

About Hilda of Whitby

Hilda was the seventh century Abbess of a double monastery of monks and nuns in Whitby, located in northern England. She was recognized in her own lifetime for her learning and for her fostering of education and the arts in her community. She died in 680 and her feast day is November 18.

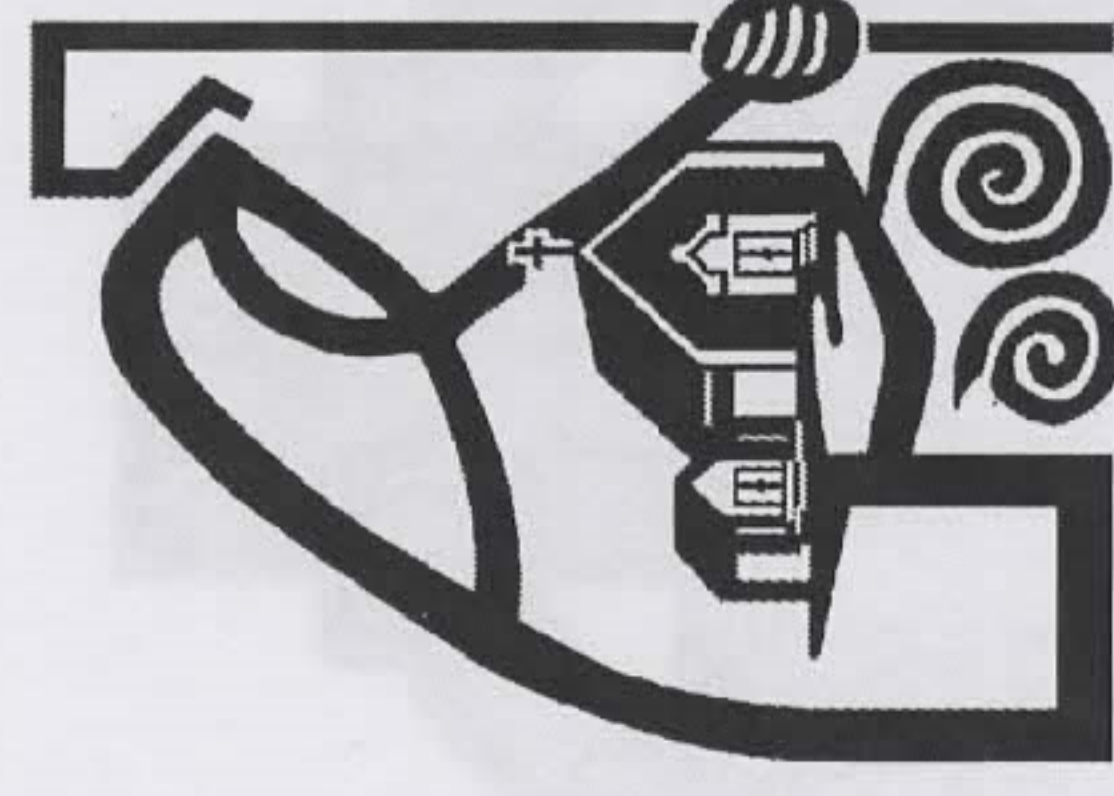
The Risen Life

Christians approach death with the certainty that life does not end, but continues to eternity. This is the promise fulfilled through Jesus of Nazareth, who died and rose again to life. Despite this hope, Christians share in the fear, sadness, and grief that accompany the death of a loved one. But the darkness and pain of bereavement is accompanied by the conviction that the dead live, and surround us as “a great cloud of witnesses” (Hebrews 12:1).

The Bible teaches that God’s longing is for wholeness in the world, which overcomes darkness and despair. The lesson of Jesus’ death and resurrection is that forces of evil, chaos, and destruction are overcome through the loving mercy of God. Death does not have the last word. And so Christians consider themselves a risen people with the One who rose from the dead, Jesus – and his resurrection has inaugurated a new creation, one in which all may share in that risen life.

