



# **The Darwin Chorale welcomes the**

## **Sydney Pilgrim Singers**

*In a collaborative concert of reflective music  
May 24, 2009 5.00pm Christchurch Cathedral*

*The Sydney Pilgrim Singers began as an offshoot of a Catholic parish choir in Maitland NSW in 1989 and has continued with a Sydney base, accomplishing eight pilgrimages to date, seven overseas and this current one, the first in Australia.*

*With 36 voices, the choir began the current pilgrimage last Wednesday after flying from Sydney to Uluru. They have sung at a number of the distinctive sites in the Southern part of the Northern Territory and are now wending their way North through Kings' Canyon, Alice Springs, Tennant Creek, Katherine and Kakadu towards Darwin. The most memorable experience in the traditional setting was in the Church of The Sacred Heart in Alice Springs last Saturday evening when a power failure caused the time to go back several centuries and the Singers participated in the Mass by candlelight and human voice alone, to great effect.*

*The singers are led by Sister Helen Ryan O.P., a Dominican sister, who was awarded the Order of Australia Medal last year for her services in music to the community, especially through the Singers.*



**It is Good to be Here** - David Haas Pilgrim /Combined

David Haas, is an American author and composer of Contemporary Catholic liturgical music. He lives in Minnesota, where he is the Director of the Emmaus Center for Music, Prayer and Ministry.

**Angels Watching Over** - Negro Spiritual Pilgrim Singers

**Ave Maria** - Elizabeth Sancataldo Pilgrim Singers

A long-time and current member of the Pilgrim Singers choir, Elizabeth has composed quite few sacred pieces, of which the Ave Maria was her first. The tune came to her first, and then she found it matched the words of the Ave. The Recessional of her setting of the Mass was published by the National Council of Churches in 2007.

**O Magnum Mysterium** - Thomas L Vittoria Darwin Chorale

Vittoria was the most famous composer of the 16th century in Spain, and most important of the Counter-Reformation. The Latin text

*O magnum mysterium et admirabile sacramentum, ut animalia viderent  
Dominum natum, jacentem in præsepio. Beata virgo, cujus viscera  
meruerunt portare Dominum Christum. Alleluia!*

Means *O great mystery and wondrous sacrament, that animals should see the newborn Lord lying in their manger. Blessed is the Virgin whose womb was worthy to bear the Lord Jesus Christ. Alleluia!*

**Deep River** - Spiritual Darwin Chorale

This well-known spiritual has been arranged by Digby Barrow, our assistant MD.

**Christ Be Near** - Bro. Colin Smith Pilgrim Singers

Brother Smith (CFC) has written many anthems, motets and masses. His own Sydney-based choir – the John Paul Singers – sang at the Randwick mass for the Pope's visit in 2002.

**Listen** - Monica Brown Pilgrim Singers

Also from Sydney, Sister Monica is a singer and composer who has written a number of liturgical songs. Many of which have been included into a CD.

**Cantate Domino** - Giuseppe Pitoni Pilgrim Singers

Giuseppe Ottavio Pitoni 1657–1743 was an Italian composer who came to Rome as a boy and sang in the choir of Santi Apostoli church. Francesco Foggia gave him instructions in counterpoint, and he became *maestro di Cappella*.

*O sing unto the Lord a new Song!*

**Sounds of Silence** - Paul Simon **Combined**

This is the song that propelled the 1960s folk music duo Simon and Garfunkel to popularity. It was written in February 1964 by Paul Simon in the aftermath of the killing of President John F. Kennedy on November 22, 1963. Simon conceived of the song as a way of capturing the emotional trauma felt by many.

**Touch the Earth Lightly** - Col Gibson, S Murray **Combined**

A simple hymn honouring creation and valuing care for the earth

**Locus Iste** - Anton Bruckner **Combined**

Bruckner 1824 –1896 was known for his symphonies, masses, and motets. His music is full of the rich roving harmonies, complex polyphony, and unprepared modulations typical of the late Romantic Era. Although so eminent, Bruckner showed extreme humility before other contemporary musicians. This 'gradual' was written in 1869, to celebrate the dedication of the votive chapel of the cathedral at Linz in Austria.

*Locus iste a Deo factus est; inaestimabile sacramentum; irreprehensibilis est.*  
means *This place was made by God, a priceless mystery, it is perfect.*

**Dona Nobis Pacem** (Mass in B min) - J S Bach **Darwin Chorale**

The whole B Minor Mass was completed in its present form in 1749, just before the composer's death in 1750, when he was already blind. Scholars have suggested that the Mass in B Minor belongs in the same category as the *Art of Fugue*, as a summation of Bach's deep lifelong involvement with musical tradition. Dona Nobis is the final chorus, and is a masterful example of a fugue, in which parts copy and follow each other. (Latin *fugare* – to chase)

**Gaelic Blessing** - John Rutter **Darwin Chorale**

This setting of an old Gaelic rune. Born and educated in London, Rutter studied music at Clare College, Cambridge, where he became director of music from 1975 to 1979. While some English choral scholars do not regard him as a sufficiently "serious" composer, in America Rutter has been called "the world's greatest living composer and conductor of choral music". For the infectiousness of his melodic invention and consummate craftsmanship, Rutter has few peers.

**Freedom is coming** - African freedom song **Combined**

South Africa, known for some tragic history of struggle and oppression, possesses a hidden treasure richer than its underground minerals, and stronger than weapons – music. In the words of one freedom fighter on his way to death: you can kill man, but his song lives on. This one is arranged by Henry Leck.

## Sydney Pilgrim Singers

Gus Almgren  
Robert Batchelor  
Fran Bates  
Mary Choy  
Claire Clear  
Judith Croke  
Shiela Curnow  
Janet Fitzpatrick  
Richard Fitzpatrick  
Sr Philippa Jones OP  
Helen Lloyd  
Leila McCreton  
Joan McCue  
Wendy McGowan  
Laurie McGowan  
Julianne Madden  
Georgine O'Brien  
Margaret Olde  
Peter Olde  
Julia Poole  
Angela Ree  
Brian Roach  
Carol Roach  
Elizabeth Sancataldo  
Gerard Say  
Veronica Spencer  
Kathy Sutherland  
Paul Sutherland  
Deborah Trevan-Caling  
Lucien Wijetunga  
Ron Wilkinson

## Darwin Chorale

### Sopranos

Lenora Allmich  
Apple Craufurd  
Sarah Martin  
Caroline Morrison  
Karin Mulligan  
Caroline Sibson  
Bev Turnbull  
Rogea Van Lingen  
Mary Verus  
Lyla Wills

### Tenors

Darryel Binns  
David Hibbert  
Tony Mount  
Reg Prasad  
Andrew Telfer  
James Walcott

### Altos

Jenny Ashton  
Francoise Barr  
Kelly Carne  
Elizabeth Close  
Shiela Delahay  
Marion Gordon  
Annette Gore  
Pam Hibberd  
Val Hristova  
Adelle Perkins

Helen Richmond  
Helen Shanahan  
Pamela Smith  
Janine Sutter  
Cath Wilkie

### Bases

Mike Ashton  
Richard Chapman  
Mike Foley  
Martin Gore  
Percy Kalino  
Grant Keetley  
Greg Mariager  
Chris Thompson

