



Gilbert Saldana

September 28, 1934 - December 23, 2023

Celebrating the Life of
Gilbert Saldana
Saturday, January 6, 2024 11:00 a.m.
Broussard's Chapel
Beaumont, Texas
Reverend Timothy Dinger

THE PASTORAL GREETING

THE INVOCATION

THE FAITHFUL CHRISTIAN WITNESS

HYMN

"I Know That My Redeemer Lives"

LSB 461

I know that My Redeemer lives;
What comfort this sweet sentence gives!
He lives, He lives, who once was dead;
He lives my ever living head.

He lives triumphant from the grave
He lives eternally to save;
He lives all glorious in the sky;
He lives exalted there on high.

He lives to bless me with His love;
He lives to plead for me above;
He lives my hungry soul to feed;
He lives to help in time of need.

He lives to grant me rich supply;
He lives to guide me with His eye;
He lives to comfort me when faint;
He lives to hear my soul's complaint.

He lives to silence all my fears;
He lives to wipe away my tears;
He lives to calm my troubled heart;
He lives all blessings to impart.

He lives, my kind wise, heav'nly friend;;
He lives and loves me to the end;
He lives and while He lives, I'll sing
He lives, my Prophet, Priest and King.

He lives, all glory to His name!
He lives, My Jesus, still the same;
Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives:
I know that my Redeemer lives!

THE PRAYER FOR THANKSGIVING

THE FIRST READING: Psalm 23

THE EPISTLE Peter 1:3-9

THE GOSPEL John 14:1-6

HYMN *"How Great Thou Art"* LSB 801

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the works Thy hand hath made,
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
Thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed;

Refrain:

Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee,
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee,
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!

When through the woods and forest glades I wander,;
I hear the birds siong wetly in the trees;
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze; **Refrain**

But when I think that God, His Son not sparing,
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in –
That on the cross my burden gladly bearing
He bled and died to take away my sin; Refrain:
When Christ shall come with sounds of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
And there proclaim: "My God, how great Thou art!" **Refrain**

THE MESSAGE

THE APOSTLES' CREED

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 Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE BENEDICTION

THE CLOSING HYMN

"Amazing Grace"

LSB 744

Amazing Grace – how sweet the sound –
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost but now am found
Was blind but now I see!

The Lord has promised good to me,
His Word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures.

Through many dangers, toils, and snares
I have already come;
His grace has brought me safe thus far,
His grace will lead me home.

Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail
And mortal life shall cease,
Amazing grace shall then prevail
In heaven's joy and peace.

When we've been there ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we'd first begun.

Concerning Christian Funerals

It is good that you have gathered together to join family and friends at the funeral service for Gilbert Saldana. The Bible urges Christians to “rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep.” Death is a time of sadness but the Lord also wants you to know that it is a necessity. St. Paul writes, “that which you sow does not come to life unless it dies; and the grain which you sow is unlike the plant which is to be!” Our flesh is mortal and returns to dust, but we look forward with expectation to the day of the resurrection. We are sown a perishable body, we are raised an imperishable body.” We join together during this brief service in praise, prayer and honor to Christ Jesus our Redeemer. “For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ all shall be made alive!



Gilbert Saldana, 89, of Beaumont, died peacefully on the morning of Saturday, December 23rd, 2023. He was born in a house on 945 Bonham Street in Beaumont on Friday, September 28th, 1934, to Elias Saldana and Encarnación Llames. Gilbert graduated from Beaumont High School in May of 1952 and married Lupe Saldana on November 11th, 1955. He was a life-long resident of Beaumont and a virtual encyclopedia of Beaumont's history and families.

While in the Navy, serving from 1957 until 1959, he crossed the Equator two times and went to both the Arctic Circle and the Antarctic Circle. He also went to England, Norway, Greece, Lebanon, Brazil, Argentina, Uruguay and several other countries as well as Cuba where he served as interpreter between the U.S. Navy and Fidel Castro before the Cuban Revolution.

Gilbert attended Templo Bautista in Beaumont as a child. After getting married he attended St. John Lutheran Church, serving as an elder and president of the congregation for many years. Later in life he attended Redeemer Lutheran Church until his death.

As a cancer survivor, Gilbert was very active in the Gift of Life Program in Beaumont. He was also a decades long member of the YMBL of Beaumont, volunteering for them at the South Texas State Fair almost every year until very recently. He was also known as "Mr. Santa Claus" due to his involvement with the Beaumont Enterprise's annual Empty Stocking Fund which gave toys to underprivileged children in the area. Being fluent in both Spanish and English helped in interviewing all needy families and he took great delight in specifically asking each child what they wanted for Christmas.

Survivors include sons, Raymond Saldana and wife, Karen, and Andrew Saldana and wife, Monique; grandchildren, Brittainey Saldana and husband, Stephen Sanders; Rachel Saldana; Lance Saldana and wife, Myrka; Anne-Marie Saldana; and Natalie Saldana; and great-grandson, Liam Saldana.

He was preceded in his death by his wife, his parents, his brother, Antonio, and sisters, Mary, Petra, Elisa, Lupe, and Elisa "Chiquita."













Pallbearers

Rick Didio

Ryan Dollins

Ernie Erickson

Michael Garcia

Michelle Johnson

Mike Root

Entombment

Magnolia Cemetery

Beaumont, Texas

Military Honors

United States Navy

Southeast Texas Veterans Service Group

Memorial Contributions

Julie Rogers Gift of Life Program

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