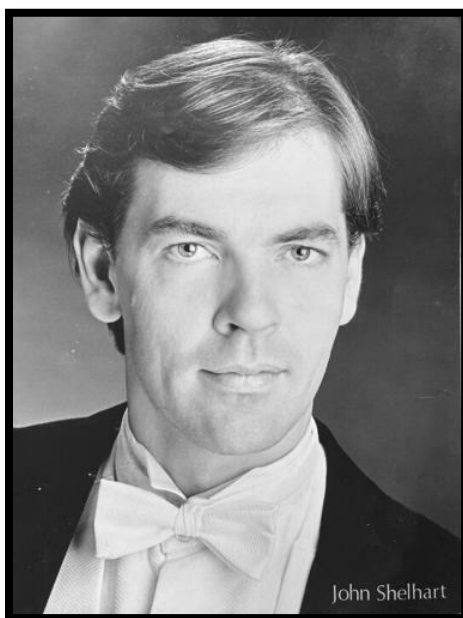


A Service in Thanksgiving  
for the Life of

## **John Shelhart**



*Saturday, January 27<sup>th</sup> at 11 am*

*Trinity Memorial Church  
Binghamton, NY*

**Prelude**     *Herzliebster Jesu*

**Johannes Brahms**

*Please note that the text in **bold italics** is said by the whole congregation and the hymns are found in the blue Hymnal 1982 in the pews.*

**Opening Hymn #400**

***All creatures of our God and King***     **Lasst uns erfreuen**  
(Stanzas 1, 2, 3, 6, 7)

I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord;  
those that believe in me, though they were dead, yet shall they live;  
and whosoever lives and believes in me shall never die.

I know that my Redeemer lives,  
and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth;  
and though this body be destroyed, yet shall I see God;  
whom I shall see for myself, and my eyes shall behold,  
and not as a stranger.

For none of us lives to ourselves alone,  
and no person dies to  
For if we live, we live unto the Lord;  
and if we die, we die unto the Lord.  
Whether we live, therefore, or die, we are the Lord's.

Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord;  
even so says the Spirit, for they rest from their labors.

<i>Priest</i>	The Lord be with you.
<i>People</i>	<b><i>And also with you.</i></b>
<i>Priest</i>	Let us pray.

O God of grace and glory, we remember before you this day our brother John.

We thank you for giving him to us, his family and friends,  
to know and to love as a companion on our earthly pilgrimage.

In your boundless compassion, console us who mourn.

Give us faith to see in death the gate of eternal life,  
so that in quiet confidence we may continue our course on earth,  
until, by your call, we are reunited with those who have gone before;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Most merciful God, whose wisdom is beyond our understanding,  
deal graciously with John's family, the choir and Parish at Trinity in our  
grief.

Surround us with your love, that we may not be overwhelmed by the loss of  
John, but have confidence in your goodness, and strength to meet the days  
to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

# The Word of God Is Source and Seed



1 The Word of God is source and seed; it comes to  
 2 The Word of God is breath and life; it comes to  
 3 The Word of God is flesh and grace, who comes to



die and sprout and grow. So make your dark earth  
 heal and wake and save. So let the Spir - it  
 sing, to laugh and cry. So dare to be as



wel - come warm; root deep the grain God bent to sow.  
 touch and mend and rouse your dry bones from their grave.  
 Je - sus was, who came to live and love and die.

## *Refrain*



*Gau-de - a - mus Do - mi - no, gau - de - a - mus Do - mi - no,*  
 In the Lord let us re - joice, in the Lord let us re - joice,



*gau - de - a - mus Do - mi - no!*  
 in the Lord let us re - joice!

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## The Liturgy of the Word

### First Reading - Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

For everything there is a season, and <sup>1</sup>a time for every matter under heaven:

**2** a time to be born, and a time to die;

a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;

**3** a time to kill, and a time to heal;

a time to break down, and a time to build up;

**4** a time to weep, and a time to laugh;

a time to mourn, and a time to dance;

**5** a time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together;

a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;

**6** a time to seek, and a time to lose;

a time to keep, and a time to cast away;

**7** a time to tear, and a time to sew;

a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;

**8** a time to love, and a time to hate;

a time for war, and a time for peace.

*Lector*

The Word of the Lord.

*People*

***Thanks be to God.***

## Psalm 121

## *Anglican Chant*

### **The Second Lesson:** Romans 8:14-19,34-35,37-39

For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God. The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, “*Abba*, Father.” The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God’s children. Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.

I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us. For the creation waits in eager expectation for the children of God to be revealed.

Who then is the one who condemns? No one. Christ Jesus who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us. <sup>35</sup> Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword?

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The Rev. Susan Shelhart

*Reader*  
*People*

The Word of the Lord.  
***Thanks be to God.***

## Hymn #469

*There's a wideness in God's mercy*

## St. Helena

(Stanza 1 – All, Stanza 2 – Basses, Stanza 3 -Treble Voices)

*Priest  
People*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

***Glory to you, Lord Christ.***

## The Gospel Reading: John 14: 1-6

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God believe also in me. My Father’s house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me so that you also may be where I am. You know the way to the place where I am going.”

Thomas said to him, “Lord, we don’t know where you are going, so how can we know the way?”

Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

*Priest  
People*

# The Gospel of the Lord.

*Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

## Eulogy

# Mark Shelhart

## The Homily

**The Rev. Glenn Mahaffey**

# Anthem

*Cast thy burden upon the Lord*  
from **Elijah**

# Felix Mendelssohn

## The Apostles' Creed

*Priest:*

In the assurance of eternal life given at Baptism,  
let us proclaim our faith and say together,

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

***I believe in Jesus Christ,  
his only Son, our Lord.***

***He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.***

***He 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,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.***

***He will come again 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.***



## **The Prayers**

*The Leader and People pray responsively:*

For our brother, John, let us pray to our Lord Jesus Christ who said,  
“I am Resurrection, and I am Life.”

Lord, you consoled Martha and Mary in their distress;  
draw near to us who mourn for John and dry the tears of those who weep.

***Hear us, Lord.***

You wept at the grave of Lazarus, your friend; comfort us in our sorrow.

***Hear us, Lord.***

You raised the dead to life; give to our brother John, eternal life.

***Hear us, Lord.***

You promised paradise to the thief who repented;  
bring our brother, John, to the joys of heaven.

***Hear us, Lord.***

Our brother John was washed in Baptism and anointed with the Holy Spirit;  
give him fellowship with all your saints.

***Hear us, Lord.***

He was nourished with your Body and Blood;  
grant him a place at the table in your heavenly kingdom.

***Hear us, Lord.***

He blessed many with the gift of music in this world, may he now  
be blessed being a part of the Heavenly Chorus.

***Hear us, Lord.***

Comfort us in our sorrows at the death of our brother John,  
let our faith be our consolation, and eternal life our hope.

*Priest*

Lord Jesus Christ, we commend to you our brother, John,  
who was reborn by water and the Spirit in Holy Baptism.  
Grant that his death may recall to us your victory over death,  
and be an occasion for us to renew our trust in your Father's love.  
Give us, we pray, the faith to follow where you have led the way;  
and where you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit,  
to the ages of ages. *Amen.*

## **The Holy Communion**

**Offertory Sentence** Yours, O Lord is the greatness, the power, the glory,  
the victory, and the majesty. For everything in heaven and on earth is yours.  
Yours, O lord, is the kingdom, and you are exalted as head over all.

### **Offertory Anthem**

*How Lovely is Thy Dwelling Place*      Johannes Brahms

## **The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer A**

*Priest*                      The Lord be with you.

*People*                     ***And also with you.***

*Priest*                     Lift up your hearts.

*People*                     ***We lift them to the Lord.***

*Priest*                     Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People*                     ***It is right to give him thanks and praise.***

*Priest*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing,

always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who rose victorious from the dead,  
and comforts us with the blessed hope of everlasting life.

For to your faithful people, O Lord, life is changed, not ended;  
and when our mortal body lies in death,  
there is prepared for us a dwelling place eternal in the heavens.

Therefore, we praise you,  
joining our voices with Angels and Archangels  
and with all the company of heaven,  
who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name

### **Sanctus and Benedictus S – 129**

***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.***

***Hosanna in the highest.***

***Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.***

***Hosanna in the highest.***

#### *Priest*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself;  
and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death,  
you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share  
our human nature, to live and die as one of us,  
to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.  
He stretched out his arms upon the cross,  
and offered himself in obedience to your will,  
a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death,  
our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you,  
he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said,  
“Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper he took the cup of wine;  
and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said,  
“Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant,  
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.  
Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

***Christ has died.***

***Christ is risen.***

***Christ will come again.***

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father,  
in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving.  
Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.  
Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and  
Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in  
him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament,  
and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us  
with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ.  
By him, and with him, and in him,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty  
Father,

now and for ever. *AMEN.*

## The Lord's Prayer

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say

***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 trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.***

***And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.***

***For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.***

## Breaking of the Bread

### Fraction Anthem

*The disciples knew the Lord Jesus*

Michael McCarthy (b. 1966)



## Ministration of Communion

*Priest* The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*This is the table, not of the Church, but of the Lord. It is made ready for those who love him and for those who want to love him more. So, come, you who have much faith and you who have little, you who have been here often, and you who have not been here long,*

*you who have tried to follow, and you who have failed. Come, because it is the Lord who invites you. It is his will that those who want him can meet him here.*

**Communion Hymn #383**    *Fairest Lord Jesus*                      **Crusaders Hymn**

### **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

*Priest*    Let us pray

*Priest and People*

*Almighty God, we thank you that in your great love  
you have fed us with the spiritual food and drink  
of the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ,  
and have given us a foretaste of your heavenly banquet.  
Grant that this Sacrament may be to us a comfort in affliction,  
and a pledge of our inheritance  
in that kingdom where there is no death,  
neither sorrow nor crying, but the fullness of joy  
with all your saints; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.*

**Hymn #420**                      *When in our music God is glorified*                      **Engelberg**

### **The Commendation**

*Priest*    Give rest, O Christ, to your servant John with your saints,

*People*    ***Where sorrow and pain are no more,  
neither sighing, but life everlasting.***

*Priest*    You only are immortal, the creator and maker of mankind;  
and we are mortal, formed of the earth, and to earth shall we  
return. For so did you ordain when you created me, saying,  
“You are dust, and to dust you shall return.” All of us go down to  
the dust; yet even at the grave we make our song: Alleluia, alleluia,  
alleluia.

*People Give rest, O Christ, to your servant John with your saints,  
where sorrow and pain are no more,  
neither sighing, but life everlasting.*

*Priest* Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant, John. 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. ***Amen.***

**Closing Hymn** *For all the saints* **Sine Nomine**  
 Stanza 1, 2 (Basses), 4 (Treble), 6, 8

## The Dismissal

*Priest* Let us go forth in the name of Christ.  
*People* ***Thanks be to God.***

## Postlude

*A reception will be held in the gym, which is through the wooden double doors in the right front of the church.*



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