



# **PARISH SETTING**

Composed by George Palmer

### **Explanatory Notes**

#### The Mass

The Mass is designed, in the form presented here, for performance by a cantor (or unison choir) with sections of the Kyrie, Gloria, Sanctus, Acclamation, Amen and Agnus Dei being simple enough for the congregation to learn and join in singing.

The spirit of this Mass is of rejoicing: in the love of God and in the beauty of this world, the work of God's loving creation. The title refers not only to God's presence with and in us but also to the special occasion which Australia celebrates in the Pope's visit for World Youth Day 2008. The Holy Father comes as Christ's emissary, to this country and to the world's youth.

The Parish Setting as presented here employs a cantor in some of the sections with a simple keyboard accompaniment. The congregational parts are identical to the respective sections in the setting for cantor, SATB Choir and organ which will be performed at the Opening and Final Masses of WYD08. The SATB setting would be suitable for a parish choir for use on occasions such as Solemn Masses or feast days.

The text contains a combination of Latin and English. The English translation is according to the proposed new English translation of the Missale Romanum as approved by the Australian Catholic Bishop's Conference.

#### Use of the Mass setting prior to WYD08

It is our desire that this Parish Setting of the Mass be learnt and used widely in the lead-up to WYD08 in parishes across Australia and other English speaking parishes. A recording is available on the website (www.wyd2008.org) for teaching purposes. This score may be downloaded and reproduced for the purpose of learning and performing the piece within the context of the Mass in any English speaking parish as long as no monies are received for its use. A separate version for inclusion in Parish service sheets will also be made available on the website.

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#### The Composer

George Palmer was born in 1947. He graduated in Arts and Law from Sydney University in 1970 and has spent his professional life as a lawyer, specialising in commercial law. Since 2001 he has been a judge of the Supreme Court of New South Wales.

As a youth, he studied piano with Frank Warbrick and Neta Maughan, both eminent and respected teachers. He has been composing since he was a teenager but it was only in 2003 that he made any endeavour to have his music performed. Since then, he has received many commissions. In 2006 a work for large orchestra, Seascape III, was performed by the Sydney Sinfonia conducted by Richard Gill at the City Recital Hall. His string quintet, Not Going Quietly, was performed by the Sydney Omega Ensemble in September 2007.

Recent commissions include a Concerto for Two Guitars for the Queensland Orchestra with soloists Slava and Leonard Grigoryan and a symphonic work for the West Australian Youth Orchestra.

In addition to his judicial duties and composition, George Palmer is Chairman of Pacific Opera, a not-for-profit company committed to giving Australia's best young singers professional development and exposure. He is President of The Arts Law Centre of Australia, a government funded body which provides free legal and business advice to artists in all media throughout Australia. He is also a director of Ars Musica Australis.

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#### World Youth Day

World Youth Day - the largest youth event in the world - will be held in Sydney from 15-20 July 2008. World Youth Day (WYD08) gathers young people from around the world to build bridges of friendship and hope between continents, peoples and cultures.

Sydney will host the XXIII annual and the 10th international World Youth Day. On this occasion, Pope Benedict XVI will make his first visit to Australia, the first Papal visit since 1995.

Up to 500,000 people are expected to attend the Final Papal Mass. Up to 225,000 registered pilgrims are expected to take part in the week-long activities, including up to 125,000 international visitors.

**KYRIE** 





## GLORIA























