

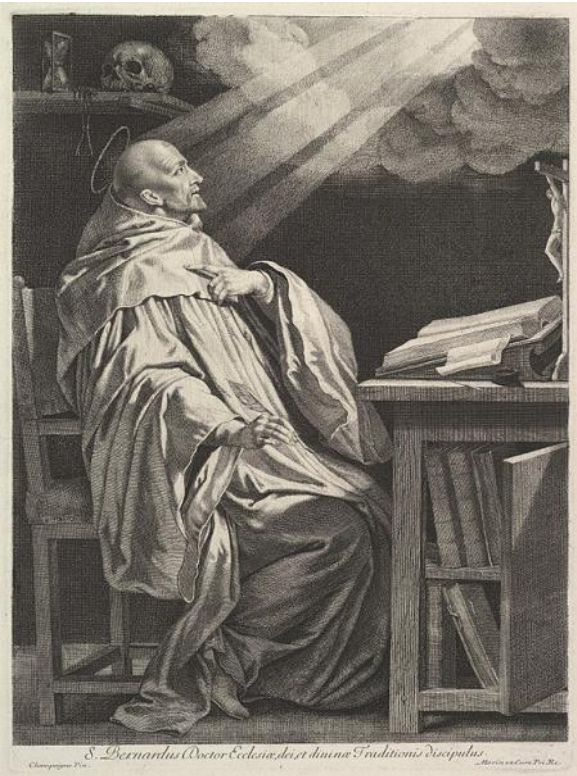
St. Stephen's Episcopal Church

The Season After PENTECOST

Saint Stephen's welcomes everyone who wishes to follow Christ, worship together, grow in faith and share God's love through service to others.

FEAST OF BERNARD OF CLAIRVAUX

Wednesday 21 Aug 2024 9:30 AM



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Bernard of Clairvaux, O. Cist. (Latin: *Bernardus Claraevallensis*; 1090 – 20 August 1153), venerated as **Saint Bernard**, was an [abbot](#), [mystic](#), co-founder of the [Knights Templar](#),^[a] and a major leader in the reformation of the [Benedictine Order](#) through the nascent [Cistercian Order](#).

He was sent to found [Clairvaux Abbey](#) at an isolated clearing in a glen known as the *Val d'Absinthe*, about 15 kilometres (9 mi) southeast of [Bar-sur-Aube](#). In the year 1128, Bernard attended the [Council of Troyes](#), at which he traced the outlines of the Rule of the Knights Templar, which soon became an ideal of Christian nobility.

On the death of [Pope Honorius II](#) in 1130, a schism arose in the church. Bernard was a major proponent of [Pope Innocent II](#), arguing effectively for his legitimacy

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Welcome and Announcements

Rev Allison Cornell

Entrance Rites *The people stand as they are able.*

Opening Acclamation:

Presider Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Presider & People:

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Gloria: *Hymnal 1982 #390 Praise to the Lord vs 1 & 4*

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| <p>1. Praise to the Lord, the Almighty
The king of creation
O my soul praise him
For he is thy health and salvation
Join the great throng
Psaltery organ and song
Sounding in glad adoration</p> | <p>4. Praise to the Lord O let all that
is in me adore him
All that hath life and breath
come now with praises before him
Let the amen
sound from his people again
Gladly forever adore him.</p> |
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The Collect:

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

All: 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 for ever. Amen.

The Word of God —*(Please be seated for the reading of the lessons)*

First Lesson: Song of Songs 1:1-8

The Song of Songs, which is
Solomon's.

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.

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 The Word of the Lord

People Thanks be to God

Psalm 139: 1-9:

- 1 Lord, you have searched me out
and known me; *
you know my sitting down and
my rising up;
you discern my thoughts from
afar.**
- 2 You trace my journeys and my
resting-places *
and are acquainted with all my
ways.**
- 3 Indeed, there is not a word on my
lips, ***

**but you, O Lord, know it
altogether.**

- 4 You press upon me behind and
before *
and lay your hand upon me.**
- 5 Such knowledge is too wonderful
for me; *
it is so high that I cannot attain
to it.**
- 6 Where can I go then from your
Spirit? *
where can I flee from your
presence?**

**7 If I climb up to heaven, you are there; *
if I make the grave my bed, you are there also.**
**8 If I take the wings of the morning *
and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,**
**9 Even there your hand will lead me *
and your right hand hold me fast.**

Second Lesson: Jude 1-3:

Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil. So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Reader The Word of the Lord

People Thanks be to God

Gospel Lesson:

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to
Mark (10:23-31)

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.”

