

**THE CELEBRATION OF THE FEAST OF ST. CECILIA AT WESTMINSTER ABBEY IN
CONJUNCTION WITH HELP MUSICIANS UK
WEDNESDAY 23RD NOVEMBER 2022**



The Master Stuart Castledine attended the service to mark the Festival of St Cecilia - the patron saint of music and musicians - which was held at Westminster Abbey in conjunction with Help Musicians UK on Wednesday 23rd November 2022.



The service was sung by the combined choirs of Westminster Abbey, Westminster Cathedral and St Paul's Cathedral, conducted by James O'Donnell, the Abbey's Organist and Master of the Choristers. Among the music was *With Eys Lift Up*, a new anthem by Nico Muhly commissioned specially for the service; and *Like as the Heart* by Judith Weir, commissioned for the State Funeral of HM Queen Elizabeth II. Josh Pyman, clarinet, played from *La Naissance d'un Papillon* by Desportes.



The Reverend James Mustard, Canon Precentor of Exeter Cathedral, gave the Address; and opera singer and Help Musicians UK ambassador Nicky Spence read a testimonial.

Readings were given by Charisse Beaumont, CEO of Black Lives in Music, and by Jeff Kelly, Master of the Musicians' Company.

Prayers were led by the Reverend Mark Birch, the Abbey's Minor Canon and Precentor.



The organ was played during the service by Peter Holder, Sub-Organist, Westminster Abbey. Peter Stevens, Assistant Master of Music, Westminster Cathedral, played before the service and William Fox, Acting Organist and Assistant Director of Music, St Paul's Cathedral, afterwards.

Agnes Xavier – Phillips
JW and Chair of PRC
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