Death to Life

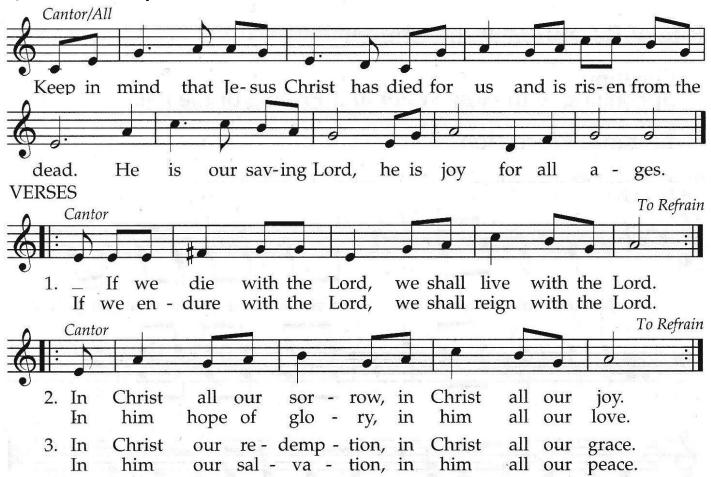
<u>Call to Prayer</u>: "... let's not get upset when troublesome things happen to us, not even for illness and infirmities; let's not desire to be freed from them ... It should suffice for us that Our Lord sees us and knows we're suffering for love of Him; let's imitate the beautiful examples He has given us, especially in the Garden of Olives when He accepted the chalice in order to encourage us ... For, even though He prayed that it might pass, ... He added at once that His Father's Will be done, showing that He was ... [ready for] life and death."



Coste, Conferences of Vincent de Paul, #81 June 17, 1657 volume 10, pages 224-25

ALL: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.





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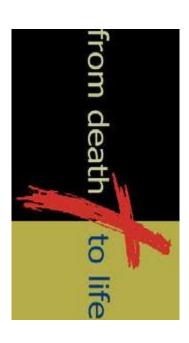
Reading: John 11: 21-27 "Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that whatever you ask of God, God will give you." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise." Martha said to him, "I know he will rise, in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus told her, "I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord. I have come to believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who is coming into the world."

Reflection and Sharing:

Currently, what "death" must I endure to attain life in Jesus? When have I seen "life through death" in someone living in poverty?

Response: "I Am the Bread of Life" verses 4-5





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<u>Prayer</u> <u>All</u>: O Savior of my soul, grant me the grace to adopt this spirit [of life through death.] I don't think that a soul who loves God and wants to be saved will find it as difficult as it appears."

Coste, Conferences of Vincent de Paul, #81 June 17, 1657 volume 10, page 225

Prayer Texts: John 5: 24 "... passed from death to life."

2 Timothy 2: 11-12 "If we have died ... live ..."