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**Church Office: Monday – Thursday 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.; closed 1 - 2 p.m.**

# OPENING LITURGY

**Prelude**

Canzona per sonare No. 4 – Giovanni Gabrieli

**Processional Hymn**

Hymnal 207 – Jesus Christ is risen today

**Opening Sentence**

*Celebrant:* Alleluia! Christ is risen!

*People:* The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

**Collect for Purity**

*Celebrant:* 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.

*All:* Amen.

**Song of Praise**

"Christ our Passover"

*A Festive Canticle for Choir, Congregation, Organ, Brass, and Timpani  
From the Book of Common Prayer, 1979. Setting by Jeffrey H. Rickard  
The congregation is invited to sing the refrain.*

Congregational Refrain

Al - le - lu - ia! Christ our Pass - o -  
- ver has been sac - ri - ficed for us; There - fore let us  
keep the feast, Al - - le - lu - ia,  
Al - - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!

(Choir)

2. Not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil,  
but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. Alleluia! **[Refrain]**

(Choir)

3. Christ being raised from the dead will never die again;  
death no longer has dominion over Him.

(Choir)

4. The death that He died, He died to sin, once for all;  
but the life He lives, He lives to God.

(Choir)

5. So also consider yourselves dead to sin,  
and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord. Alleluia! **[Refrain]**

(Choir)

6. Christ being raised from the dead,  
the first-fruits of them who have fallen asleep.

(Choir)

7. For since by a man came death,  
by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead.

(Choir)

8. For as in Adam all die,  
so also in Christ shall all be made alive. Alleluia! **[Refrain]**

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## **The Collect of the Day**

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ  
overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life:  
Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's  
resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving  
Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you  
and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

# THE READING OF SCRIPTURE

## The First Lesson

*The congregation may be seated.*

*Acts 10:34-43*

*Reader:* A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Peter began to speak to Cornelius and the other Gentiles: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ--he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

**All:** Thanks be to God.

## Psalm 118:14-17, 22-24

*(Verses sung by cantor; refrain sung by choir and congregation.)*

On this day the Lord has ac - ted, Hal - le - lu - jah;  
we will re - joice and be glad in it, Hal - le - lu - jah!

- 14 The LORD is my strength and my song,  
and he has become my salvation.
- 15 There is a sound of exultation and victory  
in the tents of the righteous:
- 16 "The right hand of the LORD has triumphed!  
the right hand of the LORD is exalted!  
the right hand of the LORD has triumphed!"
- 17 I shall not die, but live,  
and declare the works of the LORD.
- 22 The same stone which the builders rejected  
has become the chief cornerstone.
- 23 This is the LORD'S doing,  
and it is marvelous in our eyes.
- 24 On this day the LORD has acted;  
we will rejoice and be glad in it.

## **The Second Lesson**

*1 Corinthians 15:1-11*

*Reader:* A reading from Paul's First Epistle to the Corinthians.

I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you--unless you have come to believe in vain.

For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he

appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them--though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

*All:* **Thanks be to God.**

*All stand.*

## Sequence Hymn

Hymnal 208, vv. 1-2 - The strife is o'er

*At this time, children (ages 4 – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade) are dismissed for Kids' Time.: They will return in time for Communion with their families.*

## The Gospel

*Mark 16:1-8*

*Gospeller:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

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

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint Jesus. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

*Gospeller:* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

# Hymn

*(All may join in singing.)*

Hymnal 208, v. 3 - The strife is o'er

**Sermon: The Rev. Jamie Pahl**

## The Nicene Creed

**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**

*Reader:* Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. Bless, O Lord, the Presiding Bishop, Michael; our Bishop, Mariann, and all parishes in the Diocese of Washington; Bishop Ed Little, friend of the parish; Jamie, BJ, and Matthew, our priests; Saleem, our Seminarian; Gary, our Family Pastor, and Peter, our Minister of Music.

Lord, in your mercy,

*People:* **Hear our prayer.**

*Reader:* Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace: that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Grant that your holy and life-giving spirit may so move every human heart, that barriers which divide us may crumble, suspicions disappear, and hatreds cease.

Bless, O Lord, our local and global outreach partners.

Lord, in your mercy,

*People:* **Hear our prayer.**



*Reader:* Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Lord, in your mercy,

***People:* Hear our prayer.**

*Reader:* Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

We pray for those expecting children, for those serving in the military and for their families.

Lord, in your mercy,

***People:* Hear our prayer.**

*Reader:* Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, especially those who are named with love and hope in our Parish Prayer List, those whom we hold in our hearts, and those who are known to you alone.

