

In the Spirit of Hildegard of Bingen



Creation Care at St. Mark & St. Paul

Ecologically Sound Practices

THE HILDEGARD GUILD

Our Inspiration

The Hildegard Guild has taken Hildegard of Bingen as a guide as we work towards creating a community that is mindful of the ties we hold between our spiritual work and our earthly presence at this site and in this community.

Hildegard (1098-1179) was a nun in Medieval Europe. Finding the church hierarchy of her day to be spiritually dry and antithetical to the promotion of dynamic faith, she had a vision of “Veriditas,” which she defined as the green energy that for her revealed the presence of God. To green people’s experience with God, Hildegard (in the words of theologian Matthew Fox) “carried on her work of preaching and teaching, of organizing and reforming, of establishing monasteries and journeying, of composing, writing, healing, studying, cajoling, and prophesying.”

Why start this group now? We live in a time when leaders are ignoring the needs of the environment and impending climate change catastrophe. Hildegard lived in a similarly repressive era. We envision taking her fierce desire for green fruitfulness to inspire us as we work with God in creation.

Our Daily Prayer

God of all Creation, help us live today in ways that consecrate, protect, and honor the world you have made. Amen.

Spiritual Basis for Creation Care

Robin Gottfried in his new book *Building God's Home: Creation Caring, Spiritual Formation, and the Renewal of the Church* outlines the spiritual basis for Creation Care.

“If Simone Weil is correct that “the soul’s natural inclination to love [B]eauty is the trap God most frequently uses in order to win it and open it to the breath from on high,” we can help people get to know God by setting that trap. When we create as God does, with loving attention under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we serve as co-creators with God to make God visible to parishioners and those around us. Paying attention to how we build and live in our parish, and in our world, is a spiritual imperative because those details proclaim a silent gospel.

Practical Aspects of Creation Care

In order to live out our commitment to God’s creation we have established some new Parish practices and exploring future options.

A. Meals, Coffee Hours, Receptions

We’re working to reduce the use of paper plates, plastic ware, and plastic cups at church events.

B. More eco-conscious purchasing

We are creating new purchasing guidelines to reduce the environmental impact of the products we use in the parish buildings.

C. Core Group

A group of eight people meets prayerfully each month to assess the early recycling efforts, gather environmental information, and make plans for future efforts.

D. Encourage Parishioners to increase home recycling to widen the church based efforts.

What We’re Reading

1. *Resurrection Matters* by Nurya Parish. A succinct guide to the cyclical change processes experienced by churches and ties to projects involving co creation.
2. *Hildegard of Bingen: a Visionary Life* by Sabina Flanagan
3. *Building God's Home: Creation Caring, Spiritual Formation, and the Renewal of the Church* by Robin Gottfried.
4. *A Half Built Garden* by Ruthanna Emrys, science fiction set in the hopeful future
5. *Ministry for the Future* by Kim Stanley Robinson, climate fiction set in the very near

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Support the Hildegard Guild

T-shirts with the Guild banner on the back are available for \$30. These may be purchased by scanning this QR code or by going to this website: <https://bit.ly/3NnFtae>



Guild Events

March 11: St. Hildegard’s life and effective technologies

April 12: Earth Day acknowledgement and Hildegard banner blessing

April 13-30: An exhibit at Stirling’s Coffee House titled *Earth day 2026, a Celebration of Water*,

May 2: the annual Art Knoll Community Clean-up

May 21: Presentation on Solar Power Kennerly Hall

Regular guild meetings are held the third Wednesday of each month at 9:30 a.m. in the Hethcock Room in the Parish Hall. All are welcome to attend. Those 2026 dates are:

April 15	August 19
May 21	September 16
June 17	October 21
July 15	November 18
	December 16

The mission of the Parish of St. Mark & St. Paul is
to worship God,
to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ,
to serve the world for which Christ died,
to educate and nurture our community,
and welcome all.

