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st george

first, sound serpent's skin
second, decode lip's herpes
third, read your sentence

st william firmatus

clusters of locust
forecasting this world's last gasp:
this aspirin-white fog

st mark

flies congregate here
w/the last of summer's light:
anesthetized type

st joseph

tongue singed w/fire:
I could only get beats down
when sung from below

st zita

half of you in rain
the other half of you, sun:
unsigned dotted line

st peter mary chanel

this thing that you do
a sort of dying w/words
it is well for me

st catherine of siena

flame in name only:
keep this self away from these
other selves or else

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