Christ, the Life of All the Living

1 Christ, the life of all the living, Christ, the death of death, our foe,
   through your suffering, death, and merit, life eternal we inherit;
   thousand, thousand thanks are due, dearest Jesus unto you.

2 You have suffered great affliction and have borne it patiently,
   for the anguish in the garden, we will thank you evermore.

3 Lord, for all that bought our pardon, for the rows deep and sore,
   for us yourself once giving to the darkest depths of woe:
   for the victory of your dying—sinful nature mortifying—

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