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—On the Mountain—

The Second Sunday of Easter

April 12, 2026

Welcome to this morning's service of worship!

Restrooms are available in Claiborne Parish House,
the building directly behind the church.

Nursery care is available (more information in Announcements).

The Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Prelude

Hymn 204 (*blue book*): "Now the green blade riseth"

Noël nouvelet

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

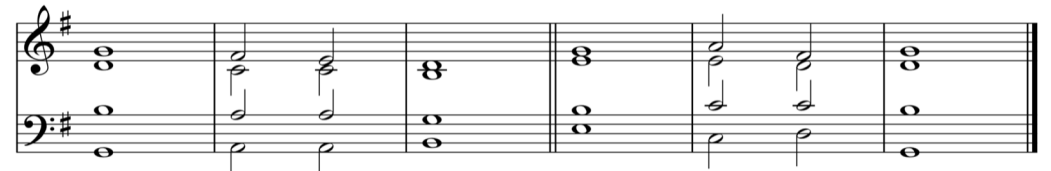
Pascha nostrum: (*inside back cover of hymnal*)

Collect of the Day (*insert*)

First Reading: Acts 2:14a,22-32 (*insert*)

Psalm 16

Wyatt Preston Poe (b. 1998)



1 Protect me, O God, for I take re- | fuge in | you; *
I have said to the Lord, "You are my Lord,
my good a-| bove all | other."

2 All my delight is upon the godly that are | in the | land, *
upon those who are noble a- | mong the | people.

3 But those who run after | other | gods *
shall have their | troubles | multiplied.

4 Their libations of blood I | will not | offer, *
nor take the names of their gods u- | pon my | lips.

5 O Lord, you are my portion | and my | cup; *
it is you who up- | hold my | lot.

6 My boundaries enclose a | pleasant | land; *
indeed, I have a | goodly | heritage.

7 I will bless the Lord who | gives me | counsel; *
my heart teaches me, night | after | night.

8 I have set the Lord al- | ways be- | fore me; *
because he is at my right hand I | shall not | fall.

9 My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spi- | rit re- | joices; *
my body also shall | rest in | hope.

10 For you will not abandon me | to the | grave, *
nor let your holy one | see the | Pit.

11 You will show me the | path of | life; *
in your presence there is fullness of joy,
and in your right hand are pleasures for | ever- | more.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 1:3-9 (*insert*)

Sequence Hymn 405: “All things bright and beautiful“

Royal Oak

Gospel: John 20:19-31 (*insert*)

Sermon

The Rev. Kelly Ramer Moody

The Nicene Creed

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Prayers of the People (*cream insert*)

The Peace

Announcements

Offertory “Prelude & Fugue in C major” BWV 553

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

The Great Thanksgiving (Eucharistic Prayer D)

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Sanctus: Hymnal S-128

The Lord’s Prayer (Contemporary)

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.

At the Breaking of the Bread Hymnal S-155

Communion of the People:

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Communion. Anyone may come forward to receive a blessing, indicated by crossing your arms across your chest. Gluten-free wafers are available; simply ask the priest.

Sending Forth of Eucharistic Visitors (*when needed*)

(in unison) In the name of this parish, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ’s body and blood. We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.

Postcommunion Prayer

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Hymn 400: “All creatures of our God and King”

Lasst uns erfreuen

Easter Blessing

Dismissal

Postlude

The arrangement at the altar today is given to the greater glory of God in honor of our lay ministry, volunteers and Vestry members for their service to the parish of St. Mark and St. Paul

Altar Guild — Lynda Gotko, Barbara Prunty

Bread Baker — Diane Jones

Tellers — John Gatta, Beth Wiley

Flowers — Ann Aitken

Coffee Hour — Sarah Edmonds

8:30 service

Vestry —

Server — Robin Bates

Chalice Bearer — Alec Moseley

Readers — Joel Cunningham, Sue Moseley

Intercessor — Robin Bates

Acolytes —

Usher(s) -- Ann & Doug Seiters

11:00 service

John Gatta

Jamie Pappas

Beth Wiley

Lane Price, Julian Price

Chris Asmussen

Theo Leffler-Mitchell

John Gatta, Linda Lankewicz

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Igreja Anglicana de Mocambique e Angola

