



Radio Community Chest Incorporated

REHEARSAL INFORMATION

Welcome to this year's season of Handel's *Messiah*, to be sung by the Radio Community Chest Choir. Whether you have sung with us before – or if this is your first time – we hope that you will find singing Handel's *Messiah* to be an enjoyable and rewarding experience.

What You'll Need

- **The Messiah score** (the printed music). The Prout Edition is preferred, as this is the edition our Conductor will be referring to for page numbers and other directions. Copies of the Prout Edition are available online, or at the Registration Desk as you enter.
- **A copy of the Doxology and Vesper** (printed over the page).
- Your **Rehearsal Attendance Sheet (Ticket)**, that you received when you registered online. We recommend you sticky-tape this sheet into the front cover of your score. When you arrive each week, get your Rehearsal Attendance Sheet stamped, settle in, and get ready to sing. You should attend almost all rehearsals to be able to sing in the Sydney Town Hall in December. Optional score reading (Sectionals) will be held for your part early on.
- Choristers **Register for the Choir** online at www.handelsmessiahsydney.org.au (preferred) or at the door. There is a small registration fee for adults and concession-card holders, and students are free. Registrations close the second week of rehearsals or earlier if needed.

Each Rehearsal

- **Each rehearsal starts promptly at 7.00 pm.** The church will be open from 6.30 pm onwards, so you will have time to arrive, get your Attendance Sheet stamped, get settled and be ready to sing.
- **We begin by singing the Doxology and saying the Lord's Prayer.** This is a long-standing tradition of the choir, but might be a new custom for you. You may say the Lord's Prayer in a version that is known to you, or the language that is known to you.
- **There is a short break from singing mid-way through the evening.** This is a time where we share news and announcements, and then have time for a (quick) drink and stretch.
- **We conclude by singing the Vesper.**
- **Rehearsals finish on time at 8.45 pm.** Don't forget to take your belongings with you!



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Radio Community Chest Incorporated (ABN 80 990 419 897) is a registered charity. Through our annual presentations of Handel's *Messiah* we are committed to encouraging a love for choral music; and any surpluses are used to assist those in need in our city.

The Radio Community Chest Choir rehearses and performs on the traditional land of the first Aboriginal inhabitants, the Gadi people, a clan of the Eora Nation.

Doxology

OLD 100TH L.M.

French Psalter, 1551

Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise Him, all crea - tures here be - low; Praise

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Him a - bove, ye heaven - ly host; Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

Vesper - The Lord Be With Us

LLOYD C.M.

C. Howard, 1856-1927

1. The Lord be with us as we bend His bles - sing to re - ceive;
2. The Lord be with us as we walk A - long our home - ward road;

1. His gift of peace on us des - cend Be - fore His courts we leave.
2. In si - lent thought or friend - ly talk, Our hearts be near to God. A - men.