

Tory: Welcome to the DOK Fall Assembly

I am the new President of your Diocese of Texas DOK Board

And these are my friends, the Glory Bound Singers of the Diocese of Texas, led by Dr. Linda Patterson.

Today is the first day of new theme: JOY!

My theme is "The Joy of the Lord is My Strength"
(GBS Sings The Joy of the Lord is My Strength)

During my term, we will be singing lots of joyful music, led by my friends of the Glory Bound Singers. You may recognize the next Canticle, which is from our Morning Prayer service. Let us shout with joy to the Rock of our Salvation! Feel free to sing along with us.

(GBS sings Venite by Jack Noble White)

Today is also the Feast Day of St. Hildegard of Bingen
Our Eucharist tonight will use the readings for her Feast
St. Hildegard lived from 1098-1179, during the medieval period. She knew at an early age that she was a visionary. She was the 10th child of noble parents, and at age 8 moved to a Benedictine monastery.

She was a mystic, a poet, a doctor, a dramatist and a composer. She was a gifted leader who saw visions. She became known throughout Europe by her four preaching missions--highly unusual for a woman at the time. She was sought after for her counsel by royalty, archbishops, and popes! She used creative imagery and feminine expression of the Divinity, the Mother of all, so

she is also popular today as a contemporary voice for women. Hildegard underwent a midlife awakening in early 40s, which was the average life expectancy during her time. She began a creative period, with 40 more years of work during the most creative time of her life, until her death at age 81--more than twice the life expectancy during that time! The Glory Bound Singers will now sing an anthem with this text by Hildegard

“Fire of the Spirit, life of the lives of creatures,
Spiral of sanctity, bond of all natures,
Glow of clarity, lights of charity,
Taste of sweetness to sinners, be with us and heal us.

Composer of all things, light of all the risen,
Key of salvation, release from the dark prison,
Hope in disquietness, breath in consciousness,
Joy in Glory, our Saviour, be with us and heal us.”

(GBS Sings “Prayer of Hildegard”)

We give thanks for being able to gather together here tonight. It has been two years since we last gathered here. We give thanks for those who came before us, those who founded the Daughters of the King and the host chapter.

The Glory Bound Singers will be representing us next summer at the DOK Triennial in Baltimore. Please consider whether you might be called to sing with them! We would love to have you with us!

(GBS Sings “It is Well”)

