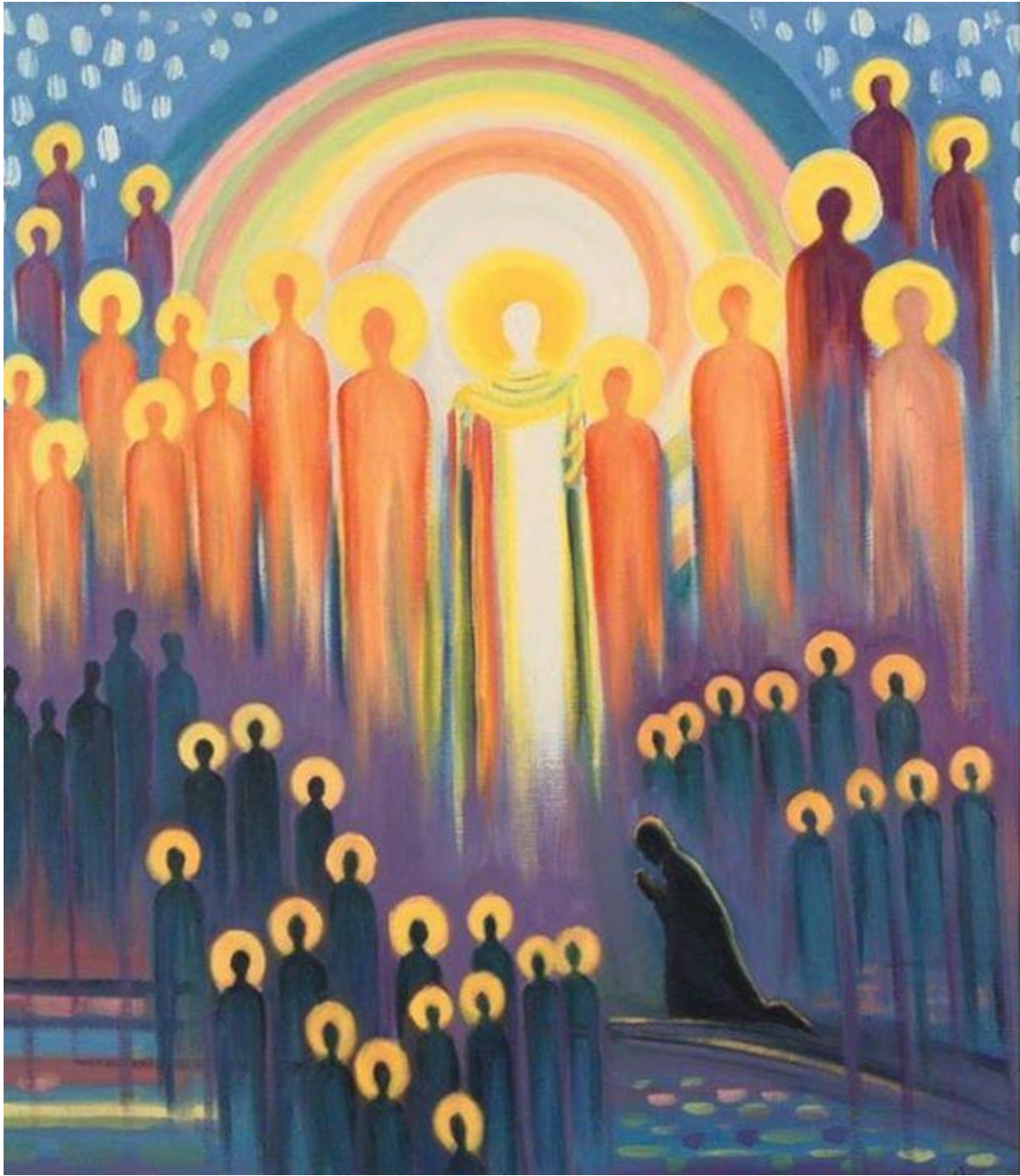


REQUIEM



NOVEMBER 2, 2025
5:00 P.M.
CHRIST CHURCH
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA

THE REQUIEM MASS, or *Missa pro Defunctis*, is a Mass for the Dead. For centuries, Christians have prayed for the souls of the departed. In ancient times, the Jewish people prayed for the immortal souls of the just to have *requiem aeternam* (rest eternal). While one is more likely to encounter a Requiem being sung for a concert rather than a liturgy these days, we are fortunate to be able to offer the service this evening within a liturgical context.