Lord, in your mercy,

***People:* Hear our prayer.**

*Reader:* We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Lord, in your mercy,

***People:* Hear our prayer.**

## **Concluding Collect**

*Celebrant:* Hasten, O Father, the coming of thy kingdom; and grant that we thy servants, who now live by faith, may with joy behold thy Son at his coming in glorious majesty; even Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate.

***All:* Amen.**

## The Peace

**Celebrant:** The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People:** And also with you.

*All exchange a sign of peace.*

## Easter Welcome & Offering

Offerings may be made by placing cash or check in offering plate, or you may give online at: [allsaintschurch.net/give](http://allsaintschurch.net/give).

## Offertory Anthem

Easter Carol  
– Vernon Hoyle

*(Sung by the All Saints Choir.)*

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## Presentation Hymn

Hymnal 205, vv. 1-2 - Good Christians all  
*All stand.*

Good Christians all, rejoice and sing! Now is the triumph of our King!  
To all the world glad news we bring: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!  
The Lord of life is risen today! Sing songs of praise along his way;  
let all the earth rejoice and say: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

# THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

## Eucharistic Prayer A (BCP p. 361)

*The people remain standing. The Celebrant faces them and says:*

**Celebrant:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** And also with you.

**Celebrant:** Lift up your hearts.

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

**Celebrant:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People:** It is right to give him thanks and praise.

*Then facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds:*

*Celebrant:* It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

## **Sanctus et Benedictus**

- Harold Darke

*(Sung by the Choir)*

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*After the Benedictus please sit or kneel as able. The Celebrant continues on BCP p. 362 until:*

*Celebrant:* Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**All: Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

*The Celebrant continues on BCP p. 363 until:*

*Celebrant:* By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

**All: AMEN.**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

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

**People: 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**

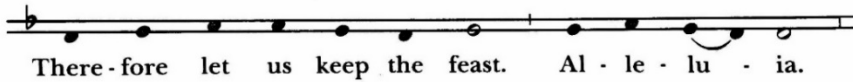
deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

## Fraction Anthem

Hymnal S-152

*Cantor:* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*All:*



## Prayer of Humble Access

*All:* We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

*Celebrant:* The Gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*All Saints Church welcomes all baptized Christians to receive the Body and Blood of Christ. If you do not wish to receive Communion at this time, please cross your arms on your chest to receive a blessing. If you have limited mobility, please contact an usher to receive Communion in your seat.*

## Communion Music

Alleluia! Bread of Life - Peter Crisafulli

*(Matthew J. Minor & Ann Gordon, cantors)*

*The congregation may join the choir singing the refrain:*



## Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

*People:* Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

## Hallelujah (“Messiah”)

- G. F. Handel

*(Sung by the All Saints Choir)*

*In lieu of applause, the congregation may appropriately respond with “Amen!”*

*Please stand as you are able.*

## The Blessing

*Celebrant:* May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing.

*People:* Amen.

*Celebrant:* May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ for ever.

*People:* Amen.

*Celebrant:* May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance.

*People:* Amen.

*Celebrant:* And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever.

*People:* Amen.

## Closing Hymn

Hymnal 180 – He is risen

*(All may join in singing.)*

## The Dismissal

*Celebrant:* Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia!

*People:* Thanks be to God – Alleluia, Alleluia!

## Postlude

Fanfare – David N. Johnson

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## Musicians:

### The All Saints Choir

Peter Crisafulli, Minister of Music & Organist  
Catherine Huntress-Reeve, Associate Conductor  
Douglas Jackson & Mark Little, Violins  
Randy Ribuado, Piano

*The All Saints Resurrection Brass:*

*Trumpets:* Kevin Businsky, Gunnar Bruning  
*Trombones:* Jeff Knutson, Jeff Gaylord

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# Calendar of Selected Events

## (March 31 – April 6)

### **Easter Sunday, March 31, at All Saints**

*Nursery for infant – 3 years: 7:15 a.m. – 1:15 p.m. (Lower Level)*

7:30 a.m.	Rite I Traditional Eucharist with Organ & Hymns
8:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour/Fellowship (until 1:00 p.m.)
9:00 a.m.	Rite II Contemporary “Family Table” Style Eucharist (with Livestream)
11:00 a.m.	Rite II Festival Eucharist with Organ, Choir, & Brass (with Livestream)

### **Next Week at a Glance (April 1 - 6)**

*Thrift Shop open Wednesday – Friday, 10:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. & on Sunday, April 7 from 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.*

#### **Easter Monday – Church Offices & Building Closed**

**Wednesday** *(No evening adult activities)*

**Please note - NO Wednesday mid-week service on April 3; resumes April 10**

11:00 a.m.	Funeral for Adm. Don McDowell
6:30 p.m.	Student Ministry <i>Connect</i> Night

**Thursday**

9:30 a.m.	Chevy Chase Women’s Bible Study (Library & Zoom)
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**Full Calendar** available at [www.allsaintschurch.net](http://www.allsaintschurch.net).

