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| 1 Thessalonians  4: 13-18  Selection B17 | **A Reading from the First Letter of St. Paul to the Thessalonians**  **We do not want you to be unaware, brothers,**  **about those who have fallen asleep,**  **so that you may not grieve like the rest,**  **who have no hope.**  **For if we believe that Jesus died and rose,**  **so too will God, through Jesus,**  **bring with him those who have fallen asleep.**  **Indeed, we tell you this, on the word of the Lord,**  **that we who are alive, who are left**  **until the coming of the Lord,**  **will surely not precede those who have fallen asleep.**  **For the Lord himself, with a word of command,**  **with the voice of an archangel**  **and with the trumpet of God,**  **will come down from heaven,**  **and the dead in Christ will rise first.**  **Then we who are alive, who are left,**  **will be caught up together with them in the clouds**  **to meet the Lord in the air.**  **Thus we shall always be with the Lord.**  **Therefore, console one another with these words.**  **The Word of the Lord** |