MAURICE DURUFLÉ (1902-1986) was an outstanding French organist, teacher at the Paris Conservatoire, and composer. However, his published works number only eleven, most of which are tied to liturgical themes and texts. His small compositional output results from sharp self-criticism, self-effacing personality, and lack of self-confidence. "I work slowly, and I throw a lot away," he noted. And sometimes in his scores, he even wrote, "Not to be published."

Maurice Duruflé completed his Requiem, Op. 9, in 1947, although he had accepted a commission for this work in 1941 by the collaborationist Vichy Regime in France. This work, which enjoys a reputation as one of the undisputed masterpieces of the twentieth-century choral repertoire, is responsible for establishing Duruflé's fame worldwide. Eventually, per his self-criticism, he wrote three versions of the score, and for flexibility in the orchestral version, he indicated that a choir could sing the solos. With this green light, the result has been that presentations of this Requiem vary according to the choice of the presenting organization. In this service you will hear the version for organ, instrumentalists, and choir that he completed in 1961.

Although this is a twentieth-century work, the composer based much of the material on Gregorian chant and the Gregorian *Mass for the Dead*. "Gregorian" refers to the chant used in the Catholic Church under the rule of Pope Gregory. Known for his codification of chants, his name was appended to that work. After Vatican II, Gregorian chant was dismissed as being out-moded. Duruflé protested: "Gregorian chant, which seems to some to be a music linked to a dusty past, is in reality very young for us who realize that it has only been known in its original beauty for a short time." Duruflé had been in a choir school for Cathedral training between the ages of 10 and 16 and was strongly influenced for the rest of his life by plainsong traditions and modal harmonies.

The composer's program notes, in part, read:

"This Requiem is not an ethereal work which sings of detachment from earthly worries. It reflects, in the immutable form of the Christian prayer, the agony of man faced with the mystery of his ultimate end. It is often dramatic, or filled with resignation, or hope or terror, just as the words of the Scripture themselves, which are used in the liturgy. *In Paradisum* [marks] the ultimate answer of Faith to all the questions by the flight of the soul to Paradise."

In tonight's Eucharistic celebration, we remember the faithful departed whom we love but see no longer. We offer our prayers that God will continue to bless them, and that we too may one day join with them in endless adoration of our Loving Creator.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The People stand.

OPENING ANTHEMS

Celebrant: I am Resurrection and I am Life, says the Lord.
Whoever has faith in me shall have life,
even though he die.
And everyone who has life,
and has committed himself to me in faith,
shall not die for ever.

As for me, I know that my Redeemer lives
and that at the last he will stand upon the earth.
After my awaking, he will raise me up;
and in my body I shall see God.
I myself shall see, and my eyes behold him
who is my friend and not a stranger.

For none of us has life in himself,
and none becomes his own master when he dies.
For if we have life, we are alive in the Lord,
and if we die, we die in the Lord.
So, then, whether we live or die,
we are the Lord's possession.

Happy from now on
are those who die in the Lord!
So it is, says the Spirit,
for they rest from their labors.

The People are seated.

I. REQUIEM – INTROIT

Maurice Duruflé

Rest eternal grant them, Lord God, we pray to thee, and let light perpetual shine upon them. Thou, O God, art worshiped in Holy Sion, unto thee the vow shall be performed in Jerusalem. Hear our prayer, for unto thee all flesh shall come.

II. REQUIEM – KYRIE

Duruflé

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

The People stand.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

O God, the Maker and Redeemer of all believers: Grant to the faithful departed the unsearchable benefits of the passion of your Son; that on the day of his appearing they may be manifested as your children; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The People are seated.

THE LESSON

Wisdom 3:1-9

The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God,
and no torment will ever touch them.
In the eyes of the foolish they seemed to have died,
and their departure was thought to be a disaster,
and their going from us to be their destruction;
but they are at peace.
For though in the sight of others they were punished,
their hope is full of immortality.
Having been disciplined a little, they will receive great good,
because God tested them and found them worthy of himself;
like gold in the furnace he tried them,
and like a sacrificial burnt offering he accepted them.
In the time of their visitation they will shine forth,
and will run like sparks through the stubble.
They will govern nations and rule over peoples,
and the Lord will reign over them forever.
Those who trust in him will understand truth,
and the faithful will abide with him in love,
because grace and mercy are upon his holy ones,
and he watches over his elect.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

III. REQUIEM – DOMINE JESU CHRISTE

Durufié

Lord Jesus Christ, King of glory, liberate the souls of all the faithful departed from the pains of hell and from the deep pit; deliver them from the lion's mouth; let not hell swallow them up, let them not fall into darkness: but let Michael, the holy standard-bearer, bring them into the holy light, which once thou promised to Abraham and to his seed. Sacrifices and prayers of praise, O Lord, we offer to thee. Receive them, Lord, on behalf of those souls we commemorate this day. Grant them, O Lord, to pass from death unto life, which once thou promised to Abraham and to his seed.