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord. **People**

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

SERMON

Nicene Creed (*Traditional*)

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People: Form VI— *The Leader and People pray responsively*

Leader: In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

For all people in their daily life and work;

People: For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

Leader: For reconciliation with Native American people

People: For healing and justice with all who share this land.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Michael, our Presiding Bishop, and Jennifer, our Bishop; and for all bishops and other ministers;

For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

(The People may add their own petitions, aloud or silently)

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

(The People may add their own thanksgivings, aloud or silently)

We will exalt you, O God our King;

And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom. *(people remember those who have died)*

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for *The Diocese of Igbomina West – The Church of Nigeria.*

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for *Harbor Church, in Phoenix..*

We also pray for the first peoples of this land, especially the Apache and Tohono O’Odom peoples who call this area their home.

Lord, bless and keep them.

Deacon: We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

(a short pause)

All: Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Presider: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord, Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

Presider: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

(The people exchange greetings of peace with each other)

Offertory

Presider: Walk in love, as Christ loved us, and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

Doxology #380 vs 3 *(Peoples' offerings are brought to the altar)*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise him all creatures here below

Praise him above ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving - *BCP Rite II Prayer C*

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Presider:

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

People: **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation.

But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

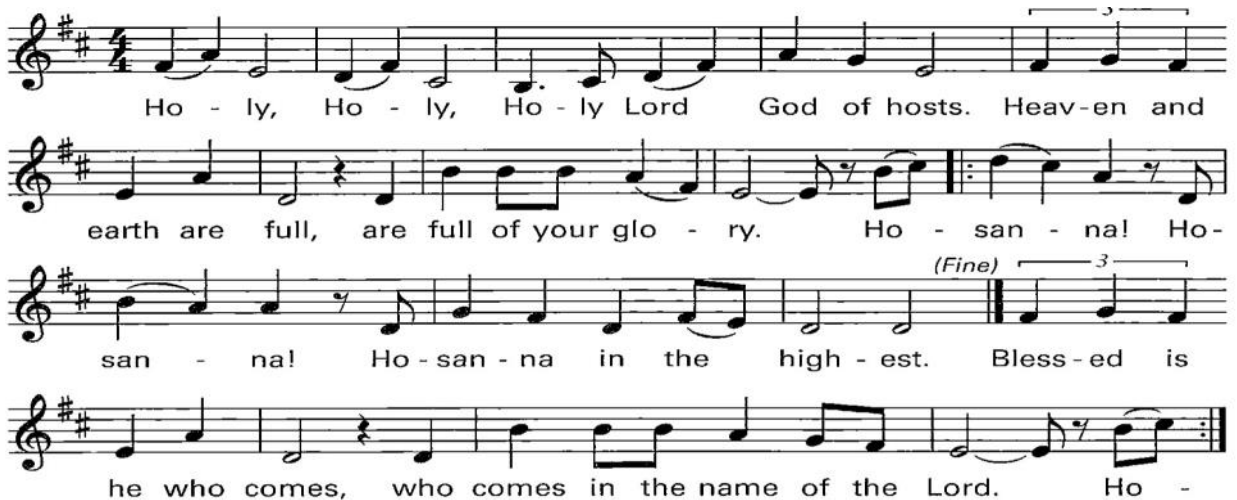
Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Sanctus

Insert JS # 189 Holy Holy Holy



Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts. Heav-en and
earth are full, are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na! Ho -
san - na! Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is
he who comes, who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -

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The Presider continues

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit (+) to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving:

We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

Lord God of our Fathers: God of Sarah and Abraham, Rebekah and Isaac, Rachel and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **AMEN.**

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

Lord's Prayer: (Traditional)

**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

Fraction Anthem Insert JS #194 Lamb of God



*Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the



1... Final
world, have mer-cy on us. world, grant us peace.

Invitation to Communion:

Presider: The gifts of God for the people of God.

(All are invited and welcome to come forward and receive communion in this church. The bread is gluten free and it is real wine. To intinct/dip your bread into the wine, please go to the left communion rail. To drink a sip from the cup of wine, please go to the right communion rail. If you do not wish to receive the bread and wine, you may choose either rail and then cross your arms over your chest and receive a blessing instead.)

