

*Surely goodness and mercy  
shall follow me all the days of my life,  
and I will dwell in the house  
of the Lord forever.*

*Ps. 23:6*



# A SERVICE TO CELEBRATE THE LIFE OF + Robert Victor Scholz (Dr. Bob) +

NOVEMBER 19, 1939 - FEBRUARY 21, 2021

Friday, July 9, 2021 + 10:30 a.m.  
Boe Memorial Chapel + St. Olaf College  
Northfield, Minnesota



*an asterisk\* invites you to stand as you are able*

## \* GATHERING

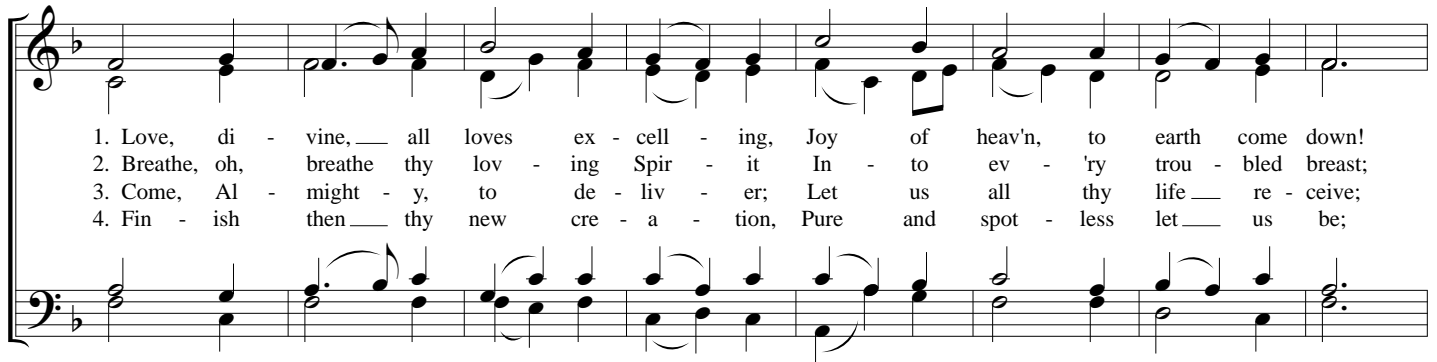
- P** Welcome in the name of Jesus, the Savior of the world.  
We are gathered to worship, to proclaim Christ crucified and risen,  
to remember before God our brother Robert,  
to give thanks for his life,  
to commend him to our merciful redeemer,  
and to comfort one another in our grief.

## \* THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

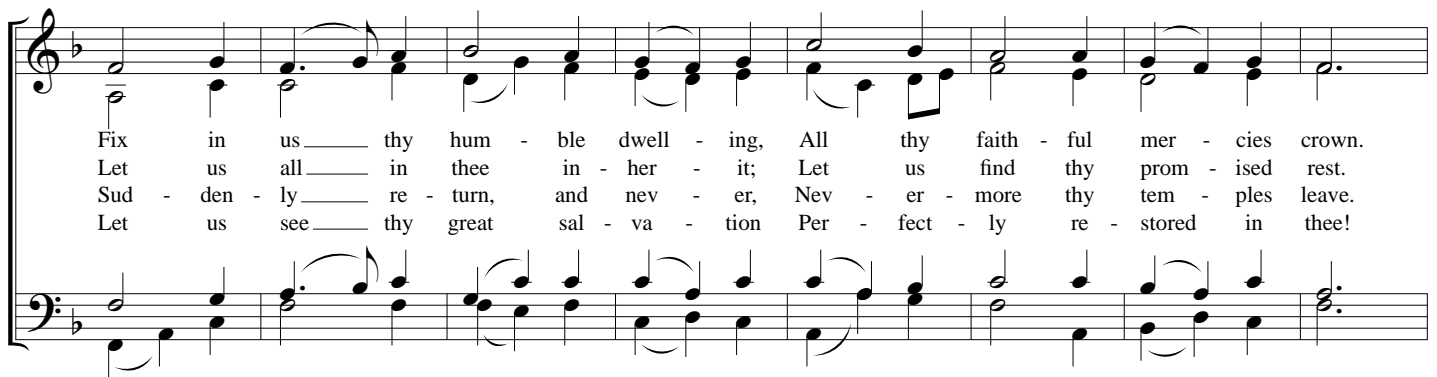
- P** When we were baptized in Christ Jesus, we were baptized into his death.  
We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death,  
so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father,  
we too might live a new life.  
For if we have been united with him in a death like his,  
we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.
- P** Eternal God, maker of heaven and earth,  
who formed us from the dust of the earth,  
who by your breath gave us life,
- C** **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,
- C** **we praise you.**
- P** Holy Spirit, author and giver of life, the comforter of all who sorrow,  
our sure confidence and everlasting hope,
- C** **we worship you.**
- P** To you, O blessed Trinity, be glory and honor, forever and ever.
- C** **Amen.**