The People stand.

THE GOSPEL

John 5:24-27

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

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

Jesus said, "Very truly, I tell you, anyone who hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life, and does not come under judgment, but has passed from death to life.

"Very truly, I tell you, the hour is coming, and is now here, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live. For just as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son also to have life in himself; and he has given him authority to execute judgment, because he is the Son of Man."

Gospeller: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The People may be seated.

HOMILY

The Rev. Robbie Laughton

The People stand and say

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.

THE READING OF THE NECROLOGY

Katherine Aaslestad
Jean Adams
Abu Adenan
Asiah Adenan
Abbie Arms
Nana Arthur
Mary Baird
Virgil Baird
Jocie Baize
Willie Banks
Jack Barr
Ken Barry
Jeanne Berkon
Paul Bianchi
Joel Blunk
Nicholas Bond
Judy Boswell
Jacob William Britt
Sylvia Broderick
Haworth P. (Cap) Bromley
Garfield Brown
James Brown
Maria Brown
Charles Carlo
William Rankin Carpenter
Harlan Chapman
Joseph Cheevers
Beatrice Cherryman
Frank Clarke
Tony Collins
Gerry Connelly
Ann Darst
David Davenport
David R. Davidson
John Davis
James Dinwiddie
Jaqueline Dinwiddie
Phyllis Edgar
Virginia Egan
Erika Fineran
Paul William Fineran

William Fineran
Margo Fitch
David M. Fitzgerald
Mike Fleming
Kendall Fortner
Peter Fyfe
Ron Galliher
Jerry Garvin
Zbigniew Gawronski
Those killed in the Gaza strip
Nikki Giovanni
Mary Graham
Thomasine Gronkowski
Agnes Gund
Laila Hanna
Bud Harvey
Don Hilty
Tammera Holmes
Michael Hughes
Shirley Hughes
Kay Jex
Jay Jex
Andrew Johnston
Barbara Johnson
Jody Jones
Craig Race Keith
Ralph Dace Kimberlin
Hazel Kirk
Donna Kucia
Robert Kucia
Bill L'Hommedieu
Tony Liccione
Indra Malani
Ruth Matlack
Joan McCaffrey
Donald McCaffrey
Ron McDaniel
Harriet Greenalch McEwan
Marshall McEwan
Kevin McGrath
Mehdi Meghdadian

Gilson dos Santos Mendonca
Alice Merrill
Beverly Minniti
Fortunato Minniti
Heather Moehle
Kent Montavon
Christina Moore
Colleen Nelson
Sam Nordquist
Donald O'Born
Charlie Orr
Pete Parker
Cullen Phillips
Vicki Ratcliffe
Steve Rathjen
Steve Ridenhour
Nancy Norman Riggs
Tony Robson
The Rt. Rev. Hays Rockwell
Betty Ruth Schoenhals
Larry Schultz
Joseph Shivel
Ken Simonton
Laura Smith
Glenn Spitler
William Stafford, Jr.
Marilyn Stover
Rev. Palmer Temple
Dan Thomas
Sarah Vanderburg
Deacon Patricia Wallace
Nicholas John Wasilewski, Jr.
Gwendolyn Elaine Waters
Ron Weber
Fay Weirich
Gerald Werner
Leander Wick
Martha Wilcox
Helen Janine Wilson
Starlet Zarek

V. REQUIEM – PIE JESU

Durufié

Merciful Lord Jesus, grant them rest.

A minute of silence will be observed as the bell tolls.

Celebrant: Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord;

People: **And let light perpetual shine upon them.**

Celebrant: May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

People: **Amen.**

The People stand.

