

Harry Lee Dickinson, Jr.

April 17, 1924 – June 23, 2020

AND

Margery Rominger Dickinson

January 18, 1924 – June 21, 2021



A Celebration of Life

October 8, 2022

11:30 a.m.

The Reverend Susan Bek, Officiating
The Reverend Canon Jerome Kahler, Preaching
Sara Edwards, Organist

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Prelude

Sara Edwards, organist

Welcome

The Reverend Susan Bek

Please stand at the sound of the bell.

Entrance Hymn

Love Divine all loves excelling

Hymnal 657 v. 1-2

Cantoring Today: Daniel Smithson

Assurances of the Resurrection

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.

I know that my Redeemer liveth,
and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth;
and though this body be destroyed, yet shall I see God;
whom I shall see for myself and mine eyes shall behold,
and not as a stranger.

For none of us liveth to himself,
and no man dieth to himself.
For if we live, we live unto the Lord;
and if we die, we die unto the Lord.
Whether we live, therefore, or die, we are the Lord's.

Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord;
even so saith the Spirit, for they rest from their labors.

Collect for Burial

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, whose mercies cannot be numbered: Accept our prayers on behalf of thy servants, Margery & Harry, and grant them an entrance into the land of light and joy, in the fellowship of thy saints; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Most merciful God, whose wisdom is beyond our understanding: Deal graciously with Margery's & Harry'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.**

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

Please be seated.

2 Corinthians 4:16-5:9

A reading from the Second Letter to the Corinthians.

So 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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Reading from the Psalter

Psalm 23

The Psalm selected for this service is Psalm 23. We will responsively. I'll read the odd numbered verses and the congregation is invited to read the even numbered verses.

- 1 The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
- 2 **He maketh me to lie down in green pastures;
he leadeth me beside the still waters.
He restoreth my soul:
he leadeth me into the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.**
- 3 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.
- 4 **Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies;
Thou anointest my head with oil;
my cup runneth over.**
- 5 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.

Gradual Hymn
All stand as they are able.

Come down, O Love divine

Hymnal 516

Holy Gospel
Remain standing and face the Gospel.

John 14:1-6

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

"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.

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Homily
Please be seated.

Remembrances shared by family members.
The Reverend Canon Jerome Kahler

A period of silent reflection follows the Homily.

Apostles' Creed
All stand as they are able.

In the assurance of eternal life given at Baptism, let us proclaim our faith and say,

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty. From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the People
Please stand or kneel as is your custom.

Celebrant
In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Reader
Almighty God, who hast knit together thine elect in one communion and fellowship, in the mystical body of thy Son Christ our Lord: Grant, we beseech thee, to thy whole Church in paradise and on earth, thy light and thy peace. **Amen.**

Grant that all who have been baptized into Christ's death and resurrection may die to sin and rise to newness of life, and that through the grave and gate of death we may pass with him to our joyful resurrection. **Amen.**

Grant to us who are still in our pilgrimage, and who walk as yet by faith, that thy Holy Spirit may lead us in holiness and righteousness all our days. **Amen.**

Grant to thy faithful people pardon and peace, that we may be cleansed from all our sins, and serve thee with a quiet mind. **Amen.**

Grant to all who mourn a sure confidence in thy fatherly care, that, casting all their grief on thee, they may know the consolation of thy love. **Amen.**

Give courage and faith to those who are bereaved, that they may have strength to meet the days ahead in the comfort of a reasonable and holy hope, in the joyful expectation of eternal life with those they love. **Amen.**

Help us, we pray, in the midst of things we cannot understand, to believe and trust in the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, and the resurrection to life everlasting. **Amen.**

Grant us grace to entrust Margery & Harry to thy never-failing love; receive them into the arms of thy mercy, and remember them according to the favor which thou bearest unto thy people. **Amen.**

Grant that, increasing in knowledge and love of thee, they may go from strength to strength in the life of perfect service in thy heavenly kingdom. **Amen.**

Celebrant

Grant us, with all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, to have our consummation and bliss in thy eternal and everlasting glory, and, with and all thy saints, to receive the crown of life which thou dost promise to all who share in the victory of thy Son Jesus Christ; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Peace

All stand as they are able.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And with thy spirit.

