Funeral Speech

Seventh Avenue

I am the Resurrection and I am the Life, says the Lord. Whoever has faith in me shall have life, even though he die. And everyone who has life, and has committed himself to me in f aith, shall not die for ever. As for me, I know that my Redeemer lives and that at the last h e will stand upon the earth. After my awaking he will raise me up; and in my body I shall se e God. I myself shall see, and my eyes behold him who is my friend and not a stranger. Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, a nd giving life to those in the tomb. The Sun of Righteousness is gloriously risen, giving light to t hose who sat in darkness and in the shadow of death. The Lord will guide our feet into the way of peace, having take n away the sin of the world. Christ will open the kingdom of heaven to all those who believe in his Name, saying, Come, O blessed of my Father; inherit the kingdom prepared for you. In paradise may the angels lead you. At your coming may the martyrs receive you, and bring you into the holy city, Jerusalem. Everyone the Father gives to me will come to come; I will never turn away anyone who believes in me. He who raised Jesus Christ from the dead will also give life to our mortal bodies through his indwelling Spirit. My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; my body a lso shall rest in hope. You will show me the path of life; in your presence there is fu llness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures for evermor e. O God, whose blessed Son was laid in a sepulchre in the garden: Bless, we pray, this grave, and grand that he whose body is bu ried here may dwell with Christ in paradise, and may come to ou r heavenly kingdom; through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, Ame n. Rest In Peace.