**Announcements** and **Zoom links** sent Friday via parish email; [sign up on website](#).

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The Rev. Dr. James L. Pahl, Jr, Rector  
The Rev. Dr. William Joseph Buracker II, Vicar  
The Rev. Dr. Matthew Kozlowski, Senior Associate Rector  
Gary Wieder, Family Pastor  
Saleem Kasabreh, Seminarian

# ALL SAINTS PRAYER LIST

For updates or additions, please contact the church office (301-654-2488) or [info@allsaintschurch.net](mailto:info@allsaintschurch.net).

## FOR THOSE WHO ARE IN TROUBLE, SORROW, NEED, SICKNESS, OR ANY OTHER ADVERSITY

Adam	Dan	Joyce	Max	Stuart
Adrian	Dave	Juliette	May Day	Susie
Aimee	David	Justin	Melanie	Taylor
Amanda	Don	Katie	Nanci	Teft Smith & Family
Amon	Dorothy	Kenneth	Nancy	Tom
Amy	Doug	Kim	Nikki	Tony
Ann	Elizabeth	Knollwood	Noel	Trevor
Anne	Emma	Residents	Paige	Wanda
Annie Belle	Evelyn	Kusen	Paul	Wole
Ashley	Furaha	Laura	Penn	Zachary
Bill	Gabby	Laurie	Peter	
Bob	Glynda	Linanne	Phyllis	<i>marriages</i>
Bronwen	Glynn	Linnie	Rev. Bisoke	<i>in distress</i>
Carol	Graham	Liz	Richard	
Carson	Greg	Lucas	Roberta	
Charley	Helen	Marcia	Sara	
Chris	Hillman Family	Margaret	Scott	
Colleen	Ida	Margarita	Stacy	
Corbin	Ida	Mary	Steve	
Damon	Jerry	Mary	Stieglitz Family	

## IN THANKSGIVING FOR THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS

Charlotte Andrews	Martha Fitzgerald	Laura Parris
Suzie Barr	John Hines	Bill Pedersen
Ellen Brown	Charles Jundanian	Langley Steuart
Parker Buniak	Thomas Leachman	Chimauchem Ukaegbu
Kimberly Buracker	Carter Lowe	Carolyn West
Tina Clarkson	Stuart McFarland	Grace Wrege
Bea Cope	Tony Ortiz	

## FOR THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY

Paige Blomquist	Kyle Yutuc
G. Emerson Cox	Alexander P. Jones

## FOR THOSE WHO ARE EXPECTING

Brenda Aguilar	Emily Mannon Godinho	Saragh Soltesz
Brianna Buckingham Brand	Meredith Griffin	Ann Delancey Webster

## DEARLY DEPARTED

We remember **W. Reid Thompson**, father of Susan Billington, who passed away on March 23.

## EASTER FLOWERS & SPECIAL MUSIC

Easter memorials and thanksgivings included in Easter Vigil and Easter morning bulletins.



ALL SAINTS CHURCH  
EASTER 2024  
EASTER FLOWERS AND SPECIAL MUSIC

*IN MEMORY OF*

**Susanne D. Stanley**  
*David Stanley*

**Brendon Andrew McReady**  
*Liz, Emma and Morgan McReady*

**Patricia Painton Calkins, longtime parishioner  
of ASC and Carolyn Calkins' mother**  
*Carolyn Calkins*

**Dr. John Harley Walsh  
Mr. Joseph H. Price**  
*Lillian Walsh*

**Ann K. Webster, who loved to walk the Stations  
of the Cross around Chevy Chase Circle**  
*Aen Webster*

**Harvey W. Graves, Jr.**  
*The Harvy Graves Family  
Nancy, John, Thomas, Rebecca*

**Sue & Bill Asher**  
*Pressie Hoffman*

**William "Bill" F. Weber**  
*Karin Weber*

**Our parents**  
*Susan and Billy Arzt*

**Tom Sherman, Ben & Helen Ribauda,  
Walter Reid**  
*Randy & Cathy Ribauda*

**Jeanne Shea Benninghoff**  
*Lewis & Cynthia Shea*

**Ellen & Sam Goldstein**  
*Sam E. Goldstein*

**Louise & Thomas J. Harwood, Katherine & Sam  
Rea, Thomas J. Harwood Jr.**  
*Jane and Sam Rea*

**Susanne Dyer Stanley**  
*by her loving sister, Carol Dyer Carlson*

**William P. Smith, Jr., Elizabeth O. Shotwell Valeo**  
*Abbie O. Smith*

**My twin sister, Karyll Ketchum Hess**  
*Kathryn Ketchum Weeman*

**Adam Sutherland Mott, John Nolan O'Farrell,  
Admiral William Chamberlain Mott & Mrs.  
Edith Grace Mott, Mr. & Mrs. Holder Freeman,  
and Frances Rovertson Freeman**  
*Mr. & Mrs. John K. & Sally Mott Freeman*

