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*I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?* (Jn 11:25-26)

Well, do you?  
Today's one of those days where we see how important it is to believe this.

One of those days, where death no longer hides somewhere distant in the future,  
but lets its face be seen right here and now.

There's no way to escape death except by rising again—  
*resurrection.*

And that's who Jesus *is*.  
He *is* the resurrection and the life—  
Rex's resurrection and Rex's life.

He was Christ's and Christ is his.  
And now he rests with his Lord.

Our reading today talks about the death and resurrection of a sinner named Lazarus,  
the brother of Mary and Martha.

Lazarus' death prepared the early disciples for Jesus' death.  
And Jesus' death prepared all who follow Him for their deaths.

What goes for Jesus goes for Rex,  
and then eventually, for you, too.

Do you believe this?  
Do you believe that death has the final word?  
*Or*, do you believe that even though you die, you will live?  
That Jesus is Himself your life and your resurrection?

You'll do well to answer with Mary, Lazarus' sister,  
*Yes, Lord; I believe that You are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world.* (Jn 11:27)

That's how faith talks.  
And that's how Rex now talks.

For Rex lives, even though he died.  
His life has no end because the life he lives is the life of Christ (Gal 2:20),  
Who, even though He died, rose and lives *for you*.

Jesus is the resurrection and the life,  
Both for Rex,  
and for all whom He calls to be His own.

And if you've been made His through Baptism,  
then the life that Rex now lives in Christ,  
is a taste of your life as well.

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