THE PEACE

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

People: **And also with you.**

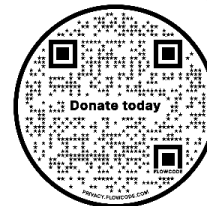
OFFERTORY

We invite you to support the mission and ministries at Christ Church by making an offering.

To donate via PayPal:



To donate via Shelby:



VIII. REQUIEM – LIBERA ME

Durufié

Deliver me, O Lord, from death eternal, on that dreadful day: when the heavens and the earth shall quake, when thou shalt come to judge the world by fire. I am seized by trembling, and I fear until the judgment should come, and I also dread the coming wrath. O that day, day of wrath, day of calamity and misery, momentous day, and exceedingly bitter, when thou shalt come to judge the world by fire. Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The People stand.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The musical notation consists of four staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff is for the Celebrant, and the second is for the People. The third staff is for the Celebrant, and the fourth is for the People. The lyrics are: "The Lord be with you. And al - so with you. Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give him thanks and praise."

Celebrant
The Lord be with you. *People*
And al - so 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.

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. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who rose victorious from the dead, and comforts us with the blessed hope of everlasting life. For to your faithful people, O Lord, life is changed, not ended; and when our mortal body lies in death, there is prepared for us a dwelling place eternal in the heavens. 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:

IV. REQUIEM – SANCTUS

Durufié

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the Name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

The People stand or kneel.

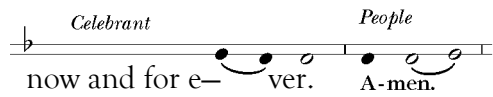
Celebrant: Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world. On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, 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; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, 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." Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Celebrant: We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy

Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father,



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

All: 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

VI. REQUIEM – AGNUS DEI

Duruflé

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, grant them rest.
Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, grant them rest.
Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, grant them rest everlasting.

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

To receive communion, please follow the ushers to the altar. Upon placing your hands forward, you will receive a wafer. You may consume it and then receive the wine from the chalice or hold onto the wafer and the chalice-bearer will intinct it for you. You may also cross your hands over your chest for a blessing to receive neither element or not to receive the wine.

After all have received,

Celebrant: Let us pray.

The People stand or kneel.

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.

The People may be seated.

VII. REQUIEM – LUX ÆTERNA

Duruflé

May light eternal shine upon them, O Lord, in the company of thy saints forever and ever; for thou art merciful. Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

Please stand.

THE BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

IX. REQUIEM – IN PARADISUM

Durufié

May the angels lead you into paradise;
may the Martyrs welcome you upon your arrival,
and lead you into the holy city of Jerusalem.

May a choir of angels welcome you, and,
with poor Lazarus of old, may you have eternal rest.

Following the procession and concluding music, you may kneel or be seated to pray.

We ask everyone to please maintain reverent silence in departing.

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

The Reverend Noelle York-Simmons,
Celebrant

The Reverend Robbie Laughton,
Preacher

Kevin Criley and Abby Merk, *Seminarians*

Virginia Amos, *Lay Reader*

Betsy Powell, Anne Ramsey, Andrea McNicholas,
Steve Slaton, *Eucharistic Ministers*

Kevin Metz, *Verger*

Carol Donlan, Betsy Powell, *Chancel Chapter*

Bob Thomson, Jay Manchester, John Lawson,
Ushers

Dr. Nicholas Bideler, *Guest Organist*

Sheng-Tsung Wang, *Violin*

Yi-Hsin Cindy Lin, *Violin*

Foster Wang, *Violin*

Joshua Yoon, *Violin*

Tam Tran, *Viola*

Cathy Amoury, *Viola*

Clayton Vaughn, *Cello*

Katy I-Hsuan Chiang, *Cello*

Aaron Clay, *Bass*

Christian Ferrari, *Trumpet*

William Berue, *Trumpet*

Cambria Van de Vaarst, *Harp*

Steve Owen, *Timpani*

The Christ Church Choir

Nicole Plummer and Bryan Bennett, *Soloists*

M. Jason Abel, *Director of Music*

UPCOMING MUSICAL EVENTS

Monday, November 10, 12:15 p.m.

Concerts at Christ Church: *Fantasias for Solo Violin*
Freya Creech, Violin

Sunday, December 7, 5:00 p.m.

The 20th Annual Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols
Readers from throughout the Alexandria Community
The combined choirs of Christ Church, Brass Quintet, Dr. Daniel Aune, Organist

Monday, December 8, 12:15 p.m.