Liturgy of the Table

I appeal to you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present yourselves as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. *Romans 12:1*

Hymn

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee

Hymnal 376

Please stand and join in singing.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

***People* And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

***People* We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

***People* It is meet and right so to do.**

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who rose victorious from the dead, and doth comfort us with the blessed hope of everlasting life; for to thy faithful people, O Lord, life is changed, not ended; and when our mortal body doth lie in death, there is prepared for us a dwelling place eternal in the heavens.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

Sanctus

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.
Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Please stand or kneel as you prefer.

All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for all, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ hath 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

A period of silence is kept.

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

Spiritual Communion

A spiritual communion is a personal devotional that anyone can pray at any time to express their desire to receive Holy Communion at that moment, but in which circumstances impede them from actually receiving Holy Communion.

Please join us in praying with those who are with us online and receiving communion spiritually.

Dearest Lord Jesus, we believe that you are truly present in the Sacrament of the Eucharist. We love you above all things and long for you in our souls. Since we cannot all be together in our church today to receive the bread and wine made holy, we ask you to come spiritually into our hearts. Fill us with your light and nourish us all with your word and Spirit. Amen.

The Invitation

This is the Banquet of the Lord.
It is made ready for those who love him and for those who want to love him more.
So, come, you who have much faith and you who have little,
you who have been here often, and you who have not been here long,
you who have tried to follow, and you who fear you have failed.
Come, because it is the Lord who invites you.
It is his will that those who want him should meet him in this holy way.

For in-person worshipers: wherever you are in your journey of faith, you are welcome at communion. Our custom is to receive the bread in your open palm. Please tell the priest if you prefer gluten-free. Wine will be offered by intinction (dipping).

Once you have the bread, you may either eat it and go back to your seat or hold onto it and remain at the altar. A Eucharistic Minister will come to offer you wine by intinction (by dipping it into the chalice). If you'd like to come forward but would prefer not to receive, please cross your arms over your chest and the priest will offer you a blessing.

Communion Music

Be thou my vision

Hymnal 488

Post Communion Prayer

Please stand or kneel as you prefer.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, we thank thee that in thy great love thou hast fed us with the spiritual food and drink of the Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and hast given unto us a foretaste of thy heavenly banquet. Grant that this Sacrament may be unto 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 thy saints; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

The Commendation

All stand as they are able.

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

Thou only art immortal, the creator and maker of mankind; and we are mortal, formed of the earth, and unto earth shall we return. For so thou didst ordain when thou createdst me, saying, "Dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return." All we go down to the dust; yet even at the grave we make our song: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

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

Into thy hands, O merciful Savior, we commend thy servants, Margery & Harry. Acknowledge, we humbly beseech thee, these sheep of thine own fold, these lambs of thine own flock, these sinners of thine own redeeming. Receive them into the arms of thy mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of the saints in light. **Amen.**

Blessing

May the Peace which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his son, our savior, Jesus Christ. And may the blessing of God almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit rest upon you and remain with you this day and forever more. **Amen.**

Recessional

Christ is alive! Let Christians sing

Hymnal 182 v.1-3

*You are invited to join the procession to the Memorial Garden for the Committal of ashes.
There is limited space, so we suggest that you go through the gate
and watch from the other side.
Please be aware of social distancing and wear your mask, even outside. Thank you!*

The Committal

All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out. He that raised up Jesus from the dead will also give life to our mortal bodies, by his Spirit that dwelleth in us.

Wherefore my heart is glad, and my spirit rejoiceth; my flesh also shall rest in hope.

Thou shalt show me the path of life; in thy presence is the fullness of joy, and at thy right hand there is pleasure for evermore.

In sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life through our Lord Jesus Christ, we commend to Almighty God our sister Margery, and our brother Harry. We commit their bodies to the ground; earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust. The Lord bless them and keep them, the Lord make his face to shine upon them and be gracious unto them, the Lord lift up his countenance upon them and grant them peace. **Amen.**

Dirt is added to the grave. An invitation is made to those who'd like to assist in this, the last thing his mortal body needs from us - to be lovingly and respectfully buried.

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

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

Blessing

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant: Make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well pleasing in his sight; through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. **Amen.**

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SUNDAY MORNINGS

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Harry & Margery Dickinson



On June 23, 2020, Col. Harry L. Dickinson, Jr. (USAF Ret.), of Ventura, CA, loving husband and father to four children, passed away at the age of 96 of natural causes. Harry was born on April 17, 1924 in Los Angeles, CA to Harry L. Dickinson, Sr. and Muriel C. Dickinson. He graduated from Los Angeles High School in June 1942 and started at the University of California at Los Angeles.

