

A Celebration for the Life of
Simon Owen

20th May 1969 - 15th March 2024



Tuesday 2nd April 2024 at 2.30 p.m.
The Gordon Chapel
Service led by James MacMillan

Entrance Music
Ceremony
New Order

Welcome

Family Thoughts

Poem

Colour Of Rain And Iron

You said: death, silence, solitude;
like love, and life. Words
of our fleeting images.
And each morning the wind rose
light,
and time with the colour of rain and
iron
passed on the stones
and our muffled drone of the
damned.
Truth is still far away.
Tell me, man, split on the cross,
and you with your blood-clotted
hands,
how shall I answer those who ask?
Say, now; before other silence
fills up our eyes, before other wind
rises, and other rust flowers.

Salvatore Quasimodo

Colore Di Pioggia E Di Ferro

Dicevi: morte, silenzio, solitudine;
come amore, vita. Parole
delle nostre provvisorie immagini.
E il vento s'è levato leggero ogni
mattina
e il tempo colore di pioggia e di ferro
è passato sulle pietre,
sul nostro chiuso ronzo di maledet-
ti.
Ancora la verità è lontana.
E dimmi, uomo spaccato sulla croce,
e tu dalle mani grosse di sangue,
come risponderò a quelli che do-
mandano?
Ora, ora: prima che altro silenzio
entri negli occhi, prima che altro
vento
salga e altra ruggine fiorisca.

Salvatore Quasimodo

Eulogy

Visual Tribute
Redemption Song
Bob Marley

Thoughts

Reading

You can shed tears that Simon has gone
or you can smile because he has lived.
You can close your eyes and hope that he'll come back
or you can open your eyes and see all he's left.
Your heart can be empty because you can't see him
or you can be full of the love and laughter that you shared.
You can turn your back on tomorrow and live yesterday
or you can be happy for tomorrow because of yesterday.
You can remember him and only that he's gone
or you can cherish his memory and let it live on.
You can cry and close your mind,
be empty and turn your back
or you can do what he'd want:
smile, open your eyes, love and go on.

Committal

Exit Music
Just Like Heaven
The Cure

Simon's family thank you for coming today and warmly invite you to join them for refreshments after the service upstairs in the catering Suite



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