

# Gino Agresti

## Home Going Service

Saturday, August 19, 2023 11:00 am

PRELUDE Arrangement of *He Leadeth Me* Rebecca Edie

### INTRODUCTION

**P** Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the source of all mercy and the God of all consolation, who comforts us in all our sorrows so that we can comfort others in their sorrows with the consolation we ourselves have received from God.

### THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

**P** When we were baptized in Christ Jesus, we were baptized into his death. We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live a new life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.

Eternal God, maker of heaven and earth, who formed us from the dust of the earth, who by your breath gave us life, we glorify you.

**All We glorify you.**

**P** Jesus Christ, the resurrection and the life, who suffered death for all humanity, who rose from the grave to open the way to eternal life, we praise you.

**All We praise you.**

**P** Holy Spirit, author and giver of life, the comforter of all who sorrow, our sure confidence and everlasting hope, we worship you.

**All** **We worship you.**

**P** To you, O blessed Trinity, be glory and honor, forever and ever.

**All** **Amen.**

CONGREGATIONAL SONG *Amazing Grace* ELW 779



1 A - maz - ing grace!— how sweet the sound— that  
2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and  
3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I  
4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his  
5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright



saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but  
grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that  
have al - read - y come; 'tis grace has brought me  
word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and  
shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to



now am found; was blind, but now I see.  
grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!  
safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.  
por - tion be as long as life en - dures.  
sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

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Text: John Newton, 1725-1807, alt., sts. 1-4; anonymous, st. 5

Music: W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835; arr. Edwin O. Excell, 1851-1921, alt.

## GREETING

**P** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**All And also with you.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** Let us pray.

O God of grace and glory, we remember before you today our brother Gino. We thank you for giving him to us to know and to love as a companion in our pilgrimage on earth. In your boundless compassion, console us who mourn. Give us faith to see that death has been swallowed up in the victory of our Lord Jesus Christ, so that we may live in the present in confidence and hope until, by your call, we are gathered to our heavenly home in the company of all your saints; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**All Amen.**

READING Tom Akins

READING Revelation 21:1-17

**A** The Word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

## HALLELUJAH



Hal - le - lu - jah \_\_\_\_\_ hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah, \_\_\_\_\_ hal - le - lu - jah

**Repeat**

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THE GOSPEL John 11:17-26

**P** The Gospel according to John, the eleventh chapter.

**All** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

**P** The Gospel of the Lord.

**All** **Praise be to you, O Christ.**

SPECIAL SPIRITUAL: *Were you There?* Lee Ara Watson

EULOGY AND WORD OF GOD: Pastor James M. Capers



## CREED

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
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,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come 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.**

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*Response after each petition:*

**A** . . . God of mercy,

**All** **hear our prayer.**

**P** God of all grace, we give you thanks because by his death our Savior Jesus Christ destroyed the power of death and by his resurrection he opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers. Make us certain that because he lives we shall live also, and that neither death nor life, nor things present nor things to come, will be able to separate us from your

love in Christ Jesus our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**All Amen.**

#### LORD'S PRAYER

**All Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen**

#### COMMENDATION

**P** Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant *Gino*. 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.

**All Amen.**

#### BENEDICTION

**P** Now to God who is able to keep you from falling and to present you before his glorious presence without fault and with great joy To the only God our Savior be glory, majesty, power and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and forevermore.

Let us go in peace.

All Amen.

## FUNERAL DIRECTORS

### RECESSIONAL HYMN

*Now Thank We All Our God* ELW 840



1 Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voices,  
2 Oh, may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,  
3 All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,



who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices;  
with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us,  
the Son, and Spirit blest, who reign in highest heaven,



who, from our mothers' arms, has blest us on our way  
and keep us all in grace, and guide us when perplexed,  
the one eternal God, whom earth and heav'n adore;



with count-less gifts of love, and still is ours to-day.  
and free us from all harm in this world and the next.  
for thus it was, is now, and shall be ever more.

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Text: Martin Rinkhart, 1586-1649; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878

Music: Johann Crüger, 1598-1662

Presider:	Pastor James M. Capers	Organist:	Ms. Rebecca Edie
Assistant:	Mr. Dardhe Lake	Soloist:	Ms. Lee Ara Watson
Acolyte:	Ms. Divine Adolphe	Ushers:	Mr. Pete Bush Mr. Keith Kunze



Gino R. Agresti, 75, of Indianapolis, Indiana, passed away on August 15, 2023. He was born on August 19, 1947, in The Bronx, New York, to the late Ralph and Mary Agresti.

His passions were singing, baseball, and music; including musical theater in which he performed lead roles in high school productions. Loving the vast array of orchestral music, the experience of making music with so many talented colleagues won him over to attend the Cincinnati College Conservatory of Music where he had the privilege of studying violin with Sigmund Efron, the concertmaster of the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra. After graduating, he joined the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra where he passionately played first violin for 42 years. After his retirement, he enjoyed playing and connecting with nearby regional orchestras.

He was an avid fan of sports, opera, movies, and good food. He had a presence larger than life, and a great enthusiasm and encouragement for other people. He also had great admiration and pride in his two daughters and their personalities and abilities.

Gino is survived by his loving wife, Barbara; children, Amanda (Sean Tornes) and Angela; and grandchildren, Olivia and Parker.

A Visitation for Gino will be on Saturday, August 19, from 10 am to 11 am, with a Funeral Service at 11 am, at Salem Lutheran Church, 4700 W 72nd St, Indianapolis, IN 46268.

Flowers are welcome, as well as memorial contributions in Gino's name to the Indianapolis Opera ([indyopera.org](http://indyopera.org)).