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Christ Episcopal Church, Joliet, April 2008

Wilda Morris

Twenty fidgety pigeons sit in rows
behind the cross on the roof
of this abandoned edifice,

a congregation as staunch,
as devout, as parishioners
who once gathered in the nave.

They worship with wing beat,
witness with coos, are satisfied
with a crumb of broken bread,
would welcome one sip of wine.