

3 And 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)

4 When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation and take me home,  
what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in humble admiration,  
and there proclaim, "My God, how great thou art." (Refrain)

#### **BENEDICTION & COMMENDATION**

#### **CLAIRE APPOLLONI**

Claire T. Iannotta Appolloni, 84, went home to be with the Lord on Friday, April 23, 2021 at her home with her loving family by her side.

She was born on May 30, 1936 in Plainfield, NJ to Dominic and Clara Iannotta. Claire was raised in Plainfield and was a 1954 graduate of Plainfield High School. In June 1960, she married her love, Leo J. Appolloni, and they raised their family together in South Plainfield. They were married for 56 years, until his death in 2017.

Claire worked for many years at Tepper's Department Store in Plainfield. After marrying and having her family, she was a stay at home mother, a role in which she was exceptional! In the late 70's, Claire returned to work at LOGOS Books in Plainfield. After a few years she gained employment as an Administrative Assistant at Bell Laboratories in Murray Hill where she was employed for 20 years before retiring in 2000.

She was a lifelong member of the First Presbyterian Church in Dunellen, where she was baptized and raised. She remained an active member all through her life serving her Lord and her church. She served for many years as a Deacon, as well as, on many commissions and Bible studies during her life.

Claire was a devoted and loving wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister and aunt. She had a wonderful sense of humor and was well known for her endless supply of chocolate chip cookies! She cherished her role as Nana and showed it in her unending support and love for each of her grandchildren. Claire was a lover of the opera and the arts. She will always be remembered for her loving and kind heart and as someone who dedicated her life to helping others. She was a true inspiration to all who knew her and will be greatly missed.

She was predeceased by her husband, Leo J. Appolloni, Sr., who died on March 24, 2017, and by her son in law, Jorge Espada, who passed away on July 13, 2020. She is survived by her son, Leo J. Appolloni, Jr. of South Plainfield; two daughters, Lisa Colao and her husband Steve of Scotch Plains, and Christine Espada of Toms River; a brother John Iannotta and his wife Anita of Dewitt, NY; five grandchildren, J.C., Nicole, Thomas, Sam, and Abigail; and three great-grandchildren, Mario, Lunabelle, and Jorge, Jr.; and numerous nieces and nephew. She will be laid to rest next to her husband at Hillside Cemetery in Scotch Plains.

## **A SERVICE OF WITNESS TO THE RESURRECTION**



**IN CELEBRATION OF THE LIFE OF**

**CLAIRE APPOLLONI**

*May 30, 1936-April 23, 2021*

**MAY 7, 2021 AT 11:00 AM**

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SENTENCES OF SCRIPTURE

WELCOME & PRAYER

SONG *AMAZING GRACE* HYMN 502

- 1 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.
- 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;  
how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!
- 3 The Lord has promised good to me, his word my hope secures;  
he will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.
- 4 Through many dangers, toils and snares I have already come;  
'tis grace that brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
- 5 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.

NEW TESTAMENT READING JOHN 3:16-21

GIVING THANKS FOR CLAIRE

SONG *OLD RUGGED CROSS* HYMN 484

- 1 On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross,  
the emblem of suffering and shame; and I love that old cross,  
where the dearest and best for a world of lost sinners was slain.  
[Refrain:] So I'll cherish the old rugged cross,  
till my trophies at last I lay down;  
I will cling to the old rugged cross,  
and exchange it some day for a crown.
- 2 O that old rugged cross, so despised by the world,  
has a wondrous attraction for me; for the dear Lamb of God  
left his glory above to bear it to dark Calvary. (Refrain)
- 3 In that old rugged cross, stained with blood so divine,  
a wondrous beauty I see, for 'twas on that old cross  
Jesus suffered and died, to pardon and sanctify me. (Refrain)
- 4 To that old rugged cross I will ever be true,  
its shame and reproach gladly bear; then he'll call me some day  
to my home far away, where his glory forever I'll share. (Refrain)

NEW TESTAMENT READING ROMANS 8:31-39

MESSAGE *In All These Things* REV. TIM OSBORNE

SONG *HERE I AM LORD*

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry  
All who dwell in dark and sin, My hand will save  
I who made the stars of night. I will make their darkness bright  
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord Is it I, Lord?  
I have heard You calling in the night  
I will go, Lord. If You lead me  
I will hold Your people in my heart

I, the Lord of wind and flame. I will tend the poor and lame  
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save  
Finest bread I will provide, 'Til their hearts be satisfied  
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

PROFESSION OF FAITH HEIDELBERG CATECHISM Q&A 1

*LEADER: What is your only comfort in life and in death?*

**ALL: That I belong—body and soul, in life and in death—not to myself but to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ,**

*LEADER: At the cost of his own blood He has fully paid for all my sins and has completely freed me from the dominion of the devil.*

**ALL: He protects me so well that without the will of my Father in heaven not a hair can fall from my head.**

*LEADER: Indeed, everything must fit His purpose for my salvation.*

**ALL: Therefore, by his Holy Spirit, he also assures me of eternal life, and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

OLD TESTAMENT READING PSALM 23

SONG *HOW GREAT THOU ART* HYMN 21

1 O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder consider all the worlds  
thy hand have made, I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,  
thy power 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!

2 When through the woods and forest glades I wander and hear the  
birds sing sweetly in the trees; when I look down from lofty mountain  
grandeur, and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze. (Refrain)