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 Son Jesus Christ have destroyed death, and who by
 raising him from the dead have delivered us from the
 Kingdom of darkness into the Kingdom of light, we
 praise you for the ~~example of the cross~~ hope that
 because he lives, we shall live also. Inspire us
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 obedience here on earth and at the last to commit
 ourselves to your eternal mercy and care. Take us
 through the journey of life as those who can see
 beyond the journey's end. Give us the faith
 to surrender our loved ones to your safe keeping,
 in the blessed assurance that you will raise
 them to yourself, and in sure and certain hope
 that they and we together will share the resurrection
 life of Christ; to whom with you, O Creator, yet
 personal Friend, and the Holy Spirit be praise
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