



Margaret M. Henson

June 19, 1934 – May 13, 2026



JULY 11, 2026
11:00 A.M.

In the pews you will see various books in different colors. The red book is our Book of Common Prayer (BCP). BCP pages are included if you prefer to use the Prayer Book. The blue Hymnal 1982 contains many of the hymns in today's service. Other hymns, beginning with "J-", can be found in the white, large ringed book entitled "Make a Joyful Noise."

The Word of God

The Prelude

Processional Hymn 410: Praise, my soul, the King of heaven, *standing as able*

Opening Anthems, *sung by the choir*

BCP 491

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.

The Collect of the Day

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

O God, who by the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ destroyed death, and brought life and immortality to light: Grant that your servant Margaret, being raised with him, may know the strength of his presence, and rejoice in his eternal glory; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Most merciful God, whose wisdom is beyond our understanding, deal graciously with the Henson family 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 people sit.

Psalm 23, said

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.

Second Reading: Romans 8:14-19, 34-35, 37-39

For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are

children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ— if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him. I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Reader The Word of the Lord.


People Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn: To be where you are, *standing*


text: Virgil Ray Henson




1. Christ, I pray for your king - dom, when
 2. Christ, pre - pare for your king - dom, with
 3. On the path to your king - dom, }
 4. Should I pass to your king - dom, may



all things shall be made a - gain.
 ma - ny man - sions in your house.
 I con - fess bold - ly you are the Christ.
 I see all who have died be - fore?



Wheth - er or earth, wheth - er in hea - ven,
 Were it not so you would have told me
 Judg - ment is thine; grace and all mer - cy,
 Pray they are there, there in your pres - ence,



I want to be where you are.

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The Holy Gospel: John 14:1-6

Reader 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.

Reader The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Reflections

Laura Henson
James Henson
Barbara Heiner

The Sermon

The Rev. Lonell Wright

The Apostles' Creed, *standing as able*

BCP 496

Celebrant

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

Celebrant and People

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

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

The Prayers of the People

BCP 497

For our sister Margaret, 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 Margaret, 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 sister eternal life.

Hear us, Lord.

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

Hear us Lord.

Our sister was washed in Baptism and anointed with the Holy Spirit; give her fellowship with all your saints.

Hear us Lord.

She was nourished with your Body and Blood; grant her a place at the table in your heavenly kingdom.

Hear us Lord.

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

Silence may be kept.

The Celebrant concludes with a prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, we commend to you our sister Margaret, who was reborn by water and the Spirit in Holy Baptism. Grant that her death may recall to us your victory over death, and be an occasion for us to renew our trust in your Father's love. Give us, we pray, the faith to follow where you have led the way; and where you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, to the ages of ages. *Amen.*

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

The Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Announcements

The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem: Like a River in my Soul arr. Tim Osiek

I've got peace like a river, like a river in my soul.
I've got peace like a river, soothing river, calmly flow.
When the world closes in, feel the stillness within..
I've got peace like a river, like a river in my soul.

I've got love like an ocean, like an ocean in my soul.
I've got love like an ocean, endless ocean, deep and full.
When you're lost and alone, let the waves bring you home.
I've got love like an ocean, like an ocean in my soul.
In my soul, in my soul, in my soul.

I've got joy, like a fountain, like a fountain in my soul
When your hope nearly dies, just remember, once again you shall rise!

I've got joy like a fountain, like an ocean, like a river, in my soul,
like a fountain, like an ocean, like a river in my soul.

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer B

BCP 367

Celebrant *3* *3* *3* *3* *Celebrant* *3* *3* *3* *3* *People*

The Lord be with you. And also with you. Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Celebrant

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

The celebrant adds a proper preface

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

p Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord,
mp *mf* *f* God of pow-er and might, Hea-ven and earth are full of your
 glo-ry. Ho-san-na, Ho-san-na, in the high-
 est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the Name of the Lord. Ho-
cres *ff* san-na, Ho-san-na in the high-est.

Celebrant

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken

through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

BCP 368

mf *Celebrant and People*

We re-mem-ber his death, We pro-claim his res-ur-
rec-tion, We a-wait his com-ing in glo-ry.

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Dunstan and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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.

A- men. A- men. A - men.

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

People and Celebrant

BCP 364

p Celebrant and People

Our Fa - ther in hea - ven, hal-low - ed be your
 Our Fa - ther, who art in hea - ven, hal-low - ed be thy
 Name, your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in
 Name, thy king - dom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in
 hea - ven. Give us to - day our dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins as
 hea - ven. Give us this day our dai - ly bread. And for - give us our tres - pass - es as
 we for - give those who sin a - gainst us. Save us from the time of
 we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us. And lead us not in - to temp -
 tri - al, and de - liv - er us from e - vil. For the king -
 ta - tion, but de - liv - er us from e - vil. For thine is the king -
 dom, the pow - er, and the glo - ry are yours now and for
 dom, and the pow - er, and the glo - ry for ev - er and for
 ev - er. A - men.
 ev - er. A - men.

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.

Christ our Passover

mp
[Al- le- lu - ia,] Christ our
Pass- o- ver is sac- ri- ficed for us; There- fore let us keep the
p
feast. [Al- le- lu - ia.]
[] = omit during Lent

The musical score is written on three staves in G major and 4/4 time. The first staff begins with a mezzo-piano (mp) dynamic and contains the lyrics "[Al- le- lu - ia,] Christ our". The second staff continues with "Pass- o- ver is sac- ri- ficed for us; There- fore let us keep the". The third staff starts with a piano (p) dynamic and contains "feast." followed by "[Al- le- lu - ia.]". A bracket below the third staff indicates that the bracketed phrase is omitted during Lent.

