

The Funeral
of
AUDREY GRIFFIN

30th June 1947
to
18th December 2022

Requiem at St. Alban's, Letchworth
at 10.30 a.m.
Committal at Cambridge Crematorium East Chapel at
12:30 a.m.

The Reception of the Body

The Priest shall begin with these sentences

I AM the resurrection and the life, saith the Lord: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die.

St. John 11. 25,26.

WE BROUGHT NOTHING into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord.

1 Timothy 6.7. Job 1.21.

THE ETERNAL GOD is thy refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms.

Deuteronomy 33.27

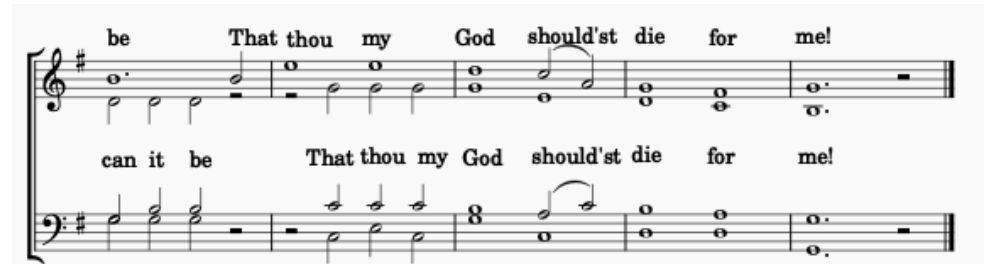
NEITHER death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 8. 38,39. †

Welcome

Hymn

“Happy are they”. The hymn opposite was sung at our marriage.



Long my imprisoned spirit lay
Fast bound in sin and nature's night;
Thine eyes diffused a quickening ray -
I woke, the dungeon filled with light;
My chains fell off, my heart was free
I rose, went forth and followed thee.

No condemnation now I dread
Jesus and all in Him, is mine!
Alive in him, my living head
And clothed in righteousness divine
Bold I approach th'eternal throne
And claim the crown through Christ my own.

The Commital

MAN that is born of a woman hath but a short time to live, and is full of misery. He cometh up, and is cut down, like a flower; he fleeth as it were a shadow, and never continueth in one stay.

FORASMUCH as it hath pleased Almighty God of his great mercy to take unto himself the soul of our dear sister Audrey, here departed, we therefore commit her body to the elements whereof we are created; earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust; in sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life through our Lord Jesus Christ; who shall change our body that it may be like unto his glorious body, according to the mighty working, whereby he is able to subdue all things to himself.

I HEARD a voice from heaven, saying unto me, Write, From henceforth blessed are the dead which die in the Lord: even so saith the Spirit; for they rest from their labours.

NOW unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Minister: May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Answer: And rise in glory. Amen.

And can it be

Sagina: circa 1800

Charles Wesley

T. Campbell (attrib)

S
A

And can it be that I should gain An in terest in my

T
B

Sav iour's blood? Died he for me, who caused his pain? For me who

him to death per sued? A maz ing love! How can it be that

A maz ing love! How can it

thou my God should'st die for me! A maz ing love! How

Tune: Binchester Dr. Croft; Words: C. Coffin as translated for Yattendon Hymnal (English Hymnal 398)

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S
A

Happy are they, they that love God, Whose hearts have

T
B

Christ con fessed, Who by his Cross have found their

life, And 'neath his yoke their rest.

Glad is the praise, sweet are the songs
Which they together sing
And strong the prayers that bow the ear
Of heaven's eternal king.

Christ to their homes giveth his peace
And makes their loves his own;
But ah, what tares the evil one
Hath in his garden sown.

Sad were our lot, evil this earth,
Did not its sorrows prove
The path whereby the sheep may find
The fold of Jesu's love.

Then shall they know, they that love him,
How all their pain is good;
And death itself shall not unbind
Their happy brotherhood.

Reading from Scripture

1 Thessalonians 4.13-8 (RV)

We would not have you ignorant, brethren, concerning them that are asleep; that ye sorrow not, even as the rest, which have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also that are fallen asleep in Jesus will God bring with him. For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we that are alive, that are left unto the coming of the Lord, shall in no wise preceded them that are fallen asleep. For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven, with a shout, with the voice of the archangel and with the trump of God; and the dead in Christ shall rise first. Then we that are alive, that are left, shall together with them be caught up in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air; and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore comfort one another with these words.

Prayers

Minister: Lord, have mercy upon us.

Answer: Christ, have mercy upon us.

Minister: Lord, have mercy upon us.

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done, In earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. Amen.

Minister: Enter not into judgement with thy servant, O Lord;

Answer: For in thy sight shall no man living be justified.

Minister: Grant unto her eternal rest;

Answer: And let perpetual light shine upon her.

Minister: We believe verily to see the goodness of the Lord;

Answer: In the land of the living.

Minister: O Lord, hear our prayer;

Answer: And let our cry come unto thee.

Hymn

The hymn opposite “Let saints on earth”.

Tune: metrical psalm harmonised Ravenscroft; Words: Charles Wesley and others (English Hymnal 428)

S
A
Let saints on earth in concert sing With those whose rest is done;

T
B
For all the servants of our King In earth and heav'n are one.

One family we dwell in Him,
One Church, above, beneath;
Though now divided by the stream,
The narrow stream of death.

One army of the living God
To his command we bow;
Part of his host hath crossed the flood,
And part are crossing now.

E'en now to their eternal home
There pass some spirits blessed,
While others to the margin come
Waiting their call to rest.

Jesus be thou our constant guide;
Then, when the word is given
Bid Jordan's narrow stream divide,
And bring us safe to heaven.

Address

Hymn

The hymn overleaf “And can it be?”. This was also used at Audrey's sister's funeral, and reflects their upbringing in a Methodism now largely vanished.