**Our beloved sons, RJ and Alex**  
*Rome and Amy Hartman*

**John T. Hardisty**  
*Merrily Hardisty*

**Our father, W. Reid Thompson**  
*Susan and Tom Billington*

**Bob and Carol Finch**  
*Cathleen Finch Morser*

**The Honorable John Arthur Shaw  
Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Dunaway Anderson**  
*Helen Shaw*

**Mary Elizabeth Gaskins Johnson**  
*Jessica Johnson*

**Mr. & Mrs. V. M. Mitchell, my parents  
Mrs. Elizabeth G. Love Taylor, my grandmother  
Donald T. Mitchell, my brother  
Deneva V. Riley-Levy, my daughter**  
*Star Mitchell*

**Charles W.H. Jeffress**  
*Jean Jeffress*

**Rose Sirangelo**  
*Mark and Jennifer Sirangelo*

**George & Mary Cox and Arthur & Barbara  
Bugh**  
*Debbie & George Cox*

**Arnold Huntress, Jim Gilmour,  
David G. Reeve, Kirsteen Reeve**  
*David Reeve & Catherine Huntress-Reeve*

**Carol Crothers Finch**  
*Cathleen Finch Morser*

*IN THANKSGIVING FOR*

**Loved ones in heaven and on earth**

*Carolyn Calkins*

**Amanda McFarland DeLorme**

*Liz, Emma and Morgan McReady*

**Meredith Taylor Levy, my granddaughter**

*Star Mitchell*

**For Bill Weber's life and  
his faith in Jesus Christ**

*Karin Weber*

**Our children and grandchildren**

*Catherine and Andy Eshelman*

**Jeanne Buffa**

*Mark and Jennifer Sirangelo*

**All Saints Church, our children and their  
spouses, and our grandchildren: Carter,  
Graham, Margaret, Samantha, Emily, William,  
Freeman, and Lachlan**

*Susan and Billy Arzt*

**Sammie & Russell, Alex & Joel**

*David Reeve & Catherine Huntress-Reeve*

**Gabriel Cree**

*Lawrence and Donna Romorini*

**For Carol Crothers Finch, a beautiful and  
remarkable mother, grandmother,  
and great-grandmother**

*Cathleen Finch Morser*

**The loving support of our All Saints family**

*Randy & Cathy Ribauda*

**Our grandchildren**

*Shaye & Kim Sims*

**Our children's grandparents:**

**Suzanne & Tim Lough  
and Diane & Mike Mason**

*Meredith Mason*

**Athena Monroe, Delphine Monroe,  
Safira Monroe, Emma Saunders,  
and Holden Saunders**

*Charlie & Beverly Monroe*

**Oliver H. Smith, William P. Smith, Jr.**

*Abbie O. Smith*

**Other gifts**

*Ambler Cusick*



# Redeemed

By Peggy Eastman, Poet-in-Residence

Lord, we have been bought and paid for  
in the currency of Your heart's blood.

By Your perfect love You have fulfilled  
Your sacred promise to redeem us,  
Your family of unruly children.

What does it mean to be redeemed?

You have repurchased us, set us free, delivered us,  
rescued us, released us, saved us, sanctified us.

We are forgiven, washed clean, made new.

You pulled us up from the depths of the  
desolate pit; You snatched our feet from the  
sucking quicksand and set us on firm ground;  
You entered our tunnel of darkness and lit candles  
to guide us safely home. You calmed the approaching  
tsunami that surely would have drowned us; You  
tamed the roaring wind that threatened to knock us  
off our feet; You sent the stalking mountain lion  
on its way, purring. You ended our long drought  
with flowing rivers and gave us pure water from  
rippling streams to soothe our parched throats;  
You turned our enemies into friends who gather  
in peaceful community and eat at our table. Tall  
white-throated lilies grace our altars and honor You.

You gave us a new song to sing, a song of praise  
and gratitude to You. No longer do we need to hide,  
cower or crouch; we can walk upright in Your sight.

We can hold our heads high and turn our eyes  
heavenward, raising our voices in holy harmony.

Lord, we tremble at what you have done for us.

Are we worth the price You paid to save us?

Who are we to doubt that if You stretched Your arms  
wide enough to redeem us all?