

**THE ORDER FOR THE BURIAL OF THE DEAD**

**IN THANKSGIVING FOR THE LIFE OF**

**Mike Griffin**

**March 16, 1938 - January 25, 2021**



**Sunday February 21, 2021, 2 PM**  
**St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Albuquerque, NM**

**Prelude Music**

**Jeremy Wirths, *organist***

**Color Guard and Taps**

**Prelude Music**

**Opening Hymn #423      “Immortal, Invisible”**

1 Immortal, invisible, God only wise,  
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,  
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,  
almighty, victorious, Thy great Name we praise.

2 Unresting, unchanging, and silent as light,  
nor wanting, nor wasting, Thou rulest in might;  
thy justice like mountains high soaring above  
thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

3 To all life Thou givest, to both great and small;  
in all life Thou livest, the true life of all;  
we blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,  
and wither and perish, but nought changeth Thee.

4 Thou reignest in glory, thou rulest in light,  
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;  
all laud we would render: O help us to see  
'tis only the splendor of light hideth Thee.

**Burial Anthem (chanted)**

**I am Resurrection and I am Life, says the Lord.  
Whoever has faith in me shall have life,  
even though he die.  
And everyone who has life,  
and has committed himself to me in faith,  
shall not die for ever.**

**As for me, I know that my Redeemer lives  
and that at the last he will stand upon the earth.**

**After my awaking, he will raise me up;  
and in my body I shall see God.  
I myself shall see, and my eyes behold him  
who is my friend and not a stranger.**

**For none of us has life in himself,  
and none becomes his own master when he dies.  
For if we have life, we are alive in the Lord,  
and if we die, we die in the Lord.  
So, then, whether we live or die,  
we are the Lord's possession.**

**Happy from now on  
are those who die in the Lord!  
So it is, says the Spirit,  
for they rest from their labors.**

*Celebrant:*           The Lord be with you.  
*People:*             **And also with you.**  
*Celebrant:*           Let us pray.

O God, whose mercies cannot be numbered: Accept our prayers on behalf of your servant Mike, and grant him an entrance into the land of light and joy, in the fellowship of your saints; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Most merciful God, whose wisdom is beyond our understanding: Deal graciously with Mike's family and friends in their grief. Surround them with your love, that they may not be overwhelmed by their loss, but have confidence in your goodness, and strength to meet the days to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **Words of Remembrance**

Vivian Malcolmson, read by Josie and Job Griffin  
Dave Aley

## **Old Testament Lesson    Lamentations 3:22-26,31-33**

The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. "The LORD is my portion," says my soul, "therefore I will hope in him." The LORD is good to those who wait for him, to the soul that seeks him. It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the LORD.

For the Lord will not reject forever. Although he causes grief, he will have compassion according to the abundance of his steadfast love; for he does not willingly afflict or grieve anyone.

**Psalm 23** *King James Version*

**Said in Unison**

**The LORD is my shepherd; \***

**I shall not want.**

**He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; \***

**he leadeth me beside the still waters.**

**He restoreth my soul; \***

**he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his  
Name's sake.**

**Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,**

**I will fear no evil; \***

**for thou art with me;**

**thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me.**

**Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of**

**mine enemies; \***

**thou anointest my head with oil;**

**my cup runneth over.**

**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days**

**of my life, \***

**and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.**

## **New Testament Lesson    2 Corinthians 4:16--5:9**

We do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure,

because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal. For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. For in this tent we groan, longing to be clothed with our heavenly dwelling - if indeed, when we have taken it off we will not be found naked. For while we are still in this tent, we groan under our burden, because we wish not to be unclothed but to be further clothed, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who has given us the Spirit as a guarantee.

So we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord-- for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him.

### **Sequence Hymn #366    “Holy God We Praise Thy Name”**

1 Holy God, we praise thy Name. Lord of all, we bow before thee;  
all on earth your scepter claim, all in heaven above adore thee;  
Infinite thy vast domain, everlasting is thy reign.

2 Hark, the loud celestial hymn, angel choirs above are raising;  
cherubim and seraphim, in unceasing chorus praising,  
fill the heav'ns with sweet accord: Holy, holy, holy Lord!

4 Holy Father, Holy Son, Holy Spirit, Three we name thee,  
while in essence only One, undivided God we claim thee;  
then adoring bend the knee, and confess the mystery.

