

Mary Florence Garza March 30, 1944 - May 5, 2025

Mary Florence Garza (née Boyce), beloved wife, mother, sister, teacher, musician, and lifelong learner, passed away peacefully on Monday, May 5, 2025, surrounded by family and loved ones. She was 81 years old.

Mary was born on March 30, 1944, in Mexico City, Mexico, to James Reid Boyce and Marguerite Florence Boyce. She spent her childhood in Ometepec, Guerrero, where she developed an early love of music. As a teenager, she moved to the United States and completed high school in Tallahassee, Florida, before attending Erskine College. She later earned a Ph.D. in education from the University of Texas at Austin in 2002—a remarkable achievement that exemplified her deep commitment to lifelong learning.

Mary was a devoted educator who spent her career nurturing students across a wide variety of settings. She taught in public school districts across South Carolina, the Dallas-Fort Worth metroplex, San Antonio, Austin, and Round Rock. Her teaching roles were as diverse as her talents—she taught music, physical education, bilingual education, and English as a Second Language (ESL), working with students at every level from elementary to high school. She also taught adult ESL classes in Fort Worth and Austin, and contributed to higher education through teaching roles at Austin Community College, Texas Woman's University (TWU), and Midwestern State University (MSU) in Wichita Falls. Mary also spent several years serving in the Bilingual and Migrant Education divisions of the Texas Education Agency.

Mary's love of music was a thread that ran through every chapter of her life. She played the violin and piano with joy and dedication and was a member of the San Antonio Bach Choir as well as the New Hope Presbyterian Church choir in Wichita Falls. In retirement, she and her beloved husband, Daniel Marcelo Garza, continued their passion for learning by auditing music courses together at MSU. They were honored with a special award recognizing their enthusiastic support and encouragement of their fellow music students—an award that brought Mary great pride.

Mary is survived by her two sons, David Marcelo Garza and Peter Mark Garza; and her brothers, James Boyce and William Boyce. She was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Dan Garza, and her sisters, Elizabeth Boyce and Peggi Boyce. Mary will be remembered for her intelligence, warmth, dedication to justice in education, and deep generosity of spirit. She lived a life marked by curiosity, service, and love—leaving a legacy that will echo through the countless students she taught and the many lives she touched.

the family asks that donations be made in Mary's memory to New Hope's Mobile Food Ministries.

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o INTROIT MORNING PRAYER OPUS 39 TCHAIKOVSKY

GREETINGS & THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

OUR HELP IS IN THE NAME OF THE LORD!

WHO MADE HEAVEN AND EARTH!

Hymn # 721 Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore (WE WILL SING THE CHORUS IN SPANISH)

GATHERING PRAYER

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Let us confess all that we are, and all that we have done and LEFT UNDONE, BEFORE THE GOD OF MERCY...

GOD OF COMPASSION, WHOSE LOVING-KINDNESS ENDURES FOREVER: WE CONFESS THAT OFTEN WE FAIL TO BOTH GIVE AND RECEIVE LOVE: WE OFTEN FAIL TO CARE FOR OTHERS AS WE CARE FOR OURSELVES; TO BOTH FORGIVE AND TO ACCEPT FORGIVENESS. WE ARE FILLED WITH GOOD INTENTIONS THAT HAVE NOT BEEN PUT INTO ACTION; OUR **MOUTHS HAVE SAID HARSH AND HURTFUL THINGS; OUR SELFISHNESS** HAS CAUSED PAIN TO OTHERS. AND OUR PRIDE PAIN TO OURSELVES. HELP US TO BE COMFORTED, LORD OF LIGHT, AS WE ACKNOWLEDGE OUR **POWERLESSNESS IN THE FACE OF DEATH. HEAR US, O LORD, AS IN THIS** SILENCE, WE MAKE OUR CONFESSION TO YOU.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

<u>o</u> <u>Choir Anthem</u> JESU, JOY MAN'S DESIRING BACH Mary Florence Garza March 30, 1944 – May 5, 2025

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATIONSOURCE OF TRUE WISDOM,CALM THE TROUBLED WATERS OF OUR HEARTS,AND STILL ALL OTHER VOICES BUT YOUR OWN,THAT WE MAY HEAR AND OBEYWHAT YOU TELL US IN YOUR WORD,THROUGH THE POWER OF YOUR SPIRIT.AMEN.SCRIPTURE READINGSPROVERBS 31: 25-31,MATTHEW 5: 14-16,ROMANS 8: 38-39WORDS OF REMEMBRANCESUHUA HUANGMEDITATIONAVE MARIASCHUBERT

PSALTER PRAYER PSALM 23

EL SEÑOR ES MI PASTOR, NADA ME FALTA; EN VERDES PASTOS ME HACE DESCANSAR. JUNTO A TRANQUILAS AGUAS ME CONDUCE; ME INFUNDE NUEVAS FUERZAS. ME GUÍA POR SENDAS DE JUSTICIA HACIENDO HONOR A SU NOMBRE. AUN SI VOY POR VALLES TENEBROSOS, NO TEMERÉ NINGÚN MAL PORQUE TÚ ESTÁS A MI LADO; TU VARA Y TU BASTÓN ME RECONFORTAN. DISPONES ANTE MÍ UN BANQUETE EN PRESENCIA DE MIS ENEMIGOS. HAS UNGIDO CON ACEITE MI CABEZA; HAS LLENADO MI COPA A REBOSAR. SEGURO ESTOY DE QUE LA BONDAD Y EL AMOR ME SEGUIRÁN TODOS LOS DÍAS DE MI VIDA; Y EN LA CASA DEL SEÑOR

HABITARÉ PARA SIEMPRE.

