

*Celebrating  
the Life of*

# **WILLIAM MORLAND GRIFFITHS**

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## **Opening Scripture & Prayers**

**First Reading:** *Revelation 21:2-17*

## **Psalm 23**

The Lord is my shepherd; \*

I shall not be in want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures \*

and leads me beside still waters.

He revives my soul \*

and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.

Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I shall fear no evil; \*  
    for you are with me;  
    your rod and your staff, they comfort me.  
You spread a table before me  
in the presence of those who trouble me; \*  
    you have anointed my head with oil,  
    and my cup is running over.  
Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me  
all the days of my life, \*  
    and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

**Second Reading:** *John 14:1-6*

## Reflections & Remembrance

### The Lord's Prayer

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, forever and ever. Amen.

### Burial Litany

#### The Commendation

*Celebrant* Give rest, O Christ, to your servant with your saints,

*People*   **where sorrow and pain are no more,  
          neither sighing, but life everlasting.**

*Celebrant* 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.

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

*Celebrant* Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant William. 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.**

## The Committal

### Closing Prayers

Grant, O God, to all who are bereaved the spirit of faith and courage, that they may have strength to meet days to come with steadfastness and patience; not sorrowing as those without hope, but in thankful remembrance of your great goodness, and in the joyful expectation of eternal life with those they love. All this we ask in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. **Amen.**

O Lord, support us all the day long, until the shadows lengthen, and the evening comes, and the busy world is hushed, and the fever of life is over, and our work is done. Then in your mercy, grant us a safe lodging, and a holy rest, and peace at the last. **Amen.**

## The Final Blessings & Dismissal

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

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

And may the blessing of God,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,  
rest upon each of you, this day and always. **Amen.**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

*People* **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

*Celebrant* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia!

*People* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

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