

*Romans 6.1-11*

**Living Christ: we rise with you**

We give thanks for our beating heart, and for the life that dances all around us in cycles of death and renewal.

We pray for a halt to extinctions and the restoration of vitality and diversity to places laid bare. Let us die to thoughtless exploitation; let us live in harmony with the earth.

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We pray for the thousands in our world dying before their time due to poverty, conflict, persecution, homelessness, injustice, disease, and inadequate health care.

We pray for all who risk their lives in the service of others – medical staff, aid workers, and peacekeepers.

Let us all die to apathy; Let us all live bravely and generously.

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We give thanks for those dedicated to living and celebrating your Word, and for the seasonal wisdom of sacraments marking each stage of life, and the eternal story of your death and rising.

We pray for churches in decline as they discern new pathways for your love to flow onwards. Let us all die to empty habit; Let us live openly and creatively.

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We now pray for those experiencing all the little deaths of pain, heartbreak, grief, and losses of all kinds ... fill every heart with peace and hope.

We pray for those close to death and remember those who have passed through death to the mystery of new life in union with you.

And let us all, in every moment of time, bring this mystery into the midst of our lives.

Let us die to all that denies and destroys; Let us breathe deeply and walk in newness of life; Let us truly live.

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