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: St. Bartholomew’s Church, Nashville

Prayer Requests: Brady Hall, Emily Hauze, Kim Heitzenrater, Phebe Hethcock, Rebecca Gayle Howell, Mike Jones, Duane, Brenda Matthews, Mike Mattei, Rick Reuhling, Leah Rhys, Isaiah Shelby, Evelyn Taylor, Junior Thronberry, Freddy Tucker, Nat Urmson, Polk Van Zandt, Bill Whitney, and those who are refugees or suffering the effects of war or violence.

Birthdays: Doris Carlisle, Adam Tucker, Hubert Cook, Russell Mainord, Peter Keeble, Ian Tucker, Nancy Barnett, and Everest Kitzrow.

Prayers of the People for April 12, 2026
(from Liturgies Honoring God in Creation)

Deacon or other Leader

Blessed God, whose love calls the whole creation into covenant with you, and who puts in our hands responsibility for the care of the earth and its creatures: we pray for all to whom you have given life and being, saying, "Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace."

For the well-being of the earth; for its resources of water, air, light, and soil, that they may be tended for the good of all creatures, we pray:
Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.

For the waters of the earth; for their careful use and conservation, that we may have the will and the ability to keep them clean and pure, we pray:
Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.

For the mineral and energy resources of the planet, that we may learn sustainable consumption and sound care of the environment from which they come, we pray:
Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.

For the animals of the earth, wild and domestic, large and very small, that they may know the harmony of relationship that sustains all life, we pray:
Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.

For the creatures of the earth who do us harm and those whose place in your creation we do not understand or welcome, that we may see them as beloved creatures of God, we pray:
Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.

For governmental leaders and all who shape public policies affecting the planet and its creatures, that they may consider wisely the well-being of all who come after us, we pray:
Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.

For all those engaged in conservation, in agriculture and ranching, in aquaculture and fishing, in mining and industry, and in forestry and timber-harvesting, that the health, fruitfulness, and beauty of the natural world may be sustained alongside human activity, we pray:
Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.

For the creatures and the human beings of your world who are ill, or in danger, pain, or special need especially Brady, Emily, Kim, Phebe, Rebecca, Mike, Duane, Brenda, Mike, Rick, Leah, Isaiah, Evelyn, Junior, Freddy, Polk, Bill,

[intercessions may be offered]

and for all who suffer from the unjust, violent, or wasteful use of the earth's resources or their devastation by war, that all may one day live in communities of justice and peace, we pray:
Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.

For the gifts of science and technology and for those who practice these skills, that they may be wise, visionary, and compassionate in their work, we pray:
Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.

For the creatures and the people of the earth whose lives and deaths have contributed to the fruitful abundance of this planet, giving thanks for those celebrating birthdays Doris Carlisle, Adam Tucker, Hubert Cook, Russell Mainord, Peter Keeble, Ian Tucker, Nancy Barnett, and Everest Kitzrow, for the baptism of Michael Carlisle, for our other thanksgivings

[intercessions may be offered],

and for those who have died

[intercessions may be offered] we pray:

Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.

The Presider concludes the Prayers with this or another suitable collect.

Gracious God:

Grant that your people may have in them the same mind that was in Christ Jesus, and guide us into harmony of relationship through loving-kindness and the wise use of all that you have given;

for you are drawing all things into communion with you and with each other by the power of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

Announcements

Sunday the Holy Eucharist is celebrated at 8:30 and 11am. The 11am service will be livestreamed on our Facebook page and remains available there.

