

## Explore the Theme — IN THE TOMB

Cornelia's devotion to Christ in the tomb; a contemporary pastor's belief that "we are seeds" of the risen One; the keening of Ukrainian mothers for their dead soldier sons

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**WE ARE SURROUNDED BY DEATH,  
and we are well, and we will be well....**

We know we are dying,  
and we dance on our graves.  
We know how to love, how to forgive.  
We know how to live for the well-being  
of all life and nothing less—  
and nothing less can sway us ....

**We are seeds of the One  
who has already died and risen.**  
We will sing of justice and mercy  
until the end days, for even at the end,  
life throbs and thrills and burgeons with grace.  
We will go on. We will be well.  
**We will die singing.**

Steve Garnaas-Holmes, *Unfolding Light*  
[www.unfoldinglight.net](http://www.unfoldinglight.net)

"In her biography, Mother Francis Bellasis refers to **CORNELIA'S SPECIAL DEVOTION TO CHRIST IN THE TOMB**. This Cornelia learned early in her spiritual life, probably at Grand Coteau when she was first introduced to the writings of Fénelon [17th Century French theologian/poet]. She copied out the words:

*O Sauveur, je vous adore, je vous aime  
dans le tombeau.*

*Je m'y renferme avec vous ... je ne suis plus du nombre  
des vivants ... je suis mort, et la vie qui m'est préparée  
sera caché avec J.C. en Dieu." /*

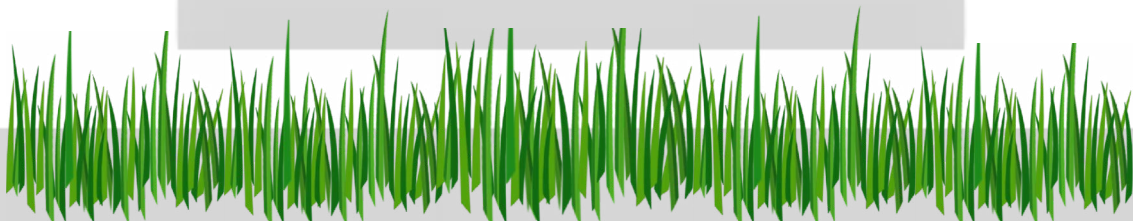
"O Savior, I adore you, I love you in the tomb.  
I enclose myself with you ... I am no longer one of the  
living ... I am dead, and the life that has been prepared  
for me will be hidden with J.C. in God." E.M. Strub



**LISTEN:** to the keening of women at  
the funeral of Ukrainian soldiers in Lviv,  
recorded by BBC 3: [https://www.shcj.org/  
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a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains a single grain of wheat; but if it does, it brings a good