\* OPENING HYMN: LOVE DIVINE, ALL LOVES EXCELLING

stanzas 1 & 4 unison; stanzas 2 & 3 harmony



1. Love, di - vine, — all loves ex - cell - ing, Joy of heav'n, to earth come down!  
2. Breathe, oh, breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it In - to ev - 'ry trou - bled breast;  
3. Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; Let us all thy life — re - ceive;  
4. Fin - ish then — thy new cre - a - tion, Pure and spot - less let — us be;



Fix in us — thy hum - ble dwell - ing, All thy faith - ful mer - cies crown.  
Let us all — in thee in - her - it; Let us find thy prom - ised rest.  
Sud - den - ly — re - turn, and nev - er, Nev - er - more thy tem - ples leave.  
Let us see — thy great sal - va - tion Per - fect - ly re - stored in thee!



Je - sus, thou — art all com - pas - sion, Pure, un - bound - ed love — thou art;  
Take a - way — the love of sin - ning; Al - pha and — O - me - ga be;  
Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing, Serve thee as — thy hosts a - bove,  
Changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry, Till in heav'n we take — our place,



Vis - it us — with thy — sal - va - tion, En - ter ev - 'ry trem - bling heart.  
End — of faith, as its — be - gin - ning, Set our hearts at lib - er - ty.  
Pray, and praise thee with - out ceas - ing, Glo - ry in — thy per - fect love.  
Till — we cast — our crowns be - fore — thee, Lost in won - der, love, and praise!

**\* GREETING AND PRAYER**

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

☑ **And also with you.**

**\* PRAYER OF THE DAY**

☐ Let us pray.

O God of grace and glory, we remember before you today our brother, Robert.  
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 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.

☑ **Amen.**

**SOLO: MORNING HAS BROKEN, ARR. ROBERT SCHOLZ**

Dara Scholz, soloist, Miriam Scholz-Carlson, violin

*Morning has broken like the first morning,  
Blackbird has spoken like the first bird.  
Praise for the singing, praise for the morning,  
Praise for them springing, fresh from the world.*

*Sweet the rain's new fall, sunlit from Heaven,  
Like the first dewfall on the first grass.  
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,  
Sprung in completeness where His feet pass.*

*Mine is the sunlight, mine is the morning,  
Born of the one light, Eden saw play.  
Praise with elation, praise every morning,  
God's recreation of the new day.*

*Now by your spirit, Jesus, our Saviour,  
We may inherit new life and peace.  
Your grace invites us; your love unites us;  
With light you guide us. Our faith increase.*

**REMEMBRANCES**

Maria Boda, daughter • David Scholz, son

**FIRST READING: ISAIAH 40:28-31**

Have you not known? Have you not heard?  
The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth.  
He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable.  
He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless.  
Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted;  
But those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength,  
They shall mount up with wings like eagles,  
They shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

*After the reading*

☐ The Word of the Lord.

☑ **Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 121

*read responsively*

- ℟ I lift up my eyes to the hills—from where will my help come?  
☞ **My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.**
- ℟ He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber.  
☞ **He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.**
- ℟ The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is your shade at your right hand.  
☞ **The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.**
- ℟ The Lord will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life.  
☞ **The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and forevermore.**

## SECOND READING: TEXTS FROM THE BRAHMS REQUIEM, MOVEMENTS #1 AND #2

Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted. (Matthew 5:4)

They that sow in tears shall reap in joy. They go forth and weep, bearing precious seeds,  
And return rejoicing, bringing their sheaves. (Psalm 126:5-6)

For all flesh is like the grass, and all the magnificence of mortals is like the flowers of the grass.  
The grass withereth, and the flower has fallen away.