Nursery Services: Infants and toddlers through three years old are invited to gather downstairs in Claiborne Hall. Cara Kitzrow and Simon Travis will be supervising the nursery.

Morning and Evening prayer services: are held at 8:30 and 4:45pm, Monday through Friday in the sanctuary.

Sunday Forum: This Sunday, Rector Rob Lamborn will explore Judeo-Christian theology of creation and the church's responses to environmental issues.

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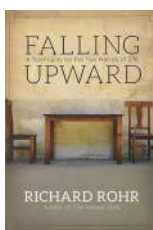
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Honoring God's Creation—April 12 at both services we will celebrate and honor God's Creation in the month of Earth Day. Our Hildegard Guild is busy planning ways to give thanks for the gift of the earth we inhabit, including a new banner by Mary Priestley. We will have special prayers of the people, creation-themed music, and a Sunday Forum on the topic.

The J2A youth group now sorts the recycling once per month. In recognition of their participation, we are encouraging the congregation to sponsor our 10 youth

members by purchasing Hildegard Guild T-shirts. All orders and payments can be completed online using this QR code:

Needed sizes include ADULT sizes: large- 2, medium- 2, small- 4, xsmall- 2



April Book Study: Falling Upward by Richard Rohr:
Tuesday nights, 5:30-6:30pm. April 7 – 28 in Brooks Hall Led by the Rev. Scott Lee
“When you get your, 'Who am I?', question right, all of your, 'What should I do?' questions tend to take care of themselves.”
Everyone is invited to attend even if you have not opened the book at all.

Schola on Stage: April 18 7pm. Ticketing and other details to follow

Bishop's Visit Sunday April 19: The Rt. Rev. John C. Bauerschmidt will make the final visitation of his episcopate on Sunday, April 19. He will preside and preach at both services, and will administer Confirmation at the 11:00 service. Bp. John will be the speaker at Sunday Forum, and will be present for a reception following the 11am service. **The undesignated offering on April 19 will be for the Bishop's Discretionary Fund.**



CAC will host its final Community Meal of the spring semester on Friday, April 24th at 12:00 PM in Kennerly Hall. The free lunch offering will be pork barbecue with many sides, all prepared by our student leaders. A meal you won't want to miss as we will also celebrate our graduating seniors and wish them well on their next adventure!

How does your garden grow? It's spring, and the Sewanee Children's Center is getting their garden in shape and equipping the new outdoor classroom. Those interested in supporting these ventures for the community's little ones can find a "Giving Tree" on the Center's webpage, www.sewaneechildrencenter.org.



Social Fabric: Ready to carve out some time to reconnect with your creative side? Bring your handwork — knitting, sewing, mending, etc. — and join Social Fabric in the chapel just inside Claiborne Hall Tuesdays 11-1. Sponsored by CAC to create space for screen-free time in community.

Centering Prayer Group: Mondays at 7pm and Tuesdays at 2:30pm, both in the sanctuary.

Lectionary Bible Study: meets every Tuesday at 3:30 pm in Brooks Hall. The class begins with a brief prayer and a reading of the Gospel lesson appointed for the coming Sunday.

Adult Choir: Adult choir practice is Sundays 12:30-1:30pm.

Children's choir rehearses on Wednesday after school. To enroll your child contact Wyatt Poe at: music@stmarkstpaul.org

Godly Play continues this Sunday at 9:45 am for children (3 years old through 5th grade).

Godly Play 1 & 2 Combined: *Knowing Jesus in a New Way I*; Storyteller
– Kelly Moody, Doorperson – Cara Kitzrow
4th/5th: (Meets downstairs in Brooks Hall).
Youth Sunday School: (Meets upstairs in Brooks Hall).

Rite-13 and J2A: Young people in grades 6-10 are invited to participate in Rite 13 and Journey to Adulthood (J2A) on Sunday afternoons. Please contact Hilary Bogert Winkler (hbwchurch@gmail.com) for details.