6. Thou didst take the sting from death, Son of God, as Savior given;  
on the cross thy dying breath opened wide the realm of heaven.  
In the glory of that land thou art set at God's right hand.

## **Gospel Lesson John 14: 1-6**

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John.

**People: Glory to you Lord Christ**

Jesus said, "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Praise to you Lord Christ.**

**Homily**

**The Rev. Patricia Green**

**Prayers**

For our brother Mike, let us pray to our Lord Jesus Christ who said, "I am Resurrection and I am Life."

Lord, you consoled Martha and Mary in their distress; draw near to us who mourn for Mike, and dry the tears of those who weep.

**Hear us, Lord.**

You wept at the grave of Lazarus, your friend; comfort us in our sorrow.

**Hear us, Lord.**

You raised the dead to life; give to our brother eternal life.

**Hear us, Lord.**

You promised paradise to the thief who repented; bring our brother to the joys of heaven.

**Hear us, Lord.**

Our brother was washed in Baptism and anointed with the Holy Spirit; give him fellowship with all your saints.  
**Hear us, Lord.**

He was nourished with your Body and Blood; grant him a place at the table in your heavenly kingdom.  
**Hear us, Lord.**

Comfort us in our sorrows at the death of our brother, let our faith be our consolation, and eternal life our hope.

*Silence may be kept.*

Father of all, we pray to you for Mike, and for all those whom we love but see no longer. Grant to them eternal rest. Let light perpetual shine upon them. May his soul and the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.  
**Amen.**

## **The Peace**

**Offertory – “In My Father’s House” Art Dougherty & Gayle Keenan**

## **The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer A**

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant:* Lift up your hearts.

*People:* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Celebrant:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People:* **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

*Celebrant and People:*

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

*The people stand or kneel.*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People:*

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

## **The Breaking of the Bread**

The Gifts of God, for the People of God.

Behold the Body of Christ, for the life of the World.

Become the Body of Christ, for the life of the world. Amen.

## **Music at Communion - "God is Love, and Where True Love Is"**

Communion Voluntary #577

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

*All say:*

**Almighty God, we thank you that in your great love you have fed us with the spiritual food and drink of the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ, and have given us a foretaste of your heavenly banquet. Grant that this Sacrament may be to us a comfort in affliction, and a pledge of our inheritance in that kingdom where there is no death, neither sorrow nor crying, but the fullness of joy with all your saints; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

## **The Commendation**

Give rest, O Christ, to your servant(s) with your saints,  
**where sorrow and pain are no more,  
neither sighing, but life everlasting.**

You only are immortal, the creator and maker of mankind; and we are mortal, formed of the earth, and to earth shall we return. For so did you ordain when you created me, saying, "You are dust, and to dust you shall return." All of us go down to the dust; yet even at the grave we make our song: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Give rest, O Christ, to your servant(s) with your saints,  
**where sorrow and pain are no more,  
neither sighing, but life everlasting.**

*The Celebrant, facing the body, says:*

Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant Mike.

Acknowledge, we humbly beseech you, a sheep of your own fold, a lamb of

your own flock, a sinner of your own redeeming. Receive him into the arms of your mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of the saints in light. **Amen.**

Rest eternal grant to him, O Lord;  
**And let light perpetual shine upon him.**

May his soul, and the souls of all the departed,  
through the mercy of God, rest in peace. **Amen.**

### **Final Blessing**

### **Closing Hymn #390 - "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"**

1 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation;  
O my soul, praise Him, for he is thy health and salvation:  
Join the great throng, psaltery, organ, and song,  
Sounding in glad adoration.

2 Praise to the Lord; over all things he gloriously reigneth:  
borne as on eagle-wings, safely his saints he sustaineth.  
Hast thou not seen how all thou needest hath been  
granted in what he ordaineth?

3 Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy way and defend thee;  
Surely his goodness and mercy shall ever attend thee;  
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do, who with his love doth befriend  
thee.

4 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!  
All that hath life and breath come now with praises before him!  
Let the "Amen" sound from his people again;  
gladly for ever adore him.

**Postlude**

**Jeremy Wirths, Organist**

**Flowers for the liturgy are offered in Thanksgiving  
for the life of Mike Griffin by Mike and Vicki Mercer.**