasture your flock,
where you make it lie down at noon;
for why should I be like one who is veiled
beside the flocks of your companions?
If you do not know,
O fairest among women,
follow the tracks of the flock,
and pasture your kids
beside the shepherds' tents.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

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

The Gospel: Mark 10:23-31

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

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

Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." They were greatly astounded and said to one another, "Then who can be saved?" Jesus looked at them and said, "For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible."

Peter began to say to him, "Look, we have left everything and followed you." Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first."

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord.

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