

All Saints Episcopal Church, Pasadena

February 23, 2025

Opening Prayer

*All Gathered:*

O Holy One,

Gentle us into an unclenched moment, a deep breath, a letting go of heavy expectancies, shriveling anxieties, of dead certainties;

... that softened by the silence, surrounded by the light, and open to the mystery, we may be found by wholeness, upheld by the unfathomable, entranced by the simple, and filled with the joy-- that is You. Amen. (Adapted from "Guerrillas of Grace" by Ted Loder)

The Final Prayer and Blessing:

*All Gathered:* Eternal God, lead us now out of our familiar settings, out of our doubts and fears, beyond our pride and need to be secure, into a strange and graceful ease with our true proportions and yours; that in boundless silence we may grow strong enough to endure and flexible enough to share in your grace. Amen.

*The priest pronounces the final blessing:*

May the Holy Spirit calm us into a quietness that heals and listens;

May Jesus tend to our wounds and our wonderings;

And May the God who first created us, mold anew our passions and our longings, that we might find ourselves a more holy and more human shape. Amen. (Adapted from "Guerrillas of Grace" by Ted Loder)