While attending UCLA, Harry joined the Army Air Forces as a lieutenant in December of 1942. He attended officer training school at Millikin University in Decatur, IL, where he met his future wife, Margery Rominger of Shelbyville, IL. As a lieutenant in the Air Corps, Harry was assigned duty as a flight navigator aboard a B-17G in the 452 nd Bomb Group and was stationed in England. His bomber crew completed 30 missions in some of the fiercest fighting over the skies of Europe. Those experiences led him to embrace his life-long Christian faith.

Perhaps the most enduring memory of those missions was the final few where he and his crew flew air rescue to transport Allied prisoners of war from German prison camps. At the end of his active duty, Harry continued as a reserve officer in the newly formed U.S. Air Force. Harry attained the rank of Colonel before retiring from the service in 1974.

While in the reserves Harry returned to complete his education at UCLA, where he earned his degree in Business/Accounting in 1948. Following graduation from UCLA, Harry took a "temporary" position as auditor with the California State Board of Equalization in Los Angeles. This "temp" job would last 36 years during which time Harry served as a Senior Auditor, Branch Manager and District Administrator.

He opened the Ventura office in 1957, and he managed it until 1962. As his last appointment for the Board he was assigned to Santa Barbara in 1968 as Manager of the 4th District which covered all of central California. As a long-time member of the business community in Santa Barbara, Harry was actively involved in the Rotary Club of Santa Barbara and served on the Board of Directors for the Santa Barbara chapter of the United Way.

Upon returning from World War II, Harry became an active member in the Episcopal church for which he remained a steadfast parishioner until his passing. Following his retirement from the state, he served as church warden for St. Paul's Episcopal Church and Day School in Ventura for a

year following the sudden and unexpected resignation of the church pastor. After forming a steering committee to find a new pastor for the church, Harry continued to serve the parish as a treasurer, outreach volunteer for the poor and chairperson for bible studies.

Harry was preceded in death by his parents and his elder sister, Elizabeth Smith, of Los Angeles. He is survived by his wife of 73 years, Margery, his four children, Harry, Ginny, Bill and Jim, and five grandchildren Ben, Lisa, Sam, Allie and Nick.



On June 21, 2021, Margery (Rominger) Dickinson, of Ventura, CA, loving wife and mother to four children and five grandchildren, passed away at the age of 97 of natural causes. Margery was born on January 18, 1924 in Shelbyville, IL, to William E. Rominger and Elizabeth (Stewardson) Rominger. She graduated from Shelbyville High School in June 1942 and attended James Millikin University in Decatur, IL where she met her future husband, Col. Harry L Dickinson Jr. (USAF Ret.) who was enrolled in officer training on campus. She also became an active member of the Tri-Delta Sorority organization.

Upon his release from active duty by the U.S. Army Air Force, Harry and Margery married on July 7, 1946, at the Rominger home in Shelbyville.

Following Harry's graduation from UCLA and employment by the California Board of Equalization, Harry and Margery raised their family in California and briefly, Glen Ellyn, IL. In 1969, they moved to Ventura, CA, for the second time and made that city their permanent home for 52 years.

Margery was an active part of various charitable organizations that involved her family and was particularly supportive of initiatives to promote greater female representation in the Episcopal church clergy. She proved her resourcefulness as a "do-it-yourself" person by learning to reupholster and refinish furniture, assisting workers with remodeling projects as well as gardening. She loved entertaining friends and family both at home and through semi-annual camping holidays throughout Southern California.

Margery was preceded in death by her husband, Harry, as well as her elder sister, Virginia Canham, of Santa Ana, CA, and her younger brother, William Rominger Jr., of Fort Lauderdale, FL. She is survived by her four children, Harry Dickinson III of San Juan Island, WA, Virginia Dilworth of Ventura, CA, Bill Dickinson of San Diego, CA, and James Dickinson of Orange, CA, and five grandchildren Benjamin, Lisa, Samuel, Alexandra and Nicholas.

A memorial service for Harry and Margery Dickinson will be held on October 8, 2022, at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Ventura, CA, at which time their ashes will be interred in the church's memorial garden. The family asks that in lieu of flowers any donations be made to the Harry and Margery Dickinson Memorial Fund at St. Paul's Church in Ventura, CA.