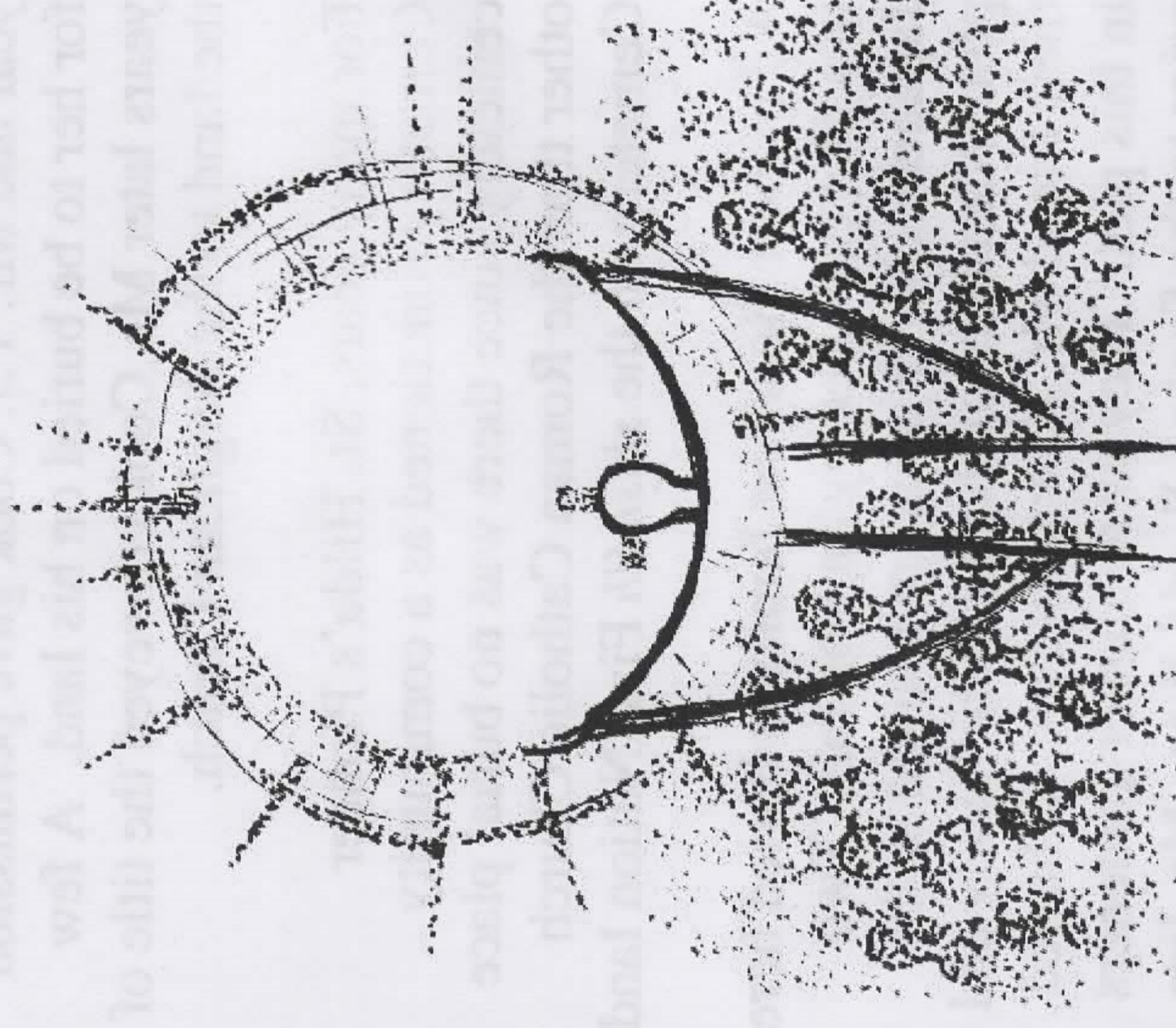
Holy One of all,
we pray to you for those we love,
but see no longer.

Grant them your peace;
let light perpetual
shine upon them;
and in your loving wisdom
and almighty power,
work in them the good purpose
of your perfect will,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.



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St. Hilda’s Pioneer Cemetery and Memorial Garden



“Neither death, nor life,
nor anything else in all creation,
will be able to separate us from the love
of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

Romans 8:39

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