Birthdays, Anniversaries, Healing Prayer, Travelers, Gratitude Sharing

Post Communion Prayer *The people stand as they are able.*

Presider Let us Pray

All: Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Benediction/Blessing:

Presider: May the peace which surpasses all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. And the blessing of God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you now and always. **Amen.**

Dismissal:

Deacon: People of St. Stephen's, what does God call us to do?

People: We are called to love and serve.

Deacon: *Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in God's Spirit.*

Alleluia! Alleluia!

People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia, (Alleluia!)**

Continued from front:
over the [Antipope Anacletus II](#).

The eloquent abbot advocated crusades in general and convinced many to participate in the unsuccessful [Second Crusade](#), notably through a famous sermon at [Vézelay \(1146\)](#).

Bernard was [canonized](#) just 21 years after his death by [Pope Alexander III](#). In 1830 [Pope Pius VIII](#) declared him a [Doctor of the Church](#).

Early life (1090–1113)

Bernard's parents were [Tescelin de Fontaine](#), lord of [Fontaine-lès-Dijon](#), and [Alèthe de Montbard](#) ^[fr], both members of the highest nobility of [Burgundy](#). Bernard was the third of seven children, six of whom were sons. Aged nine, he was sent to a school at [Châtillon-sur-Seine](#) run by the [secular canons](#) of Saint-Vorles. Bernard had an interest in literature and rhetoric. He had a special devotion to the [Virgin Mary](#), and he later wrote several works about the [Queen of Heaven](#).^[3]

The Vision of St Bernard, by [Fra Bartolommeo](#), c. 1504 ([Uffizi](#))

Bernard emphasized the value of personal, experiential friendship with Christ and placed new emphasis on the Virgin Mary. In opposition to the rational approach to divine understanding used by the [scholastics](#), Bernard preached an immediate faith, in which the best intercessor was the Virgin Mary.

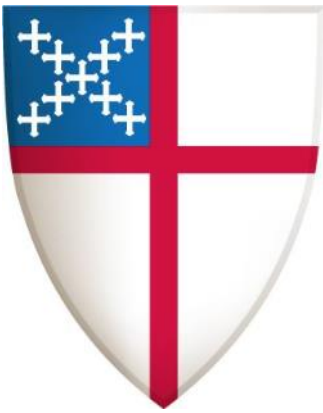
Bernard's mother died when he was a youth. During his education with priests, he often thought of becoming one. In 1098, a group led by [Robert of Molesme](#) had founded [Cîteaux Abbey](#), near [Dijon](#), with the purpose of living according to a literal interpretation of the [Rule of St Benedict](#). They established new administrative structures among their monasteries, effectively creating a new order, known, after the first abbey, as the [Order of Cistercians](#).^[4] After his mother died, Bernard decided to go to Cîteaux. In 1113 he and thirty other young noblemen of Burgundy sought admission into the new monastery.^[5] Bernard's example was so convincing that scores (among them his siblings and other relatives) followed him into the monastic life.^[6]

Abbot of Clairvaux (1115–28)

The little community of reformed [Benedictines](#) at [Cîteaux](#) grew rapidly. Three years after entering, Bernard was sent with a group of twelve monks to found a new house at Vallée d'Absinthe, in the [Diocese of Langres](#). This Bernard named *Claire Vallée*, or *Clairvaux*, on 25 June 1115, and the names of Bernard and Clairvaux soon became inseparable. During the absence of the [Bishop of Langres](#), Bernard was blessed as [abbot](#) by [William of Champeaux](#), [Bishop of Châlons-sur-Marne](#). From then on a strong friendship grew between the abbot and the bishop, who was professor of theology at [Notre Dame of Paris](#) and the founder of [St. Victor Abbey in Paris](#).^[3]

The beginnings of [Clairvaux Abbey](#) were austere; Bernard soon became ill. Nonetheless, candidates for the monastic life flocked to it in great numbers. Even his father and all his brothers entered Cîteaux, leaving only [Humbeline](#), his sister, in the secular world. She, with the consent of her husband, later took the veil in the [Benedictine nunnery](#) of [Jully-les-Nonnains](#). [Gerard of Clairvaux](#), Bernard's older brother, became the [cellarer](#) of Cîteaux. Clairvaux soon started founding new communities.^[7] In 1118 [Trois-Fontaines Abbey](#) was founded in the [diocese of Châlons](#); in 1119 [Fontenay Abbey](#) in the [Diocese of Autun](#); and in 1121 [Foigny Abbey](#) near [Vervins](#).

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