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| 1 Corinthians  15: 12-20  Selection B10 | **A Reading from the First Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians**  **Brothers and Sisters:**  **If Christ is preached as raised from the dead,**  **how can some among you say**  **there is no resurrection of the dead?**  **If there is no resurrection of the dead,**  **then neither has Christ been raised.**  **And if Christ has not been raised,**  **then empty too is our preaching;**  **empty, too, your faith.**  **Then we are also false witnesses to God, because**  **we testified against God that he raised Christ,**  **whom he did not raise if in fact**  **the dead are not raised.**  **For if the dead are not raised,**  **neither has Christ been raised,**  **and if Christ has not been raised, your faith is vain;**  **you are still in your sins.**  **Then those who have fallen asleep in Christ**  **have perished.**  **If for this life only we have hoped in Christ,**  **we are the most pitiable people of all.**  **But now Christ has been raised from the dead,**  **the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.**  **The Word of the Lord** |