Concerts at Christ Church: *Drive the Cold Winter Away: Renaissance and Celtic Music for Christmas*
Gut, Wind, and Wire

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS ARE GIVEN

In honor of All the Faithful Departed

CHRIST CHURCH, 118 N. WASHINGTON ST., ALEXANDRIA, VA 22314

www.HistoricChristChurch.org



Find us @historiccc

*Christ Church embodies God's unbounded love by embracing, liberating, and empowering people,
whoever you are and wherever you find yourself on your journey of faith*

FRIENDS OF MUSIC FOR 2025-2026

Gifts received since August 1, 2025

Kathy Albetski	Tom & Carol Donlan	Martin Jolly, <i>In honor of McKinley & Ashley Jolly</i>	Maria Saylor & Pam Vanderburg, <i>In memory of Jessie Saylor</i>
Kristen Amundson	Susan & John Douglass		
Jane Baird	Paula Dubberly, <i>In memory of Abbie Arms</i>	Rich and Christine Jones, <i>In thanksgiving for Jason Abel</i>	Anne B. Shine, <i>In thanksgiving for the Christ Church Choir</i>
Ken & Jean Barry, <i>In memory of Kevin Pagans</i>	Marianna Dunn & Cindy Gady	Sherley Keith, <i>In memory of Craig Keith</i>	Joe & Carol Shull
Jay & Cindi Bartol <i>In memory of our parents</i>	Lysa Farah	Pierce & Tuke Klemmt, <i>In thanksgiving for Jason Abel</i>	Steve & Jan Slaton, <i>In thanksgiving for Jason and the choir</i>
Nancy Bieging	Tillman Finley & Jaclyn Moyer, <i>In honor of Jason Abel's 20 years at Christ Church</i>	Ken & Nancy Knapp	Lyn & Kit Snodgrass
Mary Ann Bier		Susan Koscis	
Vici Elliott Bogueess	Jeff & Josie Fiore, <i>In honor of Jason and the Choirs</i>	Ellen Maday	Ann Spitler, <i>In memory of Cullen Phillips In memory of Glenn M. Spitler Jr.</i>
Samuel D. Brathwaite		John & Susan Magill	
Marilyn Bromley, <i>In memory of Haworth P. Bromley</i>	Rodney & Candace Fisher <i>In memory of our parents, Rodney Fisher, Jr. and J.W. & Joy White</i>	Elizabeth Mann	Karlyn Stanley & Bill Porter Jr.
Terry Brown, <i>In memory of Mrs. Noss, piano teacher</i>	Bill Gallagher & Bar Boehm	Ed & Angela Mills	Philip Tasho
John & Debbie Burns	Frank Griffin & Billey Senter	Elizabeth Nelson	Randal C. Teague
		Tim Oliver & Ginger Haskell	John Thompson, <i>In honor of Jason Abel</i>
Brian Butcher	David Halwig, <i>In honor of Stuart Halwig and his Moonlight Serenade Orchestra</i>	Arthur Peabody Jr. & Lucy Thomson	Bob & Sandra Thomson, <i>In memory of Jack & Jo Burns</i>
Bob and Becky Cady		Linda Pittman	
Paul & Susan Cambon	Scott Harman, <i>In memory of Pam Harman</i>	Audrey Rasmussen	Maggie Tomasello
S. Rex Carnegie	Judy & Bryan Herron		Lyn Turner
Barbara Collins, <i>In honor of Jason and the Choir</i>	Glen Hewitt & Michele Smith	Joanna Reams, <i>In honor of Jason Abel</i>	Frances Usher, <i>In memory of Bill Usher</i>
		Steve & Anne Reed	Bob & Barbara Wade
K. David Cooke, Jr.	Anne Troxler Hoover, <i>In memory of Drew Truxler</i>	Dusty Riddle & Daniel Aune, <i>In thanksgiving for Jason Abel</i>	Ashlyn Wallace
Elizabeth Dakin, <i>In memory of Margery Bowes Dakin</i>	Ron Hudak & Susan Hahn	David Riggs	Eleanor Wilson, <i>In honor of Jason Abel</i>
Francis & Mari Dobbs, <i>In honor of Jason Abel</i>	Hobie Hunter	Andrea Ross	Elizabeth Ann Witt
	Judy Johnson & Terry Miller, <i>In thanksgiving for Jason Abel</i>		Rocio Yanez & Murat Omay