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# A DISTANT MUSIC

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SACRED MUSIC



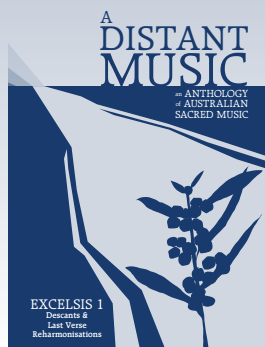
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*A Distant Music* is a new resource of sacred music by Australian composers. It draws inspiration from Multitude of Voyces' anthology series *Sacred Music by Women Composers* and is curated by church musicians Michael Leighton Jones, Daniel Mitterdorfer, Brooke Shelley and The Rev'd Christopher Waterhouse.

Vocal ensembles around Australia perform sacred music in the Western tradition by composers and arrangers mostly from the Northern Hemisphere. Yet this tradition has inspired many composers and arrangers in Australia, whose works are rarely performed or heard beyond their immediate environment. *A Distant Music* gathers these works from choir libraries and composers around Australia, and presents them for the rest of the world to explore and enjoy.

The first volume, *Excelsis 1*, is a collection of 25 descants and reharmonisations for hymns, with reproducible descant sheets. *A Distant Music* is an ongoing initiative. Future releases will include Mass settings, Anthems and Motets, Canticles and collections of Preces and Responses.

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