In Loving Memory of

Ian Duncan Boyce



7th August 1944 - 19th August 2023

Monday 4th of September at 3pm

Officiated by Reverend Penny Seabrook

Ave Verum Corpus

Woflgang Amadeus Mozart Choir of King's College Cambridge

Welcome & opening prayer

When Great Trees Fall Maya Angelou

When great trees fall, rocks on distant hills shudder, lions hunker down in tall grasses, and even elephants lumber after safety. When great trees fall in forests, small things recoil into silence, their senses eroded beyond fear.

When great souls die, the air around us becomes light, rare, sterile. We breathe, briefly. Our eyes, briefly, see with a hurtful clarity. Our memory, suddenly sharpened, examines, gnaws on kind words unsaid, promised walks never taken.

Great souls die and our reality, bound to them, takes leave of us. Our souls, dependent upon their nurture, now shrink, wizened. Our minds, formed and informed by their radiance, fall away. We are not so much maddened as reduced to the unutterable ignorance of dark, cold caves.

And when great souls die, after a period peace blooms, slowly and always irregularly. Spaces fill with a kind of soothing electric vibration.

Our senses, restored, never to be the same, whisper to us. They existed. They existed. We can be. Be and be better.

For they existed.

Nocturne No. 2 in E-Flat Major, Op. 9 No. 2

Frédéric Chopin Daniel Barenboim

Reading

Revd Penny Seabrook Ecclesiastes 3.1-9

Panis Angelicus Op.12/V

César Franck Luciano Pavarotti

Life A.L. Barauld

Life! We've been long together
Through pleasant and through cloudy weather
"Tis hard to part when friends are dear –
Perhaps 'twill cost a sigh, a tear;
Then steal away, give little warning,
Choose thine own time;
Say not Good Night, - but in some brighter clime
Bid me Good Morning

Prayers

The Lord's Prayer

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,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen.

Commendation

Committal

Blessing

Cello Suite No.1 in G Major, BWV1007: I.Prélude Johann Sebastian Bach Yo-Yo Ma

May he Rest in Peace