But the word of the Lord endureth for ever. (I Peter 1:24-25)

The redeemed of the Lord will return and come to Zion with shouts of joy.  
Eternal joy will be upon their heads; joy and delight will overcome them  
and sorrow and sighing will have to depart. (Isaiah 35:10)

*After the reading*

- ℟ The Word of the Lord.  
☞ **Thanks be to God.**

## ANTHEM: HOW LOVELY IS THY DWELLING PLACE, BRAHMS REQUIEM, MOVEMENT #4

*How lovely is thy dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!  
For my soul, it longeth, yea fainteth for the courts of the Lord;  
My soul and body crieth out, yea for the living God.  
O blest are they that dwell within thy house;  
They praise thy name evermore. (Psalm 84:2-3, 5)*

## \* GOSPEL: LUKE 24:13-35 – THE ROAD TO EMMAUS

*Before the reading*

- ℟ The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 24th Chapter.  
☞ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*After the reading*

- ℟ The Gospel of the Lord.  
☞ **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## HOMILY - W. BRUCE BENSON

**\* HYMN OF THE DAY: DEAR GOD, EMBRACING HUMANKIND**



1. Dear God, em - brac - ing hu - man - kind, for - give our fool - ish ways; Re -  
 2. In sim - ple trust like theirs who heard, be - side the Syr - ian sea, The  
 3. Drop your still dews of qui - et - ness, till all our striv - ings cease; Take



clothe us in our right - ful mind, in pur - er lives your ser - vice find, in  
 gra - cious call - ing of your word, let us, like them, by spir - it stirred, rise  
 from our souls the strain and stress, and let our or - dered lives con - fess the



deep - er re - verence, praise, in deep - er re - verence, praise.  
 up and fol - lowers be, rise up and fol - lowers be.  
 beau - ty of your peace, the beau - ty of your peace.

**\* PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

*After each petition*

**P** God of mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

*At the conclusion*

**P** O God of 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.

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.

**C** **Amen.**

**\* LORD'S PRAYER**

**C** **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
 Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is 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 PRAYER**

**P** Let us commend Robert to the mercy of God our maker and redeemer.

*Silence is kept*

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

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.

**C** **Amen.**

**ANTHEM: NUNC DIMITTIS, BY ROBERT SCHOLZ**

*Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace according to thy word.  
For mine eyes have seen thy salvation which thou hast prepared before the face of all people.  
A light to lighten the Gentiles and to be the glory of thy people Israel.*

**\* BENEDICTION**

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you,  
The Lord's face shine upon you and be gracious to you,  
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

**C** Amen.

**\* RECEPTIONAL HYMN: FOR ALL THE SAINTS**

stanzas 1 & 2 unison; stanza 6 harmony; stanza 8 unison



1. For all the saints who from their la - bors rest, \_\_\_\_\_ All who by  
2. You were their rock, their for - tress, and their might; \_\_\_\_\_ You, Lord, their  
8. From earth's wide bounds, from o - cean's far - thest coast, Through gates \_\_\_\_\_ of



faith be - fore the world con - fessed, Your name, O \_\_\_\_\_ Je - sus,  
cap - tain in the well - fought fight; \_\_\_\_\_ You, in the dark - ness  
pearl streams in the count - less host, \_\_\_\_\_ sing - ing to Fath - er,



be for - ev - er \_\_\_\_\_ blest. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
drear, their one true light. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
Son, and Ho - ly \_\_\_\_\_ Ghost: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



6. The gold-en eve - ning bright-ens in the west; Soon, soon to faith - ful ser-vants comes their rest;



Sweet is the calm of par - a - dise the blest. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



**POSTLUDE: FANTASIA IN G - J. S. BACH**



St. John's Lutheran Church of Northfield is grateful to the community of St. Olaf College for its hospitality and its willingness to generously open the space of Boe Memorial Chapel to accommodate this service.

Greetings will occur outside Boe Chapel at the conclusion of the service.

Robert Scholz' remains will be inurned in the St. John's Lutheran Church Columbarium in a brief service at 4 p.m. in the St. John's courtyard.



**PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE**

Presiding: Pastor Pam Fickenscher

Preaching: W. Bruce Benson

Organist: John Ferguson

Conductor: Anton Armstrong

Choir: St. Olaf College Alumni and Friends

Reader: Steve Amundson



**THANKS TO:**

Jean Parish, Terra Widdifield and the St. Olaf College Music Organizations Office for all of the time and effort they put into making this service possible.

John Ferguson, Bruce Benson, and Pam Rickenscher for their guidance and support in designing this service, and for graciously participating.

Steve Amundson, Anton Armstrong, and the members of the St. Olaf Alumni and Friends choir for generously giving of their time and talent in helping create such a special celebration.

The aides and nurses at Three Links for the compassionate care Bob received at the Cottage on Forest.

All of Dr. Bob's friends, colleagues, and students for their outpouring of love throughout the years and especially in the last few months of his life.

Lou Patrick for the years he lovingly cared for Bob at the house with the bright red door on St. Olaf Avenue.



