



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, October 8, 2026, 11:00 a.m.



Francis of Assisi: Friar and Deacon, 1226

Opening Hymn #405 All Things Bright and Beautiful (*Hymnal* 1982, blue book)

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

The Collect of the Day

Most high, omnipotent, good Lord, grant your people grace to renounce gladly the vanities of this world; that, following the way of blessed Francis, we may, for love of you, delight in your whole creation with perfectness of joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The First Lesson: Acts 4:32-35, 5:1-11

Psalm 121 (*BCP*, p. 779)

The Gospel: Luke 12:13-21

Homily: Charlie Blocher

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

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

The Peace

Offertory Hymn: #593 Lord, Make Us Servants of Your Peace (*Hymnal* 1982, blue book)

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

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

Closing Hymn: #400 All Creatures of Our God and King (*Hymnal* 1982, blue book)

Sing verses 1 and 4-7

The First Lesson: Acts 4:32-35, 5:1-11

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

The whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

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But a man named Ananias, with the consent of his wife Sapphira, sold a piece of property; with his wife's knowledge, he kept back some of the proceeds, and brought only a part and laid it at the apostles' feet. "Ananias," Peter asked, "why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and to keep back part of the proceeds of the land? While it remained unsold, did it not remain your own? And after it was sold, were not the proceeds at your disposal? How is it that you have contrived this deed in your heart? You did not lie to us but to God!" Now when Ananias heard these words, he fell down and died. And great fear seized all who heard of it. The young men came and wrapped up his body, then carried him out and buried him.

After an interval of about three hours his wife came in, not knowing what had happened. Peter said to her, "Tell me whether you and your husband sold the land for such and such a price." And she said, "Yes, that was the price." Then Peter said to her, "How is it that you have agreed together to put the Spirit of the Lord to the test? Look, the feet of those who have buried your husband are at the door, and they will carry you out." Immediately she fell down at his feet and died. When the young men came in they found her dead, so they carried her out and buried her beside her husband. And great fear seized the whole church and all who heard of these things.

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

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

The Gospel: Luke 12:13-21

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

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

Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

