1) O all ye brethren, come before the end, and seeing that we are earth, and considering how weak our nature is,

how mean and worthless is our state, let us now look upon our end,

and the organs of the vessel of the flesh. Let us consider how man is dust, corruption and the flood of worms; our bones are dry, with no breath of life:

come let us look upon the tombs: Where is the glory now?

Where the beauty and the comeliness of form?

Where the tongue speaking sweetly?

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Where is the eye-brow or the eye itself? All is shadow.

All is dust. Hence, spare and save us all, O Savior Christ.

2) Wherefore doth man deceive himself and boast and trouble himself in vain, man of clay that soon shall be no more than clay?

Why doth this earth consider not that his whole lump is formed of dust, dregs of rottenness, corruption and decay? Ye men, if we then are nought but clay, why are we stuck fast to the earth? If we were planted with Christ in truth, why do we not run unto Him, leaving this life behind
which is perishing and fleeth fast away,

but the rather purposing

that incorruptible and blessed life, which in truth is

Christ Himself, Christ, the illumination of our souls?

3) Thou Who didst fashion Adam with Thy hand and set him between these twain, incorruption and mortality, O Lord;

and off'ring him the life in grace, from corruption didst set him free by translating him to that first life he had: Do Thou Thyself kindly show Thy grace unto Thy servants, O our Lord, whom Thou hast taken hence to Thyself

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and give them rest with all the just where all the chosen dance;

write their names, O Savior in the Book of Life;

when the mighty archangel shall sound his trump, and Thou dost raise them up, then account the worthy of Thy Kingdom of the Heaven in that day.

4) Christ God is risen and hath loosed the bonds of Adam the first-formed man and destroyed the strength of Hades by His might.

Take courage, therefore, all ye dead; death itself hath been put to death and with him, Hades is utterly despoiled; and Christ doth reign, Who was crucified and is risen

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from the dead; and He Himself hath bestowed on us

the incorruption of the flesh, and He doth raise us up

and doth give the Resurrection unto us,

and doth make them all worthy

of both the glory and the joy thereof who with strong and

fervent faith have all unswervingly believed in Him.