**R**obert (Dr. Bob) Scholz, Professor Emeritus of Music at St. Olaf College, died Sunday, February 21, 2021 at age 81 of Parkinson's Disease. He had lived at the Cottage on Forest, Three Links, since late March, 2020.

Robert Scholz was born on November 19, 1939 in Chicago, Illinois, the younger of two sons of Edmund and Eleonore Scholz. Robert began piano lessons as a child, adding organ lessons in high school. He lived with his parents and older brother Richard in the family home on Marmora Avenue and attended Lutheran parochial schools until he moved to Minnesota to begin his collegiate studies at St. Olaf College.

While at St. Olaf, he was a tenor in the St. Olaf Choir under Olaf Christiansen and earned a Bachelor of Arts magna cum laude with a Music Education Major in 1961. After graduation, he began work on a Master's degree at the University of Illinois followed by 2 years' teaching at Campbell College in Buies Creek, North Carolina. He then began doctoral studies in choral conducting at the University of Illinois Urbana Champaign. Following the completion of his graduate studies, Robert began his tenure at St. Olaf College in 1968.

Upon his appointment to St. Olaf College in 1968, he led the Viking Chorus, the first-year male ensemble, and the Chapel Choir. Around 1972, he was the founding director of the Campus Choir, which would later become Cantorei. With the Chapel Choir, he presented a major choral-orchestral work each spring in collaboration with the St. Olaf Orchestra such as the Brahms Requiem, the Bach St. Matthew Passion, Mendelssohn's Elijah, and the Britten War Requiem. Both ensembles performed regularly at Sunday morning services in Boe Chapel and at various concerts throughout the academic year, including the St. Olaf Christmas Festival.

Besides directing two choirs on the campus, Robert taught voice lessons, choral conducting, and choral literature. He was an integral part in the planning of the annual Christmas Festival and spent many hours proofreading and editing the programs for that event, which he continued to do even after his retirement. He was also a prolific composer and arranger, and many of his works continue to be performed both at St. Olaf and around the country. He was one of the founding directors of the Male Chorus Festival in Minnesota, an event that continues to this day.

Dr. Bob, as he was affectionately called by his students, was considered a pastoral figure in the music department by both students and faculty. Over the course of his tenure, he touched the lives of many thousands of students. His light and clear tenor voice was a fixture in the hallways of the Christiansen Hall of Music, and many of his students went on to become members of the St. Olaf Choir and music teachers in their own right. Bruce Benson, pastor emeritus from St. Olaf, and one of Bob's oldest and dearest friends, said the following: "Bob Scholz never gave in to the pressure of choosing between being a caring teacher or an excellent choral conductor; he achieved choral excellence by caring always about the whole lives of his students. Bless him for that."

Anton Armstrong, director of the St. Olaf Choir, said this of the man he called his "musical godfather." "When I returned to St. Olaf in 1990 as faculty member in the Music Department and Conductor of the St. Olaf Choir, Bob was always a supportive colleague and friend. He was perhaps the most "pastoral" colleague I've been blessed to know in my 30 years at St. Olaf College. Bob was a model of the scholar/teacher/conductor who was also a gifted composer. Robert Scholz was the exemplary servant-leader as he nurtured thousands of students who had the privilege and joy of singing with him in the Chapel Choir, Viking Chorus and Campus Choir or being his private voice student or studying conducting with him during his years of faithful service to St. Olaf College." Robert Scholz retired in 2005 after teaching at St. Olaf for 37 years.

Robert was a man of strong faith. He and Cora had been members of St. John's Lutheran Church since they moved to Northfield, and they attended services consistently even as his Parkinson's progressed over the past several years.

He is survived by Cora, his wife of 56 years; his five children: Miriam Scholz-Carlson, Maria Boda (Stephan), David Scholz (Dara), Wendy Scholz, and Carol Smith (David); and 7 grandchildren: Helena, Anna and Eva Scholz-Carlson, Mae and Beno Boda, Luka Scholz, and Fiona Smith. He is preceded in death by his parents and older brother Richard.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Robert (Dr. Bob) Scholz Memorial Fund (c/o St. Olaf College, 1520 St. Olaf Ave., Northfield, MN, 55057, Att'n: Development Office) or to St. John's Lutheran Church Music Fund, Northfield.

Arrangements are with the Benson & Langehough Funeral Home.



*They still live on earth in the acts of goodness they performed,  
and in the hearts of those who cherish their memory.  
May the beauty of their lives abide among us as a living and loving benediction,  
and may the source of peace send peace to all who mourn and  
comfort all the bereaved, here and everywhere, with the blessing of peace. Amen.*

- A Jewish blessing for mourners



