Dorothy Ann Harris

Mrs. Dorothy Ann “Dot” Harris was a lifelong resident of Tallassee, Alabama. Dot passed away quietly on Sunday afternoon, March 16, 2014, at the age of 81, surrounded by members of her family and the unseen—angels and archangels and all the company of heaven. Friends from the church and community had been by during the week. Father Wells, the new Episcopal priest in Tallassee, had visited a last time just after church.

Dot and her devoted and loving husband, Thurman Gaston Harris, raised their family here. Dot and Gaston were married for 65 years. She was a kindergarten teacher for many years and worked until her retirement at WalMart in Tallassee as the Customer Service Manager. Dot was an active member of the Episcopal Church of the Epiphany in Tallassee.

Dot Harris is survived by her husband; sons, Donnie Gaston Harris (Jill) and Mark Stephen Harris; grandchildren, Misty Leann Butler (Brad), Shay Gaston Harris (Kristin Grier); great grandchildren, Zachary Scott Butler and Ethan Lee Butler and her sisters, Juanita Bodiford, June Rowe and Patsy Shaw (Lane).

Dot is preceded in death by her parents, Charlie and Florence Biggers; a sister, Virginia Blackwell and a brother, Charlie “Buck” Biggers.

Burial from the Church will follow in Rose Hill Cemetery, Jeffcoat Funeral Home of Tallassee directing.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Episcopal Church of the Epiphany, P.O. Box 780636, Tallassee, Alabama 36078.
Gathering of the People
The people enter in silence and observe a time of silent prayer

Piano Preludes
Words of Peace
Anthem I am the Resurrection and the Life Page 469, BCP
The Collect Page 470, BCP

The Word of God

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 Page 476, BCP

Epistle Lesson Revelation 21:2-7
And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, 'See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.' And the one who was seated on the throne said, ‘See, I am making all things new.’ Also he said, ‘Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.’ Then he said to me, ‘It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life. Those who conquer will inherit these things, and I will be their God and they will be my children.

Gospel Sequence
The King of Love My Shepherd Is Hymn 645, Verses 1-3
Gospel Lesson John 14:1-6
Jesus said to his disciples, ‘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.’

The Sermon by Father Wells
The Prayers Page 480, BCP
The Peace
Offertory Hymn Fairest Lord Jesus Hymn 383

Holy Communion
All are welcome at the Lord’s Table.

Eucharistic Prayer I Page 333, BCP
Sanctus Hymn S 113
Consecration of the Elements
The Lord’s Prayer Page 336, BCP
Breaking the Bread
Communion I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light Hymn 490
Post-Communion Prayer Page 482, BCP
The Blessing
The Commendation Page 482, BCP
Hymn Amazing Grace Hymn 671
The Dismissal
Piano Postlude

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