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

The Communion

All are welcome to receive Holy Communion in the Episcopal Church regardless of your church/ denominational background. Please extend 2 hands if you wish to have your bread dipped into the wine and extend one hand if you prefer to receive bread only and/or the common cup. If you need gluten free bread or prefer no wine, please indicate this. If you do not want Communion, you can come forward for a blessing instead, indicated by crossing your hands over your chest or simply remain in your seat.

Communion Hymn J-277: Here I Am Lord

Communion Hymn 335: I am the bread of life

The Post Communion Prayer

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 Celebrant and other ministers take their places at the body.

The Commendation, *sung by the choir*

Give rest, O Christ, to your servant 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 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 Margaret.

Acknowledge, we humbly beseech you, a sheep of your own fold, a lamb of your own flock, a sinner of your own redeeming. Receive her into the arms of your mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of the saints in light. *Amen.*

Interment procession of the family to the Columbarium

The People sing the following hymn while the family processes to the Memorial Garden.

Hymn for Procession 694: God be in my head

The Committal

Celebrant

Everyone the Father gives to me will come to me;
I will never turn away anyone who believes in me.

He who raised Jesus Christ from the dead
will also give new life to our mortal bodies
through his indwelling Spirit.

My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices;
my body also shall rest in hope.

You will show me the path of life;
in your presence there is fullness of joy,
and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

Then the Celebrant says these words

In sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life through our Lord Jesus Christ, we commend to Almighty God our sister Margaret, and we commit her body to its resting place; earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust. The Lord bless her and keep her, the Lord make his face to shine upon her and be gracious to her, the Lord lift up his countenance upon her and give her peace. *Amen.*

The Celebrant says

The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant Rest eternal grant to her, O Lord;

People And let light perpetual shine upon her.

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

The Blessing

The Celebrant then dismisses the people with these words

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 forever and ever. *Amen.*

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

The Postlude

Immediately following the service, please come into the Parish House for a catered luncheon and an opportunity to greet the family.

Birthday Poem from Virgil Henson to His Loving Wife Margaret

It seems somehow your sweetness settles round me,
Takes off its shoes and cuddles on the chair,
Sits upon its feet to keep them cozy,
And wordlessly expresses it is there.

It seems somehow your calmness gathers to me,
Quiets down the room and dims the light,
Turns away the world which was my daytime,
Caresses me and whispers, "All is right."

It seems somehow your loving ways enfold me,
Persuading that I must in kind respond,
Presenting me a glimpse of God's forever,
binding me through life, and time beyond.

Whence lead these simple lines of poetry,
These thoughts of sweet, caressing, loving hue?
I pray God grants to me the privilege
Of living life and growing old with you.

Margaret Henson

LA MESA - Margaret M. Henson passed away on May 13, 2026, at the age of 91.

A native San Diegan, Margaret was born in City Heights to James R. Calvin and Martha D. Calvin. She was a member of the first graduating class of Helix High School in 1952. She attended San Diego State College, where she majored in Education and, upon graduation, began her career as a schoolteacher at Muir Elementary.

It was at San Diego State that she met the love of her life, Virgil "Ray" Henson. Ray was a member of Alpha Tau Omega, and Margaret was a member of Alpha Chi Omega. Their first date was at a joint fraternity and sorority event. They married in September 1957 and immediately moved to Los Angeles, where Ray attended graduate school at UCLA. While Ray earned his master's degree in urban geography, Margaret worked as a librarian at UCLA's iconic library. She often said they were poor during those years, but they were also some of the happiest years of their lives.

Their son, James, was born in Los Angeles in 1959, and their daughter, Laura, was born in Modesto in 1961.

Margaret devoted many years to raising her family as a homemaker and stay-at-home mother. When Jim left for California Polytechnic State University, she dusted off her college textbooks and returned to the workforce. In 1978, she joined the La Mesa Spring Valley School District as a buyer, a position she held until her retirement in 1990. She loved her work and her colleagues. One of her favorite stories was that she played matchmaker for two coworkers who went on to enjoy a happy marriage that has now lasted 37 years.

Margaret was an active member of St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church for 56 years. Her many ministries included serving on the Flower Guild and Altar Guild, and she was one of the founding members of Stephen Ministry. She facilitated the Bad Girls of the Bible study group and lovingly created hundreds of quilts through the Prayers and Squares Ministry. Margaret and Ray were also deeply involved with Episcopal Community Services and Camp Stevens.

She was also a dedicated member of the philanthropic women's organization P.E.O. Sisterhood, having joined in 1975.

Margaret is survived by her son, James (Sue); her daughter, Laura (Geoff); her grandson, Paul (Laura); her granddaughter, Stephanie (Adam); four great-grandchildren; and many beloved nieces, nephews, cherished friends, and extended family members.

Margaret was deeply loved by all who knew her. Her greatest passions were her faith, her family and friends, reading, and quilting. Her kindness, generosity, and unwavering devotion to others will be remembered by all whose lives she touched.

ASSISTING IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Clergy	The Rev. Lonell Wright The Rev. D. Rebecca Hansen
Music	Sue Caldwell, Organist
Readers	Paul Henson Stephanie Riesenber, Sue Daniels

INFORMATION FOR THE SERVICE

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