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PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & THE LORD'S PRAYER AND NOW FRIENDS WITH THE BOLDNESS OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD, LET US PRAY TOGETHER THE PRAYER OUR LORD TAUGHT US...

OUR FATHER WHO ART IN HEAVEN, HALLOWED BE THY NAME. THY KINGDOM COME, THY WILL BE DONE, ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN. GIVE US THIS DAY OUR DAILY BREAD; AND FORGIVE US OUR PAN NUESTRO DE CADA DÍA: **DEBTS. AS WE FORGIVE OUR DEBTORS; AND LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION, BUT DELIVER US** FROM EVIL. FOR THINE IS THE KINGDOM AND THE POWER AND THE GLORY, FOREVER. AMEN.

PADRE NUESTRO QUE ESTÁS EN LOS **CIELOS, SANTIFICADO SEA TU** NOMBRE; VENGA TU REINO; HÁGASE TU VOLUNTAD, ASÍ EN LA TIERRA COMO EN EL CIELO; DANOS HOY EL PERDONA NUESTRAS OFENSAS, ASÍ COMO NOSOTROS PERDONAMOS A LOS QUE NOS OFENDEN; NO NOS **DEJES CAER EN LA TENTACIÓN Y** LÍBRANOS DE MAL. AMÉN.

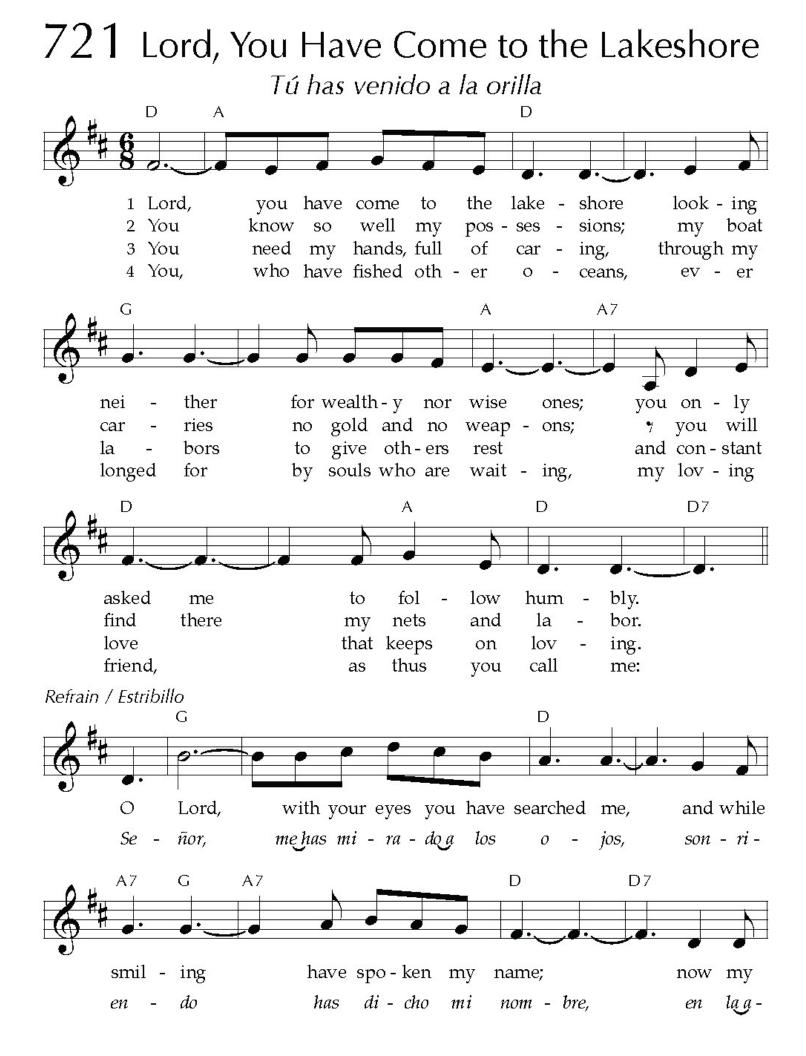
HYMN # 69, THE LORD OF SEA AND SKY (HERE I AM, LORD) **BENEDICTION** AIR IN D MAJOR BACH POSTLUDE

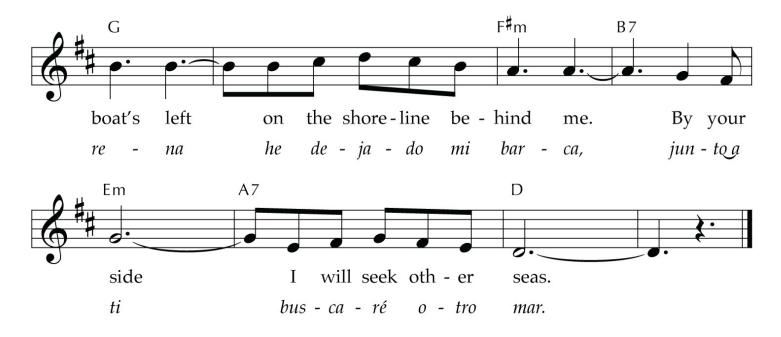






Dan & Mary Garza Reunited in God's Glorious Kingdom May 5, 2025





SPANISH

- 1 Tú has venido a la orilla, no has buscado ni a sabios, ni a ricos, tan sólo quieres que yo te siga. Estribillo
- 2 Tú sabes bien lo que tengo: en mi barca no hay oro ni espadas, tan solo redes y mi trabajo. Estribillo
- 3 *Tú necesitas mis manos, mi cansancio que a otros descanse, amor que quiera seguir amando.* Estribillo
- 4 Tú, pescador de otros lagos, ansia eterna de almas que esperan, amigo bueno, que así me llamas. Estribillo

